



**From Community  
events.....**



**...To a Pause for lunch  
or a cuppa....**



*Recommended sites along the cyclepath & nearby:*

*BRANDY BOTTOM COLLIERY-2 miles north*

*AVON VALLEY RAILWAY -1.5 miles south*

*KINGSWOOD HERITAGE MUSEUM-Tower  
Lane- ½ mile west*



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**WARMLEY**  
*Signal Box and  
Community Garden*

**Warmley Community  
Garden is situated at the  
old railway station on  
the junction of the A420  
east of Bristol, and on  
the Bristol to Bath cycle  
path.**

# WARMLEY SIGNAL BOX

Opened in 1918, the signal box controlled a level crossing where the railway crossed the London Road (A420). In 1966 all passenger trains and regular goods trains ceased under the Beeching rationalisation plans. The box stayed open on one shift a day to signal goods trains to and from Bath Midland Bridge goods depot. In May 1968, the box became a 'Crossing Box' and ceased to signal trains, being retained to open and close the crossing gates. In December 1968 the line to Bath was singled and Warmley signal box closed.

That was not the end; a local man rented the box from British Rail as a preservation project. This ensured the box stayed intact on its site.

The box passed into the ownership of South Gloucestershire Council. The building was vandalised many times over the years until it was listed as a Grade 2 building of importance. The Council restored the exterior of the box and a local Community Group built the gardens and began looking after the box.

*The Community Group has grown over the years and now numbers several ex-BR signalmen amongst the volunteers, who staff the signalbox on Saturdays and special occasions, whilst a dedicated group of gardeners maintain the raised beds and plants.*



**The signal box in 1968**



**The gardens & signal box today**

## WHERE TO FIND US

*Warmley Signal Box and Community Garden can be found in the district of Warmley, on the A420 east of Bristol. There is parking at the Old Railway Station, which also boasts a superb café – “Warmley Waiting Room” in the remaining station building. It’s also on the Bristol to Bath Cycle Track. Find us on Facebook: Warmley Community Gardens and Signal Box*



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