

Annual Review 2017-2018

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Trust



Welcome to the 2017/2018 Annual Review of the work of the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Trust

The Trust was formed on the 8th of November 2013 as a body whose purpose is to assist the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway in supporting local economic and social regeneration and the Railway's activities along the line.

Secretary's Report from 1st May 2017 to 1st May 2018

Major Works: Duffield Station

The trust has had a productive year since our last annual review. I noted in that report that our key effort was to address the improvement of Duffield Station. Volunteers at Duffield, working together with the Friends of the Derwent Valley Line and East Midlands Trains, put considerable effort into making our main line connection station much more presentable to visitors to our railway arriving there. This was achieved by providing decking and garden planting to improve the look of the station in general.



The completed gardens and decking area at Duffield showing an approaching main line service.

The 2017-2018 year, therefore, has been primarily devoted to improvement works of various kinds around Duffield Station not only those in conjunction with the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership (DVLGRP), but also in conjunction with Network Rail and Western Power to relocate the electrical supply to the station. This latter is a key step towards a goal of reconstructing the entrance to our car park and the EVR line platform at Duffield from Chapel Street. This particular project is on-going and will not only improve the approach to our station but will assist residents and neighbours on Chapel Street in general.



The entrance gate to Duffield Station from Chapel Street

The Trust's officers have been engaged in much collaborative work during the year and the Trust contributes to the Duffield Community Association which is engaged in activities improving the village and in the provision of the annual Duffield Carnival.



Duffield Carnival

Sources and uses of funds

At the start of the Trust's year (which runs from the 1st May), the Trust held £1096.48 and primary expenditure was £1,000 in donation to Wyvernrail plc to support the cash flow of the train operating company. 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, this amounted to approx £650.00 during the year. In addition, Trust income is generated from the sale of "A History of Wirksworth" by Anton Shone and other minor items, amounting to approx £300.00 during the year. At the end of the year the Trust held £1,048.34.

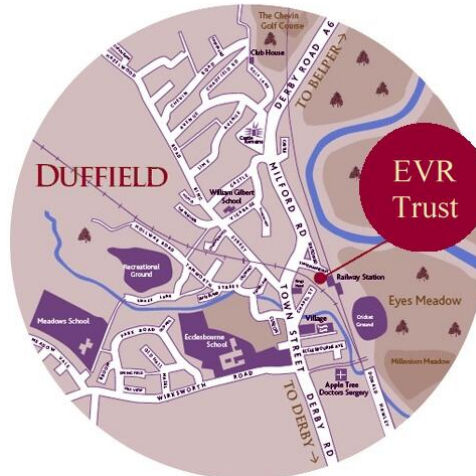


Shottle Station

Community Aid and Support

The Trust has supported not only the Duffield Community Association during the year but at Wirksworth has been engaged in supporting the project to redevelop Wirksworth Swimming Pool for the betterment of young people in the town and the district. The Trust has also contributed to the repair and reconstruction of the entrance stairway at Shottle Station, where settlement of the ground has led to subsidence. The Trust has also been engaged in discussions with Tarmac plc over the provision of a car park at Ravenstor Station in connection with that company's plans to

redevelop land at Middleton Road. The Trust has therefore accomplished a much work behind the scenes this year, and I am most grateful to all concerned.



Looking forward

Our plans for the forthcoming year will continue to focus on the development of Duffield Station and particular work needs to be done on the entrance gates and in due course on the car park. 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.

Anton Shone, Secretary, EVR Trust.

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