



Supporters Newsletter for the



Heritage Railway Trust

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In the last newsletter we asked for suggestions for a newsletter name. We had 45 ideas from our members, which resulted in the management committee officers becoming engaged in three rounds of voting to single out the best suggestion. The winning entry you now see at the head of this freshly branded newsletter. Thank you to all of you who put many excellent ideas forward, virtually all of which would have been suitable to title this publication.

The (1876) Carriage Restoration

Having secured the carriage from the worst of the weather by the use of tarpaulins, initial exploratory work is slowly taking place on the interior. The floorboards of the compartment section have received a temporary replacement thus making it a safe place to work. The brake end of the carriage will be similarly dealt with over the next few months.

The framework of the body is now being examined to determine what needs to be repaired or replaced. Surprisingly, some is better than expected, bearing in mind the length of time that the body has been grounded. However there are several sections that are missing, or need to be replaced, and a scheme is being devised in order to insert these without having to dismantle too much of the structure. This work though will probably have to await the spring, when weather conditions make it more conducive to work on the carriage. If any of this proposed work appeals to you, and you wish to become involved, please do contact Clive Baker either through the Trust, or text to his mobile, 07542 730718.



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The Bramley Line is now on Facebook!

The trust now has a group page on Facebook. Probably the best way to access this is to click on the familiar  located on the home page of our website (www.bramleyline.org.uk) or simply search for “The Bramley Line” on Facebook.

It is hoped this Facebook page will be readily used by our current members and also by anyone interested in following the progress of the trust’s activities. For those familiar with Facebook, you will know that it is possible to add photos, videos, files and even questions as well as contributing to posts. Please ensure the success of this new facility by becoming an active member of the group – doing so will almost certainly help to promote the trust and attract a wider membership.

Network Rail

Network Rail have been in touch advising that they wish to ‘tarmac over’ several road crossings on the line for health and safety reasons. In the same message, they clearly state that when any rail use may materialise in the future, that the crossings will be returned to road/rail use.

Also, our chairman is currently in negotiation with them, hoping to secure a further 3 year agreement over the whole line.

Working Days

In addition to work put in by our local members on a regular basis, our second Saturday in the month working days are continuing to attract members from further afield. If you need some exercise in the fresh air, this is an excellent way to get it, and some of us may need to shed some seasonal excess by January. During the winter months, we will always be keeping an eye on the weather forecast, but all being well, will continue this regular event, a variety of tasks always available.



The next stretch of siding under construction.

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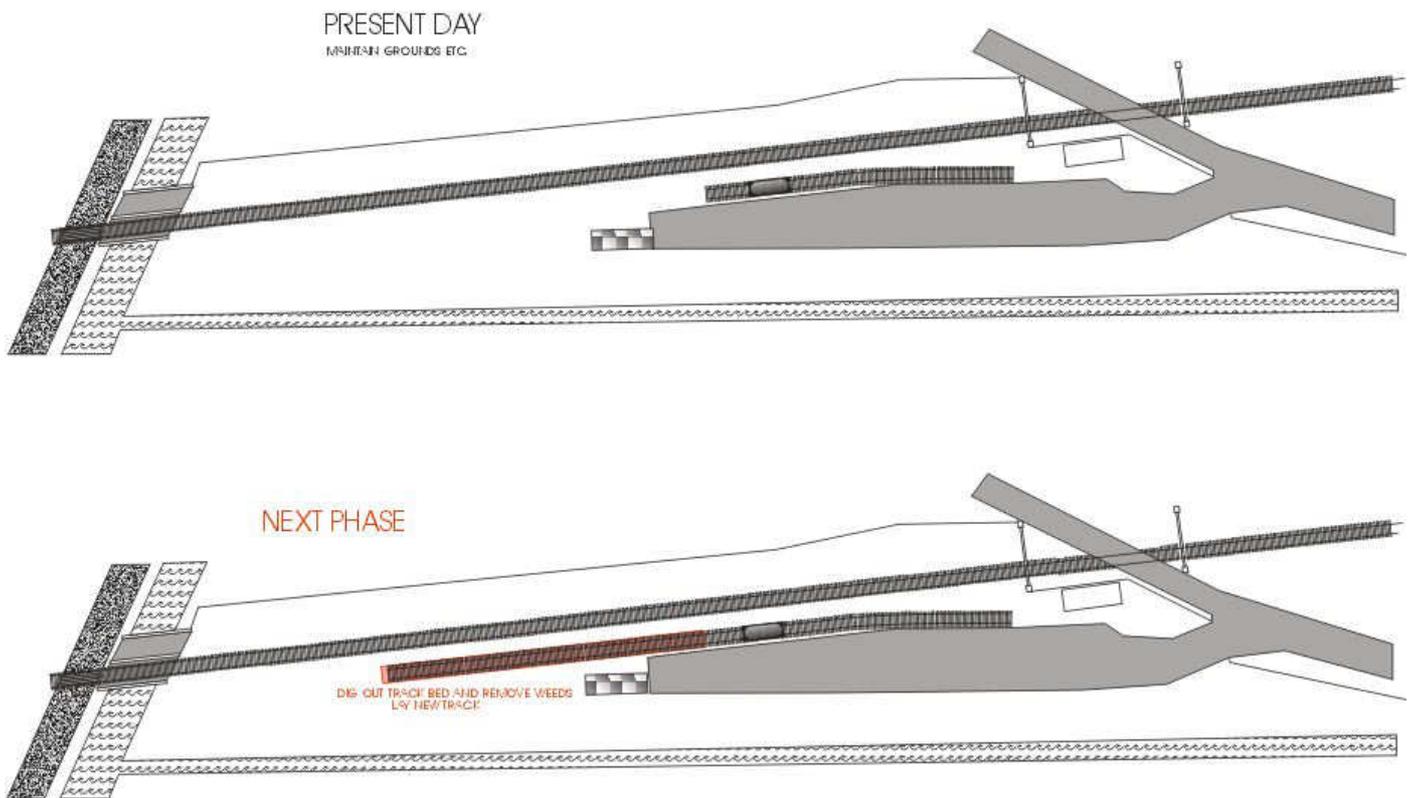
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BACK ON TRACK

To give a clearer view of the possibilities at the Waldersea Depot, Steve Wallace has produced diagrammatic drawings showing both achieved progress, together with potential development opportunity for the depot in relation to the main line.



The top diagram represents the present day showing the extent of the new siding development, the second shows the next development phase, in brown, now under construction. A more comprehensive plan showing potential development will be available in a future newsletter. Also, possibly news of another arrival!

All that remains for now is to thank all members for their support over the last year, and to wish everyone reading this a

Very Happy Christmas and New Year

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