



Press Release

Railway Heritage Trusts sponsors over £100 million of work in 28 years

On October 11th Sir William McAlpine, Chairman of the Railway Heritage Trust, handed a cheque for £150,000 to London Borough of Southwark Councillors Fiona Colley and Barrie Hargrove to mark completion of the restoration of the Abbey Street underbridge in Bermondsey.

The completion of this project also meant that the Railway Heritage Trust has now sponsored work to the value of over £100 million since it started work in 1985. It has contributed £44.7 million of its own funding towards this achievement.



Sir William McAlpine with Councillors Colley and Hargrove

Sir William, who has been Chairman of the Trust since its formation, said: 'I am delighted that this project takes the total amount of work that we have funded since 1985 past the £100 million mark. I am particularly happy that we reach this milestone with such a historic structure, part of London's first railway, and also that we do it with Southwark, which has been a great partner on this and several other projects.'

Sir William also revealed a plaque explaining the history of the bridge.

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Note to editors

Railway Heritage Trust

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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