

Annual Review 2020-2021
Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Trust



Welcome to the 2020/2021 Annual Review of the work of the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Trust

The Trust was formed as a body whose purpose is to assist the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway by supporting the railway's activities along the line and at its stations, as well as supporting local economic and social initiatives in Wirksworth, Duffield and the valley's constituent communities.

Secretary's Report from 1st May 2020 to 30th April 2021

Coronavirus

This year the work of the Trust has been severely affected by the Coronavirus epidemic and no major works have been undertaken. Some safety assurance work on the Ravenstor approach path, built by EVRA, has taken place, because the surface tends to be washed away in heavy rain. It has also proved possible to advance some activities at Duffield Station.

Duffield Station



The 11.29 arrival from Wirksworth on the 10th May 2021

In 2019 and 2020, the Trust's officers had been engaged in discussion with the planning authority to provide the new gated entrance to Duffield Station from the end of Chapel Street. This process has been considerably slowed by the Coronavirus epidemic and whilst we had hoped the gates would have been completed in this financial year, this will not be the case. However, it

was important to begin the process, which is not without costs, in order to make the entrance to the EVR Duffield Station more presentable and safer to use. After many delays, planning permission was finally granted for the entrance in January 2021 but for a different design of gates than had been envisaged. This has resulted in a re-work of the design and by the end of the Trust's year Milwards have been approached to undertake the work.



The current Chapel Street entrance

In addition to the planned work on the new entrance, we would like to thank the Route Asset Manager of Network Rail and their staff for the clearing of the overgrown vegetation around the boundary between our site and the main line, which enables our railway to be seen clearly from the main line again.

The Trust continues to support the Duffield Community Association who undertake good works around the village and who are responsible both for the village's annual carnival and for its Christmas lights and decorations. The carnival attracts several thousand people to the village in a normal year year, held in Eye's Meadow and this brings considerable attention and income to the village, its shops, pubs and cafes, helping to support the community and its businesses in general, although this year the Carnival will not be held and is now planned to take place on or about the 25th June 2022, all other things being equal.

Sources and uses of funds

At the start of the Trust's year (which runs from the 1st May), the Trust held £3,534.92 and primary expenditure has been minimal.

Historically, income was mainly generated from talks given by the Trust's officers to a large range of organisations ranging from the Derbyshire Masons to the Wirksworth Probus Club. In addition, Trust income is generated from the sale of "A History of Wirksworth" by Anton Shone, other book sales and collection type items. At the time of writing this report a donation of £1,500 had been received towards the entrance gate work and Trust funds currently stand at £5,024.92.

Looking forward

Our plans for the forthcoming year will continue to focus on the development of Duffield Station entrance gates.

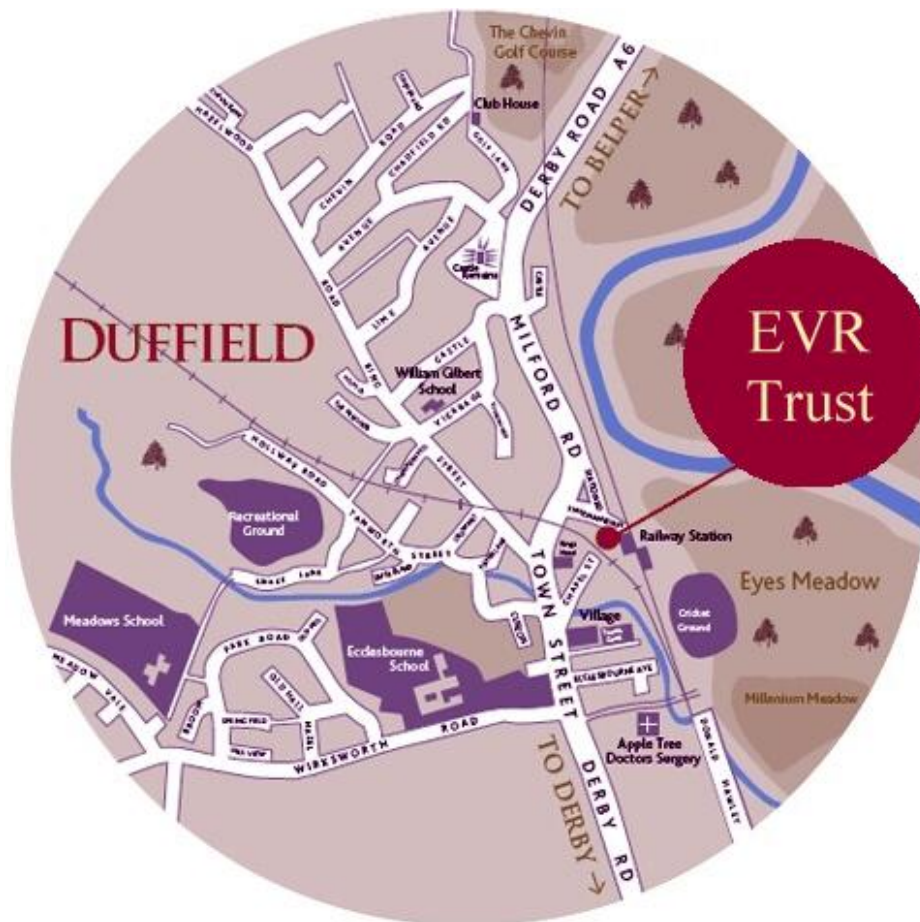
In addition to this the Trust intends once again to support one or two small worthy projects and is happy to receive applications for grant-in-aid amounts of up to £200 which fall within our purposes. The necessary application forms for grants-in-aid can be found on our website and this year we would look most favourably on community needs which have some bearing on the railway or are of mutual benefit for both the community and the railway. A principal concern for the coming year, however, is the impact of the Coronavirus epidemic on our sources of income. We take the view that income will be affected again.

A word of thanks

The Trust wishes to thank the following people and organisations for their work and engagement this year: Booking Hall volunteers at Duffield station; Staff and management of the Eastern Region Route Asset Team of Network Rail for their kind assistance and support; Ian Thomas and the Trustees of the National Stone Centre in relation to access at Ravenstor.

Anton Shone, Secretary, EVR Trust.

Location of the Trust



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