

Brookside Miniature Railway

Brookside Miniature Railway was a 7 ¼" line running for approximately ½" Mile around Brookside Garden Centre Poynton Cheshire.



occasional 'out and back' service ran on Saturdays. Extensions were gradually added and by 1986 the line ran over the Norbury Brook and looped back to the station.

The big change to a longer 7 ¼" line began in 1989 when the station was enlarged to accommodate extra platforms and another turntable. During the 1980s many new features were added, a station building with a museum and shop, a small signal box, a platform canopy, a long a spooky tunnel and an impressive display of railway signs.

It all began in 1980 when 150' of 5" gauge track was laid by Chris Halsall and friends and an



During 1998 the line was extended again with another tunnel under the entrance road to the garden centre, up a steep gradient and around

the southern edge of the site to join up with the existing line to form a complete circuit.

arrangements the journey went through 4 tunnels and across the Brook 4 times.



In 2006 the line was extended again with two bow string bridges over Norbury Brook, an embankment, a station for the vintage fairground and another tunnel.

After the garden centre altered the road entrance



BUT

This news was posted on their website in July 2018:

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

The Brookside Miniature Railway will close on 2nd September 2018 at 3.30pm. *There will be no trains running after this date until at least December.*

For further information please contact **Strikes**.

We would like to thank our many loyal customers for their support over the past 38 years.

Why not come for a final ride or maybe lots of final rides?

followed by



On the last day of running



A sad day for a founding member of BGLR. Chris will remain a member so that he can keep in touch with his many friends in BGLR.