
From one side to the other! The story of the Hellifield South Junction Signal Box



A Scraperboard picture shows a view of Hellifield Station looking North prior to 1911.

Before 1911 the signalbox was located on the opposite side to where the existing building now stands. In the years prior to the current signal box being built, a major re-signalling of the tracks took place with sidings and points on the main line regraded.

The Midland Railway Company and the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Company at this time had four signalboxes at Hellifield:

1. The one pictured.
2. One next to the Railway Bridge to control movements to and from the

'Lanky' line and the L&Y Engine Shed, Cattedock and Exchange Sidings.

3. One at the 'Old Station' by Haw Lane controlling movements from a goods yard onto the main line.
4. One at the north end of the 'New Station' opposite the Midland Engine Shed. (The North Junction Box).

Overleaf: An Edwardian photograph showing the Lancashire & Yorkshire Signal Box next to the Railway Bridge.

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