

Friends of Handforth Station

## Spring Quizzes 2021

The Friends of Handforth Station are delighted that Northern Trains (who are responsible for Handforth Station) have given permission for us to run our Spring Quizzes this year.

You are invited to visit the station to find the answers to these questions. You should visit only in your COVID-19 bubble and you must observe social distancing - see the last page for more safety information.

- Please visit during daylight (to make it safer, and easier to find the answers).
- All of the answers can be found on the station property.
- All of the answers can be found using your eyes; you do not need to touch or move anything.
- All of the answers are outdoors; you do not need to go inside the ticket office.

### Prizes

Northern Trains have kindly donated a family rail pass as a prize for each of the Children's and Adults' quizzes.

### Entry

You can enter the quizzes in one of the following ways:

- Download and print this quiz and write your answers on the paper; then photograph your answers and e-mail them to [handforthstation@gmail.com](mailto:handforthstation@gmail.com) .
- Write your answers on your own paper; then photograph your answers and e-mail them to [handforthstation@gmail.com](mailto:handforthstation@gmail.com) .
- Send an e-mail, listing your answers, to [handforthstation@gmail.com](mailto:handforthstation@gmail.com) .

Extra bonus items in the children's quiz should also be sent to [handforthstation@gmail.com](mailto:handforthstation@gmail.com) .

Please include:

- your name
- your age (if under 16)
- your e-mail address
- your postal address
- your telephone number

Note: we will keep your personal details only for the purposes of this quiz, and shall delete them after the competition has finished.

**Closing Date for both Quizzes: end of Sunday 18th April 2021**

## Children's Quiz

### Up on the Concourse

1. Which way is the wind blowing today ? How do you know ?
2. What number should you text, to donate £3?
3. What station is twinned with Handforth ?
4. Name one of the flags flying on the station's flagpoles.
5. The pupils of which Academy have decorated the "bottle fish" that you can see at the station ?
6. For each platform, a sign tells you how many steps there are. Are they right ?

On each platform, the white-on-blue signs high up on the lamp-posts, saying "Handforth", are standard and supplied by Northern Trains.

But Handforth Station is famous for all of its **other** name-signs, mounted on posts **behind** the platforms.

### Crewe-bound Platform

1. Not counting the really big white-on-maroon\* and the big white-on-black signs, how many of the other name-signs can you count amongst the vegetation **behind** this platform ? Don't forget the three by the steps !
2. How many bird boxes are there in the trees behind this platform ?
3. What two digits appear below "M 178" ?
4. What language is "Stashoon Aah Hannah" ?
5. Why, according to the signs, should you keep back from the platform edge ?
6. What number would you ring to check the timetable if you were in Northern Ireland ?

### Manchester-bound Side

1. Not counting the big white-on-maroon\* sign, and not counting all the "CBKS signs", how many of the other name-signs can you count behind this platform ? Count only one by the steps !)
2. What award did Handforth win from CBKS in 2017

3. Which railway company was “using” Handforth during the Second World War ?
4. What Animal Hideyholes are behind the wire on this platform ?
5. What flowers are in Mia’s “Happy Place” ?
6. Who loaned to FoHS a sign ?

### For extra bonus points

- Draw/paint a picture (we suggest you take a photo and then draw it at home).
- Write a poem or a story about your visit.
- Take some artistic, dramatic or interesting photographs.

Note: FoHS might want to use your painting/poem/story/photographs in future publicity and on our web-site. Please let us know if you would rather that we didn't do that.

\* Note that maroon is a lovely rich deep brownish red.

## Adults' Quiz

Answer all the questions in the Children's Quiz, plus these:

1. Who provided information about the Goods Traffic at the station, especially about WW2 traffic for the Air Ministry and War Department depots ?
2. When were FoHS formed ?
3. What are the "bells" you can see on the station concourse ?
4. What was the original name of DSN back in 1976?
5. When was Julie O'Callaghan born ?
6. What type of sand is anxiety like ?
7. What species of tree was planted on 12 Sept 2014 ?
8. Who visited the station in 2010 ?
9. What do the carved railway sleepers on the Manchester-bound platform spell out ?
10. How old was Connor when he painted his landscape painting ?

## **Please Read This Before Visiting the Station**

Handforth Railway Station is a working station. Not only do trains stop here for local passengers, but this track is part of the “West Coast Main Line” and trains pass through the station at high speed, which can be dangerous to all and also frightening for some people.

In addition to normal “railway” precautions, Northern Trains also ask that you follow additional guidelines for COVID-19 reasons.

### **Rules and Guidelines**

1. Try to avoid visiting a platform just before a train is due, and wait for passengers to leave the platform before going down the steps.
  - a. Trains normally stop on the Manchester-bound platform at 19 minutes past each hour.
  - b. Trains normally stop on the Crewe-bound platform at 25 minutes past each hour.
  - c. Train arrival times are displayed in the waiting shelters.
  - d. (Note that the above follow the restricted timetable being used during the COVID-19 pandemic.)
2. If a train stops when you are on a platform, move towards the end of the platform (away from the steps) or retreat to the waiting shelters, to maintain a safe distance from passengers.
3. You must stay behind the yellow lines at all times.
4. You must not run on the platforms.
5. You must not walk beyond the ends of the platforms.
6. Responsible adults must monitor children at all times.