

Memories of the Railway at Rimington. (Keith Robinson)

Rimington Station on the Blackburn to Hellifield line had two platforms. The main platform was for the trains to Blackburn. The platform surface was lower than the train carriages and a 3-step moveable wooden stairs was provided for passengers. There was a small canopy over the platform and there were 2 waiting rooms, one of which accessed the booking office. The other platform contained a small waiting room. Access from one platform to the other was by means of a boarded crossing at rail level. The station yard contained a small goods shed and the main goods traffic was coal. There was no mains water at the station or the station house (occupied by Mr Burns the signalman) and water was brought in milk kits on the mid-morning train from Chatburn Station. There were 10 trains daily towards Blackburn and 11 towards Hellifield. Apart from Mr. Burns mentioned above Ottewell Lodge was the other signalman, station porters were Ted Horsefall and Patrick Florentine, gangers and playlayers were Norman Duckworth, Fred Dugdale*, Harry Newhouse, Jack Jackson.

[*Those that knew Fred Dugdale from being a young boy knew him as 'Briggy'. Brian Stott]