

Tuesday 13 July

RAILWAY 7

Alfreton		0629	via Toton
Nottingham	0700	0724	
Worksop	0833	0843	
Sheffield	0919	0940	
Alfreton	1004		

£4.20 Alf-Nott single, £7.60 Nott-Work single,
£12.40 Work-Alf single

Another opportunity for an early start, though not as early as last week. Alfreton car park was empty when I arrived, as was the train. This one goes to Nottingham through Toton yard - Trowell, Toton Central, Meadow Lane and Attenborough Junctions. Still a lot of locos and trucks, and a lot of abandoned tracks.



Into Nottingham and time for coffee and photos - it is a lovely station. Originally open 1848 and rebuilt in 1904 when the architect was Albert Edward Lambert, a local man. It cost about £1 million.







At Worksoop I decided I couldn't do justice to a full breakfast, so photoed the signal box and the south side of the station building, which was designed by Weightman & Hadfield, Sheffield in the Jacobean style, and built by James Drabble, Carlton in Lindrick. It was opened on 7 July 1849 by the Sheffield and Lincolnshire Junction Railway.

Then up the Mansfield line and into Worksop. The trams need doing too, Shirebrook station is rather nice, and there are a couple of decent signal boxes.







This book bench is one of 25 large book benches dotted around North Nottinghamshire - see northnottsjourneys.co.uk. It was designed by Mik Richardson who was inspired by poster artwork of the Golden Age of the railways. I returned on the next train to Sheffield, then back to Alfreton on the train that comes in from Manchester and reverses at Sheffield. An enjoyable jaunt.



I managed to say awake for Caroline, a burial of ashes, a baptism visit and a PCC.