

Two STALYBRIDGE -TOWN

This is where ‘The Man in the White Suit’ was filmed! The town managed to survive the 1980s and is slowly recovering. It’s a small shopping town pleasantly tucked into the dramatic edge of the Pennines. Apart from some traditional shops there are pubs, Indian restaurants, take-aways, modern coffee bars and some fine old buildings. Oh and Tesco of course!

Take the train from Eccles Station to Stalybridge Station.

Notice the surviving buffet bar.

This was once an exceedingly busy station of the London and North Western Railway handling trains from Manchester Exchange, Manchester Piccadilly and Crewe towards Leeds. Notice the two bypass lines – there were two more through the middle as well and the Lancashire and Yorkshire trains from Victoria and Oldham had a separate station! (Now a small industrial estate behind the buffet bar. The very large signal box used to be like a bridge over the tracks – two extra stout pillars from this remain on the Leeds platform.

Leave the front entrance of the station and walk down to Market Street. Turn right under the railway bridge and walk through the town.

(‘Q’ – Hydes, ‘White House’ – Hydes plus guest beers.)

Turn right onto Melbourne Street, which is the main shopping street and walk (or shop) to the top.

(Society Rooms – Wetherspoons)

Turn to your left and walk along the street with the modern bars. At the end you will see Tesco and on your left the quayside area.

(Huddersfield Canal)

If you cross the canal past the large church you will see the impressive old market hall building.

To return to the station continue down this attractive street and then turn left at the bottom.

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