



PRESS RELEASE: RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

Restoration and regeneration of historic railway stations and structures to provide 21st century facilities for rail customers, and business and leisure accommodation for non-rail industry related organisations all feature in the twenty-fifth Annual Report of the RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST, now available at www.railwayheritagetrust.co.uk.

Sponsored by Network Rail and BRB (Residuary) Ltd, the Trust supports conservation and restoration projects on historic buildings, bridges and viaducts in all parts of the national railway network, working in partnership with local authorities, other railway companies and their tenants.

In 2009/10, the Trust supported 50 projects by grants worth £1.90m.

These projects attracted partnership funding of £2.29m, from partners including the Department for Transport, County, Borough, Town and Parish Councils, European Development Funding, Train Operating Companies, Enterprise, Community, Renaissance and Development Agencies, Companies and Individuals.

Significant projects included:

	Grant Awarded
- Chester Station: Restoration of East Wing Offices	£200,000
- Bermondsey Spa Road Bridge: Refurbishment	£138,000
- Halifax Station: Refurbishment of platform canopies	£125,000
- Eastbourne Station: Refurbishment to form medical centre	£104,000
- Liverpool Lime Street Station: Public Realm Works	£100,000
- Middlesbrough Station: Refurbishment of buffet area	£100,000
- Torquay Station: Refurbishment of upside accommodation	£100,000
- Whitstable Station: Refurbishment to form day nursery	£75,500

Ends

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Notes to Editors

In its twenty-fifth year, the Railway Heritage Trust has made another significant contribution to the conservation of the nation's railway heritage. The Trust made grants totalling £1.90m to 50 projects, ranging from the careful restoration of the station offices at Francis Thompson's Chester Station to new steps for the museum in Llandrindod Well's Signal Box and from Public Realm Works at Liverpool Lime Street Station to the installation of new railings to a cycle store at Darlington Station.

These and the many other grants mean that, in its twenty-five years' history, the Trust has awarded 1,214 grants worth £38.0m. These projects have attracted external contributions of £46.6m from partners other than the Trust and its sponsors.

The Railway Heritage Trust is an independent company limited by guarantee. Headed by a Board under the Chairmanship of Sir William McAlpine, Bt, it is supported by an Advisory Panel with an extensive background in heritage and environmental issues. Its objectives are:

- To support the conservation and enhancement of listed or historic buildings and structures owned by Network Rail and BRB (Residuary) Ltd.

- To act as a facilitator between outside parties and the Trust's sponsors on the conservation and alternative uses of listed or historic non-operational property.

There is a list of the projects undertaken in the last financial year on pages 30 and 31 of the Annual Report. This list also gives full details of partnership contributions.

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