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## Jet Clean give Walkden a Spring Clean !

Friends of Walkden Station teamed up with local deep-cleaning experts Jet Clean UK to give Walkden station's entrance a much-needed clean.

The entrance-way, which is built of cream-coloured bricks and pink sandstone, dates from the opening of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway station in 1888.

No-one is sure when the station was last deep-cleaned, but what is certain is that years worth of grime, algae and graffiti left the simple but elegant entrance way in a dire need of cleaning.

Step forward local cleaning business Jet Clean UK whose owner Tony Williams generously offered to clean the entrance for free.

Working for over 5 hours on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Jet Clean team cleaned the brick and stone work around the entrance with high-pressure water jets. The station's exterior signs were also cleansed of the green algae that had spread across them.

Moving inside the hallway, Jet Clean washed the entrance hall floor and the first three steps of the stairway.



*Clear signs of improvement ... before and after the Jet Clean treatment.*



*Pink sandstone before (right) and after (left) cleaning reveals its true colour.*

Tony Williams said "I live locally and when the community asked me for help I wanted to do what I could".

FOWS Chairman Peter Aust said "We are very grateful to Jet Clean for helping us out, it has been marvellous to see the station so clean".

FOWS hope passengers will enjoy seeing the station entrance restored to something like its original glory,

and call on Northern Rail and Network Rail to carry on the initiative started by volunteers to give the whole station the deep clean it so badly needs.

## **About the Friends of Walkden Station (FOWS)**

FOWS is a community volunteer group that campaigns for improved services and facilities at Walkden station in Greater Manchester. The group perform voluntary activities such as gardening, litter collections, and cleaning to improve the station environment.

FOWS works in partnership with Salford City Council, Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive and Northern Rail.

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## **About the Jet Clean UK**

Jet Clean Ltd is a Worsley-based business specialising in industrial and domestic power cleaning using the latest technologies. Jet Clean UK provide industrial and domestic cleaning services to the whole of the UK, dealing with Shop Fronts, Car Parks, Driveways, walls and playgrounds amongst others.

Jet Clean also have specialised equipment for removing chewing gum, graffiti, and cleaning high walls without the need for ladders.

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