

Leatherhead & District Local History Society

Potted Histories No 102 Ashtead Railway Station



c. 1910

Ashtead Station was built in 1859 as a joint station between the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway (LB&SCR) and the London and South Western Railway (L&SWR), and was absorbed into the Southern Railway by the grouping of 1923. The station passed to the Southern Region of British Railways on nationalisation in 1948. In the 1980s, the station was served by Network Southeast until the privatisation of British Rail. Over the years the station has undergone many changes. The main ticket office building was rebuilt in 2013.



Ashtead Common, Rye Bridge

By 1925 electric trains passed through Ashtead from Waterloo. The new signal box was followed by the construction of the new gates. In 1929 the train services from London Bridge became electrified. However, steam goods trains still passed through Ashtead until the 1960s. The old semaphore signals were replaced

by coloured lights in 1964. Up until the outbreak of WWII the woods and common saw many visitors, including school outings from London. Access to the woods and the common has changed very little over the years.

Suggested reading 'Railways Around Leatherhead & Dorking by Peter Tarplee - 2011 L&DLHS ; ISBN No 0955278563

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Ashtead Woods

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