

Oakenshaw Station for Wakefield

Oakenshaw Station for Wakefield was opened in 1840 by the [North Midland Railway](#). It was a neoclassical design by [Francis Thompson](#) with a balustraded roof.

“The building is beautiful. Wakefield, 1½ miles, regular conveyance by omnibus. Wakefield has a market on Friday, the largest for corn in the north of England.”

The North Midland Railway Guide, 1842.

The station was closed by the [Midland Railway](#) in 1870 and replaced by the station at [Sandal and Walton](#).



Lithograph of the North Midland Railway's 1840 Wakefield Station, drawn by Samuel Russell from the plans of architect Francis Thompson. *Courtesy of the Midland Railway Study Centre*