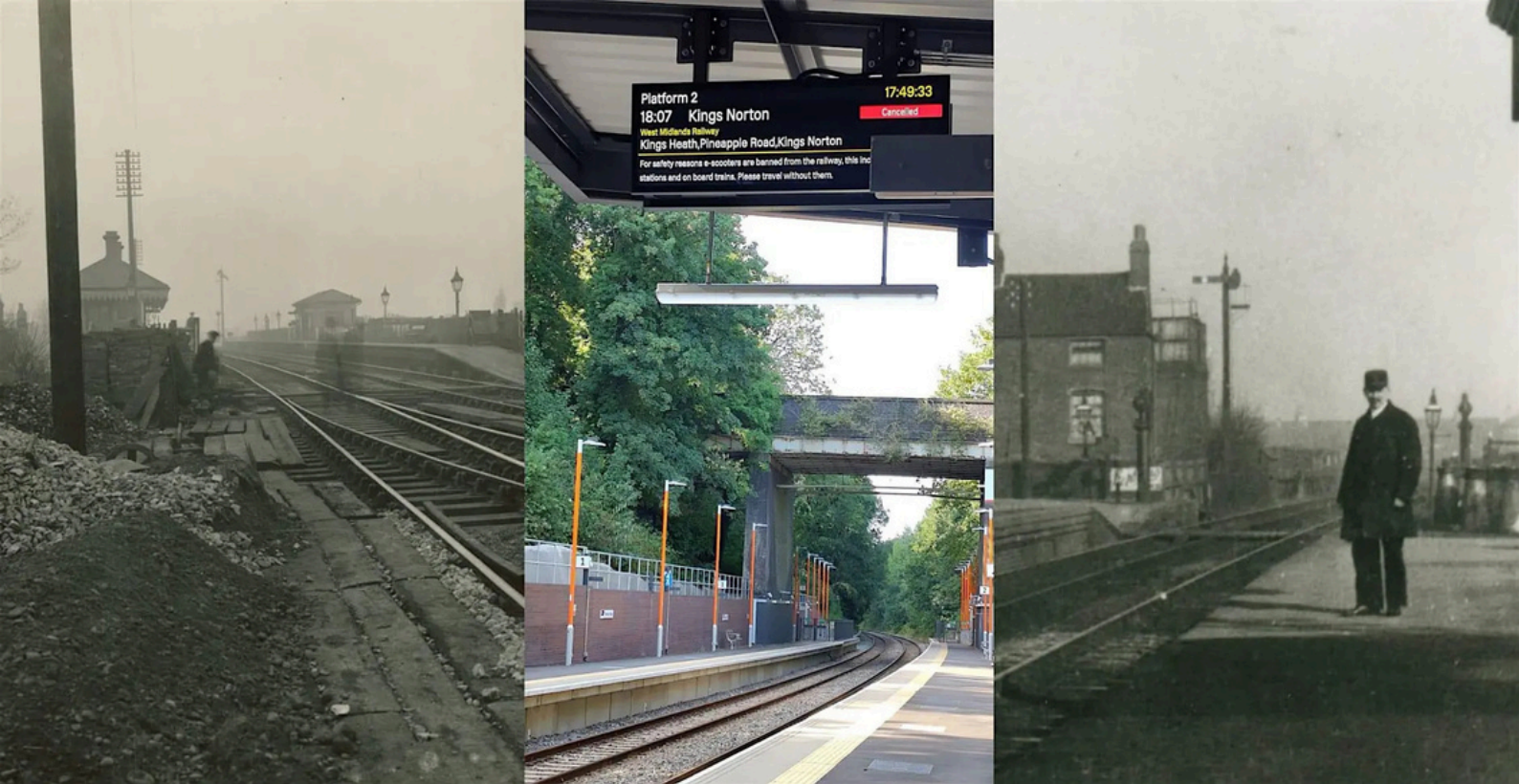




Off the Rails

People and Places on the Camp Hill Line

Find out about the original Camp Hill Line and discover stories about the stations and people living nearby.

All aboard for a whistlestop tour of the reopened Camp Hill Passenger Line from Birmingham New Street Station to Kings Norton Station discovering stories of the people who lived along it. As we travel on the train together you will hear a brief introduction to New Street Station and the Camp Hill line illustrated with photographs, maps and personal accounts of its history. We may also introduce some local characters at the different stations along the way.

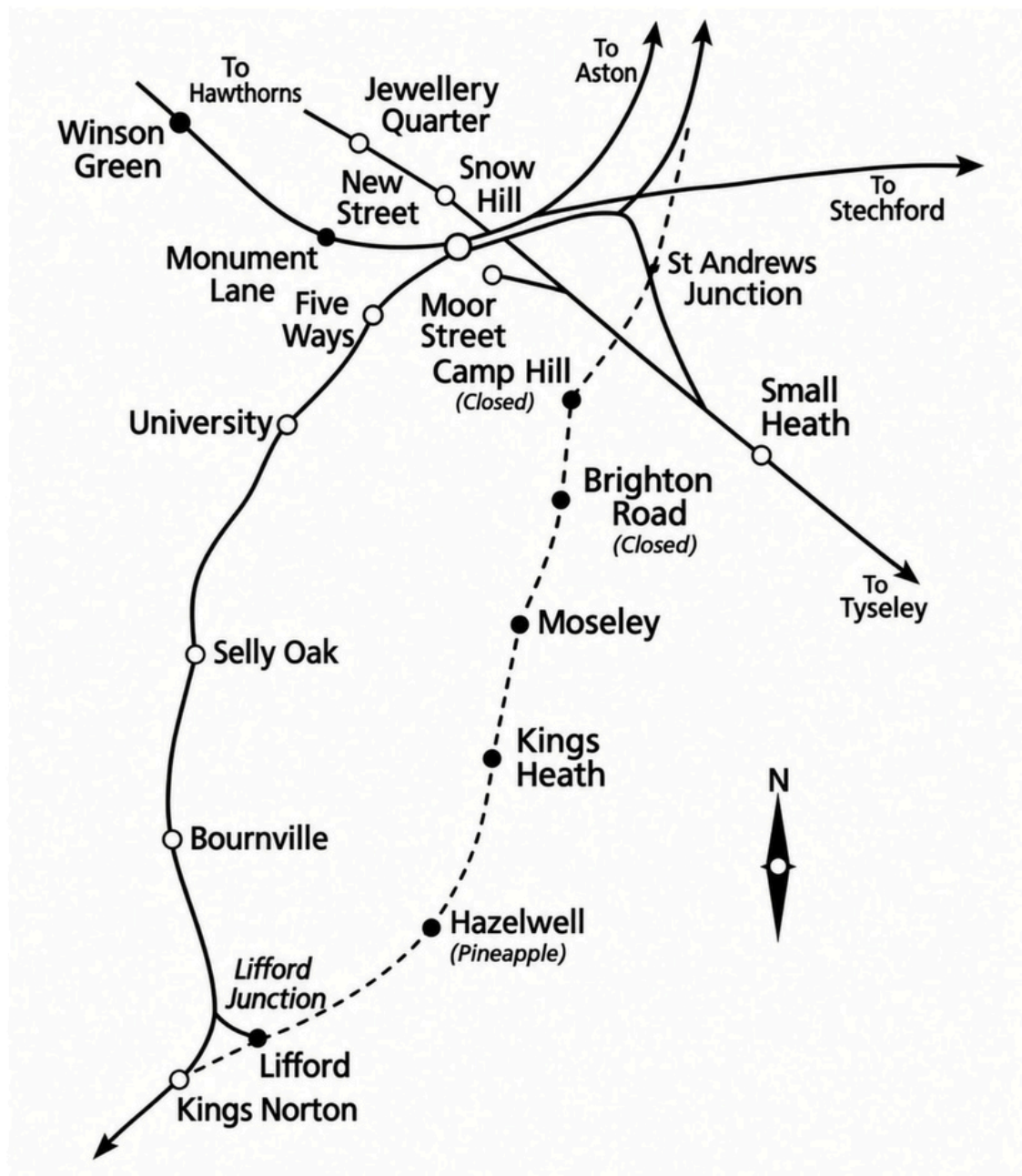
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The Birmingham and Gloucester Railway originally included stations at Camp Hill and Kings Norton which are important for the line we are travelling today. The original Camp Hill station quickly became a goods only station which survived until 1966. However, a passenger station was opened in 1867 which was known as Camp Hill & Balsall Heath. This became simply Camp Hill in 1904. Brighton Road Station did not open until 1875.

The original Moseley Station which opened in 1840 was renamed Kings Heath when the new Moseley Station opened in 1867. Hazelwell Station, now Pineapple Road the next on the line opened in 1903 to serve the Priory Estate.

There have been three stations at Lifford, opened in 1840, 1876, and 1885 with the last serving commuter routes via the Lifford Curve which opened in 1892. This allowed a circular commuter service to and from New Street and return via the southwest line of Bournville, Selly Oak and Five ways.

Source List:

Camp Hill

Prince Rupert attack of Birmingham in Civil War
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Moseley

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Pineapple Road

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Kings Norton

Birmingham Archives & Heritage: Birmingham Fire Brigade Press Cuttings re Suffragettes
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Birmingham Newspaper Collections - Mail March 16th 1916
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Additional:

National Library of Scotland OS maps
maps.nls.uk/countries/england-and-wales/



People's Heritage Co-operative's members have extensive experience working on community heritage projects through our own funded projects and in partnership. We are a constituted cooperative since 2014 and a member of Cooperatives West Midlands.

Our members include archivists, digitisation specialists, oral historians, creative practitioners, archive outreach experts, academic staff and researchers interested in archives. We are members of SARA – Schools Archives and Records Association. We initiated and manage Paganel School Archives, the first and only ARCHON registered repository Archive located within a State Primary School.

We promote and raise awareness of people's heritage to contribute to community cohesion and increase understanding of our diverse heritage. We support our members to work with people to share culture & heritage, developing practice through collaborative work, increasing participation in exploring and interpreting Birmingham's heritage.

Please contact us for more information for how to join us. We meet regularly, which is a great opportunity to share ideas, meet other practitioners and support each other in the work we do.



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