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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-ninth Annual Report of the RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST, published today, Friday 17th October, and available at www.railwayheritagetrust.co.uk.

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

In 2013/14, the Trust supported 54 projects with grants worth £1.79 million.

These projects attracted partnership funding of £2.11 million, from partners including the European Regional Development Fund, Transport for London, the Heritage Lottery Fund, 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
Nottingham Station: heritage elements of Nottingham Hub project	£265,000
Llandudno Station: heritage elements of station refurbishment	£150,000
Manchester Victoria Station: heritage elements of station refurbishment	£145,000
Harrogate Station: conversion of former tea room to a bar	£143,785
Scarborough Station: restoration of former Parcels Office	£130,000
Brighton Station: heritage elements of station refurbishment	£91,300
Gleneagles Station: repainting in Caledonian Railway colours	£85,000

Ends

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Notes to Editors

In its twenty-ninth year, the Railway Heritage Trust has made another significant contribution to the conservation of the nation's railway heritage. The Trust made grants totalling £1.79m to 54 projects, ranging from several major grants in association with the refurbishment of historic stations such as Nottingham, Llandudno, Manchester Victoria and Wakefield Kirkgate, to a grant to erect a historic sign in The Jubilee Refreshment Rooms at Sowerby Bridge. The wide range of projects included, apart from improving passenger facilities, refurbishing the former Parcels Office at Scarborough as an arts studio, providing new catering at Harrogate, supplying a new clock at Frodsham, repainting Gleneagles Station in its historically correct colour scheme, and restoring war memorials at Kings Cross, Bristol, Euston, and Stratford-upon-Avon.

These, and the many other grants, mean that the Trust has awarded 1,429 grants worth £45.7 million in its 29 years' history. These projects have attracted external contributions of £59.2 million 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 or maintained by the Highways Agency (Historical Railways Estate), and
- 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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