



## **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 organisations all feature in the twenty-eighth Annual Report of the RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST, published today, Friday 11th October, and available at [www.railwayheritagetrust.co.uk](http://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 and other railway companies and their tenants.

In 2012/13, the Trust supported 41 projects by grants worth £2.13 million.

These projects attracted partnership funding of £4.52 million, from partners including the Department for Transport, the Scottish Government, County, Borough, Town, District and Parish Councils, Train Operating Companies, Community, Renaissance and Development Agencies, companies, charities, voluntary groups and individuals.

Significant projects included:

	Grant
Crystal Palace Station - station regeneration and new café (2 grants)	£273,000
Bethesda Branch - transfer to County Council to form a cycle route	£270,000
Chester Station - strengthening and upgrading of footbridge (2 grants)	£200,000
Wakefield Kirkgate Station - refurbishment for reuse	£200,000
Pollokshaws West Station - conversion to cycle centre and community facility	£190,000
Bermondsey: Abbey Street Bridge - environmental upgrade	£150,000
Ribblehead: Station Master's House - restoration	£105,000
Nottingham Station - heritage features of 'Hub' upgrade	£100,000

Ends

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### Notes to Editors

In its twenty-eighth year, the Railway Heritage Trust has made another significant contribution to the conservation of the nation's railway heritage. The Trust made grants totalling £2.13 million to 41 projects, ranging from the transfer of a section of long-closed railway for a cycle route to dismantling and relocating a goods yard weighbridge office. The wide range of projects included improving passenger facilities at several operational stations, including Brighton, Crystal Palace, Chester, Keighley, and Wakefield Kirkgate, providing new commercial and community facilities in redundant buildings on stations at Crystal Palace, Harwich, March, Sheffield, Ribbleshead and Scarborough, funding conservation plans on York and Morpeth Stations, and funding the upgraded design guide for the Settle to Carlisle line.

These and the many other grants mean that the Trust has awarded 1,384 grants worth £43.9 million in its twenty-eight years' history. These projects have attracted external contributions of £57.1 million from partners other than the Trust and its sponsors, meaning that the Trust has now sponsored work to the value of over £100 million.

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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