



Press Release

Railway Heritage Trust awards ten grants in April



Work in progress at Moorthorpe



Work in progress at Bedale

The Railway Heritage Trust continues to receive significant numbers of requests for grant support; April, the first month of the new financial year, saw a flurry of activity, with 10 grants awarded, in addition to the 21 already awarded during the latter stages of the 2010 /11 financial year.

The grants range in value from £95,000 towards refurbishment works to create a museum at Glenfinnan Station, down to a grant of £3,500 towards the restoration of Bedale Signal Box on the Wensleydale Railway, which is leased from Network Rail.

The Trust awarded other grants to improve station facilities to:

- South Kirkby and Moorthorpe Town Council to assist in the restoration of the former station building at Moorthorpe to provide new passenger facilities and lettable space,
- East Coast Trains for refurbishment works to improve passenger facilities in the historic station structure at Wakefield Westgate,
- South West Trains for the new booking office at Clapham Junction,
- Network Rail for a new shelter at Skipton, and
- The Settle - Carlisle Railway Development Company to refurbish toilets at Appleby .

At Peckham Rye Station in South London, the Trust has awarded a small grant to the London Borough of Southwark for providing replacement doors and windows to the original design in a building designed by the renowned architect C H Driver.

Bringing new use into redundant station structures is a key part of the Trust 's work, and it has awarded three grants to rejuvenate former station buildings, all in Scotland. As well as the already-mentioned Glenfinnan Museum, the Trust is supporting the restoration of old station buildings at Fort Matilda, near Gourock, for a model railway club, and at Inverurie, where the former Laird 's Waiting Room is being refurbished to provide a new café.

The total value of the 10 grants awarded is close to £380,000, and is associated with external contributions of around £1,480,000 to the industry.

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Note to editors

The **Railway Heritage Trust** is a Company Limited by Guarantee, which aims to:

- encourage the conservation and enhancement of railway buildings and structures which are listed or scheduled and are of special architectural or historic interest, and;
- act as a catalyst between outside parties and owners in the conservation and alternative use of non-operational property, including the possible transfer of responsibility to local trusts or other interested organisations.

The Trust awards grants to a value of some £2 million a year to achieve these objectives.

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