



Press Release

£34,000 Grant for 'Platform 8¹/₂' Canopy at King's Cross

The Railway Heritage Trust has awarded a grant of £34,341 to Network Rail to help restore the listed platform canopy that extends beyond the main station between Platforms 8 & 9.



*Canopy before work started
(supporting prop to the right)*

As Network Rail's restoration of the iconic King's Cross Station approaches completion, it has turned its attention to the canopy that extends to the north of the station between Platforms 8 and 9. This short canopy was an unhappy example of Victorian engineering, with a large cantilever on the Platform 9 side, initially supported by wrought-iron tension ties, but more recently held up by props. Network Rail agreed with English Heritage that as part of its £770,000 restoration of this canopy it could move the existing columns across towards Platform 9 so that they would hold up the canopy without propping.

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Unfortunately, at some stage two of the original cast-iron columns had been replaced with steel girders, which, whilst functional, did not replicate the appearance of the original structure. The Railway Heritage Trust is pleased to be able to award a grant of £34,341 to cover the additional cost of replacing these steel columns with new cast-iron columns and spandrels, and also to fund four additional cast-iron spandrels where they can now be installed in the increased space between the two rows of columns. The castings are being made by Slinden Services Ltd, of Measham, Derbyshire: the work should be completed by the end of the year.



Existing cast-iron columns and spandrels

Note to editors

Railway Heritage Trust

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- 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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