

The Station Master's House
Hadlow Station
Hadlow Road
Willaston
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Overview

The Station Master's House café is a family run business that serves high quality coffee, brunches and snacks to walkers, cyclists and villagers from Willaston and surrounding areas.

Since opening in December 2021 the café has been well received by the local community and many of the locals have become regular customers.

Since taking over the lease for the site in February 2020 we have invested a significant five-figure sum of money to build a kitchen and transform the run down dilapidated station building into an attractive, comfortable café facility.

The timing of the restoration project was unfortunate as it coincided with the start of the first Covid lockdown and the associated galloping price rises and materials shortages. We also incurred countless problems bringing in new water and power supplies to the building.

The customer space comprises of 26 covers inside the café building, 30 covers in the courtyard and 40+ covers on the platform.

During our first year of trading in 2022 we noticed a significant variation in customer numbers due to weather conditions. The wet conditions during the autumn period were particularly challenging to the business.

To be financially viable it has proved that the business is reliant on the outdoor seated areas. Many of our customers use the café as a destination point when exercising and often prefer to be seated outside. The next nearest cafe facility on the Wirral Way is at Thursaston, which is approximately 7 miles away.

In January 2023 we had a timber framed canopy erected over the courtyard area to increase our sheltered seating capacity. This additional covered space has proved to be a lifeline for the business during poor weather conditions and it has been very popular with our customers. We are therefore now applying for planning permission to make this a permanent structure.

In converting the run-down station building into a café facility, we consider that we have made a positive contribution to the area. This belief is endorsed by the many complimentary comments we receive from both our customers and members of the public who are just passing by.

We believe that we have breathed life into the historic station, and the Hadlow Station site now attracts visitors who previously had not been aware of its existence.

As a result of installation of the canopy, we have required an additional four part time staff.

Hours

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Thursday 9:30 am–4 pm

Friday 9:30 am–4 pm

Saturday 9:30 am–4 pm

Sunday 9:30 am–4 pm

Monday Closed

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 9:30 am–4 pm

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