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# SocietyReview

## State of Bury Station causes Society concern

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Society chairman Alan Jary is to ask the town's MP to take up the case of Bury's 'neglected' railway station.

Alan will detail the society committee's concerns about the state of the Grade 11 listed Victorian building which is widely described as deteriorating.

The society, users and other conservation bodies are also worried about the condition of the site generally including the future of disused railway sidings.

And a question mark hangs over an ambitious scheme to develop Station Hill.

The chairman will seek to enlist the support of MP David Ruffley when they meet in September.

The Town Heritage Trust agrees that the station is far from being a welcoming gateway to the historic town.

The facade of the 1850 station still looks handsome and is enhanced by floral displays in front of the entrance. However, the platform areas and the rear of the building are much in need of attention.

Past Bury Society chairman and frequent station user Peter Plumridge suggests the formation of a Friends of Bury Station to highlight its need for care.

"Having become very tarnished over the decades, it was painstakingly restored some years ago to a high standard. Since then the station has been neglected, paintwork is peeling, timber exposed on the otherwise attractive canopy and buddleia thrives on the buildings."

Network Rail was approached for a statement about the station's condition and any future plans but has not commented.

## A MESSAGE FROM GRIFF RHYS JONES PRESIDENT OF CIVIC VOICE

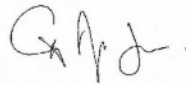


Many, many congratulations. Forty years of campaigning has done so much to help save and preserve over a thousand years of our history.

The results are shared by all of us. You probably don't want to blow your own trumpet, so let me blow it for you.

Thank you Bury Society for keeping your town looking so great.

May you prosper for another thousand years.



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