

Press Release

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Bassetlaw MP, John Mann, officially installs National Heritage award-winning plaque at Worksop Station

On Friday 12th July 2019, John Mann MP cut the tape on a plaque commemorating the National Heritage Conservation Award given to Worksop Railway Station and was joined by representatives of the organisations involved in the recent refurbishment. These included the Railway Heritage Trust, Network Rail, Northern, and North Notts & Lincs Community Rail Partnership (NNLCRP).

Network Rail, supported by the Railway Heritage Trust, and contractors CML, completed an authentic restoration of the historic, grade 2-listed, Worksop railway station in 2018. The station canopies, roofs and windows have been carefully refurbished and repainted, as has the signal box, located at the Carlton road crossing.

Andy Savage (Railway Heritage Trust), Tim Brunt (Network Rail), Dean Howard (Northern), Theo Steel (Railway Heritage Trust Awards), Cllr Sybil Fielding (Notts County Council), Cllr David Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), Rick Brand, (NNLCRP), Rachel Martel (NNLCRP), Paul Maina (The Railway Café), and Richard Allsopp (Friends of Worksop Station) joined in to celebrate the award given for the refurbishment at Worksop Station and to discuss opportunities to further improve the station.

John Mann, MP for Bassetlaw, said: "I am delighted that the work undertaken at Worksop station has been recognised by the National Railway Heritage Awards as a fantastic example of railway heritage preservation. The completed work has refreshed and reinvigorated the experience for passengers using the station and will continue to provide a great gateway to our town."

Tim Brunt, Senior Asset Engineer for Network Rail, said: "We are absolutely thrilled that this vital project at Worksop station has won the prestigious Railway Heritage Trust Conservation Award. This project will really improve passenger experience at the station and will preserve important railway history for years to come."

Andy Savage, Executive Director of the Railway Heritage Trust, said: "We were very pleased to sponsor the restoration of the station, and delighted that the National Railway Heritage Awards adjudicators chose it as the best of our projects in 2018."

Theo Steel, National Railway Heritage Awards Trustee, said: "This project shows the best in conservation management: I am particularly pleased with the choice of the ex-London North Eastern Railway colour scheme."

Rick Brand, Chair of NNLCRP Bassetlaw Area Group, said “We are very grateful to the Railway Heritage Trust, Network Rail, Northern, and Bassetlaw District Council for their continuing support for Worksop Station. Northern has now introduced its new services providing trains every half hour to Retford and Sheffield, with onward travel to Lincoln and Leeds. Worksop Station will continue to provide an even better service to commuters and leisure travellers alike.”

The Friends of Worksop Station, part of NNLCRP, continue to improve the details in the station and have recently installed, with support from the Railway Heritage Trust and Northern, authentic “Public Bar” and “Cafeteria” signs. They have also cleaned up the areas at the front of the station where they hope to be able to install a retired wood-sided goods wagon, and a piece of public art; both projects depend on funding becoming available.

Notes for editors

Worksop station is a gateway to the town from both the rail and road network; it is a potent symbol for the people of Worksop. The station is one of the few buildings in the town which provides a practical service every day to its people whilst having its roots embedded in the heritage of the area.

The new colour scheme is that originally used by The Great Central Railway (GCR) in England which came into being when the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway changed its name in 1897 in anticipation of the opening in 1899 of its London Extension. The GCR was the first railway to be granted a coat of arms. The arms were granted on 25 February 1898. On 1 January 1923, the company was grouped into the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER).

NNLCRP works towards integrating public and private service provision to offer travellers an effective and efficient range of transport choices. It works in partnership with transport operators, public and private organisations to serve the needs of the communities within which it operates.

Photographs of the commemorative plaque and John Mann MP with representatives of organisations involved are attached