



Supporters Newsletter for the



Heritage Railway Trust

Winter 2019

Waldersea Depot.



The original gate posts holding the main and personal entrance gates to Waldersea site gave up the ghost this autumn, and, faced with a shortage of volunteers on the day in question, it was decided to bring a larger yard gate out of storage to re-secure the depot. The new to Waldersea gate seen above, is a little wider than the previous arrangements, so a re-sited striking post will be required in due course.

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Break in.

We also suffered a break in a few weeks ago causing damage to the van body seen beyond the gate. It seems that concrete posts and lengths of secondhand timber were not of any interest, as nothing appeared to have been taken. For anyone not familiar with the surrounding area, Waldersea is fairly remote, hence the need to ensure nothing of probable value is left on site.

Current aims.

The main siding has now reached a point in it's construction that a right hand turnout is needed to take off a second track. Bullhead turnouts are not as easy to get hold of as regular track, though there are no doubt many about in old sidings across the main network and any abandoned or disused sidings. If any of our members or other readers know of any likely to be available, we would be very interested to hear from you. Funds are restricted so price point is critical. Two members recently visited a heritage rail site under threat of compulsory purchase where some suitable points may be available, though cost is an issue there.

A photo of one of the turnouts available is below.



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You may recall from previous newsletters about possibilities of the Bramley line reopening on a commercial basis. The Grip 3 study to establish the viability of joining the line onto the national network, part of the 8 stage Grip process for opening any new rail line, is now reportedly due to be completed mid 2020. This report has already been put back several times, so that side of things is a continuing waiting game.

In the absence of any clear progress on possible reopening, we are approaching Network Rail requesting permission to use part of the track with light vehicles, thus establishing a greater heritage presence on the line. This will enable us to improve any weak areas of the existing line to ultimately return rail activity over a limited stretch of the track.

Peterborough Roadshow.

We joined the National Festival at Peterborough showground again this year, continuing to raise awareness, and to help raise much needed funds needed to purchase further infrastructure. Our regular Neil on the stand again, spreading the word to an increasingly interested public.



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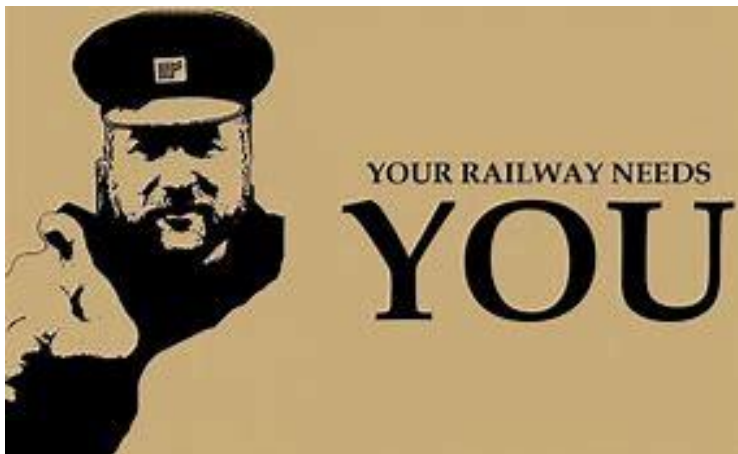
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Thinking of joining or renewing, fees and options below:

Membership Fees for 2019/20		
Annual Membership:		
Individual	£12.00	
Couple	£18.00	
Family	£24.00	
Individual Life Membership ONLY for the over 55's		£250.00
Individual Life Membership ONLY for the over 65's		£150.00
Corporate Membership	£100.00	

Existing or expired memberships can be renewed by card through Paypal, just go to the links on our website, or by cheque through the post to the Waldersea depot address below.

The Trust continues in it's focus to restore railway heritage to the Wisbech to March line, and is continually looking for opportunities to retain the rail link between the two Fenland market towns of Wisbech and March.



By becoming a member you are supporting our efforts to ensure that the Wisbech to March line will be brought back into use, and help to put Wisbech even more prominently on the heritage tourist trail.

*Wishing all our readers
a Happy Christmas and
New Year*



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