

# RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST



## Executive Director – Railway Heritage Trust

**Salary:** £80K pa based on 4 days per week

**Contract:** 2-year fixed term, extendable

**Location:** Home-based, with travel throughout UK (estimated 2-3 days' travel per week)

**Benefits:** 28 days annual leave, Pension

Britain's railway heritage is the world's richest. It includes a wide range of types of buildings and structures, many of which were first devised in this country to meet the needs of the new railways. Every style and material are represented in its architecture and engineering. This heritage is still growing with railway buildings completed as recently as 1966 have now been listed. The 681 railway buildings, structures and Ancient Monuments listed in 1985 in England, Scotland and Wales, has increased to over 1700 in the same period, while numerous parts of the railway estate fall within Conservation Areas. Along with churches and government departments, the railway industry is one of the most significant owners of historic premises and structures. Of particular interest is the extent to which the industry's infrastructure is still in use for its original purpose.

Established in 1985, the Railway Heritage Trust (RHT) was set up to assist with the operational railway companies in the preservation and upkeep of listed buildings and structures, and in the transfer of non-operational premises and structures to outside bodies willing to undertake their preservation. The RHT supports a wide range of projects each year, with a balance struck between buildings and structures, and

between large projects and small. The RHT currently delivers around 60 projects a year, with a turnover of some £2.7m pa. The RHT believes that the need for a consistent and sustained focus on Britain's historic railway premises and infrastructure is proved, and looks forward to continuing to work with like-minded partners in this rewarding field.

There is a now a fantastic opportunity for someone to lead the RHT as its Executive Director. You will be responsible for maintaining relationships with external parties, attracting funding contributions, and overseeing projects on the ground. One of the exciting parts of this role will be visiting the variety of projects that are taking place across the country, so you'll need to be available to travel regularly.

Ideally, you'll have a real passion for the railway and how we preserve and use this great legacy for the future. Knowledge of the railway industry would be beneficial but not essential, more importantly will be your excellent communication and influencing as stakeholder engagement will be key to this role.

**Closing Date:** 8th October 2021

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