



WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY TRUST PRESS RELEASE

RESTORATION OF SCRUTON STATION

On Wednesday 27th April 2011 a little piece of history was made as documents were signed at Scruton to mark a significant stage in the restoration of this village station.



from left to right are:

Janet Crampton, Chairman of Scruton Parish Council and a Director of Wensleydale Railway plc, Angus Maude, Chairman of Wensleydale Railway plc, David Haxby, Chairman of Wensleydale Railway Trust, Philip Smith, Company Secretary of the Trust.

Photo taken at partially restored station

Scruton Station is situated on the line between Northallerton and Leeming Bar, about 4 miles from the junction with the East Coast main line (and half a mile from the A684.) The station was built by the NER around 1868 and although significantly altered in 1888, it is one of very few surviving examples of NER wayside stations in original condition.

When the Wensleydale Railway was opened in 2003 the station was dilapidated and overgrown. The operational responsibility for the line rests with Wensleydale Railway plc but through the important signing of this sub-lease, the responsibility for restoring and maintaining the station has now transferred to the Railway's charity, the Wensleydale Railway Trust. The Trust is now working together with Scruton Parish Council, which helped secure the interest of the Railway Heritage Trust and a grant of £75,000. Match funding is being provided by the Trust and includes a substantial donation from a supporter in commemoration of his son who was a big fan of the Railway. In addition, contributions include the labour of railway volunteers, Darlington College apprentices, village residents and a local volunteering group, 'Workcrafts'. The overall value of the restoration will be around £185,000 and further donations are being sought.

Substantial repair work has already been done which includes complete re-roofing. The aim is to visually restore the building to the condition it was in when last used for regular passenger services in 1954. It is expected that the work will be completed in spring 2012.

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