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# Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway Society

## Membership Application Form

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Annual Adult/Corporate M'ship (over 16) £5.00 \*  Please Tick

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I support the restoration of the narrow gauge railway in Halesworth and the Upper Blyth Valley\*

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# HALESWORTH to SOUTHWOLD NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY



Re-creating  
Halesworth's  
lost railway



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## History and route of the railway

The Halesworth to Southwold Railway was a narrow gauge railway line linking Halesworth and its main line GER (LNER after 1923) station to Southwold on the coast. 8 miles 63 1/2 chains (14.15 km) long, it was 3 foot (914 mm) narrow gauge. It opened in 1879 and closed in 1929.

## Route

The route closely follows the River Blyth, with Halesworth and Southwold both on the north side, but the longest section, including the other stations, is on the south side. The line was lifted and the equipment was scrapped in 1941/2 to help with war effort. One track panel can still be found on the 1914-built Harbour Line and a surviving van body is at the East Anglia Transport Museum. There is also a surviving (but derelict) coal shed at Blythburgh. Substantial civil engineering is still extant – principally at Bird's Folly, Halesworth (the 1914 locomotive shed foundations and well, and two bridges) – and almost all the railway trackbed is still clear: some is walkable, particularly through woodland known as the Heronry.

## A New Organisation

In 2018, the Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway Society (HSR) was set up by former Trustees of the Southwold Railway Trust, to concentrate on restoring the Halesworth (western) end of the line.

Two similar railways which were also closed over 80 years ago – the Welsh Highland, and the Lynton & Barnstaple – are being re-instated to provide more environmentally-friendly access to their respective National Parks. We believe the HSR can provide the same advantages to East Suffolk.

We have re-instated rails on the original trackbed at Bird's Folly, Halesworth Millennium Green. In February 2019, the engine in our ex-Channel Tunnel loco RFS 106 ran for the first time in many years. It will haul HSR's first passenger train. At the same time, 250m of rail and points arrived at the Society's Blyth Valley Workshop.



The Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway Society is committed to the restoration of the historic narrow gauge railway in Halesworth and the Blyth Valley, for the benefit of the residents of Halesworth (and its visitors), preserving it for present and future generations to enjoy.

Anyone who is interested in restoring the railway in Halesworth is very welcome indeed, including current and former members of the Southwold Railway Trust. An online forum, newsletter and social events will be promoted as the Society grows.

To join the Society please complete the membership form and post it to us at HSNGRS, Cornfield Mews, 6A Stradbroke Road, Southwold, Suffolk, IP18 6LQ - or alternatively, you can scan the form and send it by email to [halesworthtosouthwoldrailway@gmail.com](mailto:halesworthtosouthwoldrailway@gmail.com)

If you wish to pay your subscription through your bank using online banking, the Society's Bank details are as follows:

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