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Station Frontage & Approach

Signs & Poster Cases	OK.
Pigeon Nets	All areas directly over pavement OK
Station Frontage	Stone and brickwork around the doorway OK. The untreated brick of the walls to the right of the entrance is dirty and needs to be cleaned.




Entrance & Lower Stairway

 Litter Bin	Missing.
Poster Cases	OK.
Stairs	Generally OK. Like the upper stairway, is in need of a deep clean and repainting of faded stair-edge lines.
 Walls (whitewashed)	Repainted this month by Network Rail.
Walls (above whitewash)	Obscured by scaffolding being used for roof repairs.
Roof	Network Rail's repair work nearly complete but scaffolding still in situ and blocking clear view of the renovated roof.
Lights	OK

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Poster Cases	OK.
 Walls (lower)	Repainted (cream, with red handrails and skirting boards) this month by Network Rail.
 Walls (upper)	Dirty.
Roof	Network Rail's repair work nearly complete but scaffolding still in situ and blocking clear view of the renovated roof from inside (see Picture E for external view).
Lights	All working OK.




Upper Stairway

Poster Cases	OK
 Stairs	Lines on step-edges are fading and need to be repainted. The stairs are generally dirty and need a thorough clean. Because of the leaking roof the stairs get wet during rain presenting a risk to passengers of slipping on the greasy surface.
 Walls (whitewashed)	Repainted (cream, with red handrails and skirting boards) by Network Rail (see Picture D).
 Walls (above whitewash)	Dirty.



Roof	Network Rail's repair work is complete and scaffolding has been removed. New roof looks much cleaner (see Pictures D and F) and should be waterproof.
Lights	OK.

Platform & Canopy

Litter Bin	OK.
Shelter & Seats	OK. Shelter roof is extremely dirty.
Canopy	During heavy rain the gutter overflows in two places towards the east end of platform 2. The gutter is possibly blocked, causing water to cascade on to platform during heavy rain. Mis-spelt "Kirby" sign has been replaced (see Picture C).
Pillars	OK.
 Platform Surface	Excessive amounts of pigeon mess on platform surface (see Picture A).
Platform Edge	"Mind The Gap" warnings not yet painted.
North (Up) Flower Beds	OK. FOWS awaiting decision from Salford City Council on application for funding for winter re-fresh of flower beds and planters.
South (Down) Flower Bed	OK.
Free-standing Planters	OK.
 Platform Signs	"Walkden" sign still missing from first pillar on platform 1. Graffiti on first sign platform 2 (see Picture B).
North (Up) platform walls.	OK.
South (Down) platform walls.	OK.
 Tannoy	New ! A local tannoy has been fitted and is awaiting commissioning.

Photographs

<p>Photo A</p> <p>Pigeon mess on platform.</p>	 A photograph showing a large amount of white pigeon droppings scattered on a paved platform surface. A blue cylindrical object is visible in the background.
<p>Photo B</p> <p>Graffiti on platform sign.</p>	 A photograph of a blue platform sign with white text. The sign reads "Walkden" and has graffiti written on it that says "DASHIN K O'Quinton". There is also a small logo on the sign.
<p>Photo C</p> <p>Platform signs with corrected spelling of Kirkby.</p>	 A photograph of a white platform sign with black text. The sign is mounted on a metal frame and has two sections: "Platform 1 Trains to Manchester" with a left-pointing arrow, and "Platform 2 Trains to Wigan, Kirkby, Southport" with a right-pointing arrow.

Photo D

Repainted walls and renovated roof on the upper stairway.



Photo E

New roof over Booking Hall and Office.



Photo F

External view of the new roof over the upper stairway.

