

Track Appeal: Standing Order Mandate

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Supporting the Wensleydale Railway

The Wensleydale Railway Association was formed in 1990 to campaign for the reinstatement of the complete line from Northallerton to Garsdale. In 2000 the Association established Wensleydale Railway plc, a company able to manage and operate the Railway. The line from Castle Hills (near Northallerton) to Redmire was formally handed over to the plc in 2003 by Network Rail and a passenger service was established on the line on 4th July 2003.

There will be many more years of work and campaigning before the project can be carried through to completion. However, steady progress is being made. Many people did not think we could get this far! Please consider giving us your support by becoming a member of the WRA. **Membership application forms are available in the buffet car at Leeming Bar and in the shop at Leyburn.** If you are not able to get a form, please visit our web site **or write to:**

WRA Membership Administration, PO Box 159,
Richmond, North Yorks DL10 9AA
or
email louiserailway@btinternet.com

As a member you will receive three times a year our magazine *Relay* which will keep you in touch with developments at the Railway. You will also receive travel concessions. Joining the Association is the first step if you wish to actively help in the running of the Railway as a volunteer. We have tasks to suit all ages and all levels of fitness – including working on the track. The Railway would not be viable without its volunteers. In addition to providing volunteers the Association raises many thousands of pounds to support the development of the line – as with this Track Appeal. For many members, whether volunteers or not, local branches also provide a friendly place to meet with other supporters.

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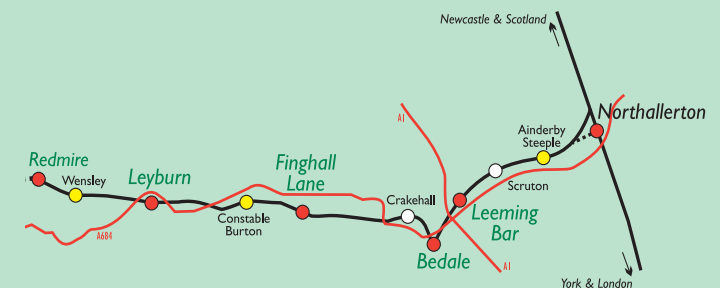
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Wensleydale Railway Association Track Appeal



We Urgently Need To Upgrade Our Track



Help us to reach our target of at least

£100,000

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Why do we need a Track Appeal?

Since 2003 the track has had 6 years of regular use by our Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs), running at up to 25mph. However, even these relatively light-weight trains are now subject to many speed restrictions, and more severe restrictions apply when we use heavier locomotives.

Our infrastructure volunteers have patched up poor stretches and replaced rotten sleepers and worn out components, but we must now adopt a more radical approach.

To illustrate the problem, consider just one aspect: the sleepers that support the rails. Decay in wooden sleepers restricts their life to, roughly, 30 years. Our railway contains over 44,000 wooden sleepers (a few are concrete) so we should replace 1,300 sleepers per annum, just to match the rate of decay. To achieve reasonably quick improvement, we actually need to change about 2,500 per annum, and to catch up on the years of neglect we must make an even bigger initial investment. That is why we need this Appeal.

Two strong people, working hard, can change about 10 sleepers in a shift. Even if the labour is free, each sleeper can cost up to £24, though it may be less if we can afford to buy in bulk. Replacement is a mammoth and expensive task.

Similar statements about wear and replacement costs can be made about the ballast, the rails, the fastenings that hold them all together, and many other items. We have estimated that to replace a mile of track with new components, even using voluntary labour, costs about £240,000.

Recent events have made it more important than ever that more investment is made in the track.

What do we hope to achieve?

Our aim is that locomotive-hauled trains, as well as the DMUs which provide our regular passenger service, can travel the length of the line at 25mph. Whilst our first concern is to upgrade the line in regular use for passenger services, from Leeming Bar to Redmire, so that services can be improved, we must also ensure that the line from Castle Hills (Northallerton) is maintained to an acceptable standard for incoming trains and for army freight.

We are hoping to be able in the next year to increase the frequency of our regular timetabled services. Upgrading the line will also make the Wensleydale Railway more attractive to incoming charters, and enable us to run more loco-hauled services.

The Railway has ambitious plans to extend its services to Northallerton. However, this will bring into regular use even more of the old track which needs renovation.

What will money be used for?

Donations will be used to:

- Purchase components
- Purchase and lay new sleepers
- Lift and pack track
- Purchase and lay ballast
- Purchase rails and secure them
- Purchase specialist tools and equipment
- Employ specialist contractors if necessary

Please note that donations to this Appeal can **NOT** be made under Gift Aid arrangements. If you wish to make a payment from a private charity account, or to make a payment to a charity, you can make a donation to the Wensleydale Railway Trust Ltd. at the same address. The Trust will use your gift to support the Railway within its charitable objects, and can supply a Gift Aid form.

My Donation

I wish to make a donation to the Wensleydale Railway Association's Track Appeal.

Name (Caps please)

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Donation £

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**WRA Track Appeal, Leeming Bar Station,
Leases Road, Leeming Bar, Northallerton,
North Yorks, DL7 9AR.**

Thank you for your support

As well as, or instead of, a single donation, you may make donations by standing order mandate.

A form is printed on the reverse, and even if a large donation is not possible, we hope you will consider a 'little and often' approach! Your mandate is for no specified period and can be cancelled at any time.

Please help us to carry forward this exciting project. With your help we can become the longest privately-run railway in Britain.



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