

HSNGR Achievements list June 2109

- 1. Recruited 79 Members, and up to 8 working volunteers**
- 2. Held two Members' meetings to discuss progress and decide priorities**
- 3. Recruited experienced and enthusiastic volunteers to become Treasurer, membership Secretary and land negotiator.**
- 4. Online Newsletter - the "Halesworth Headshunt" sent out approximately weekly to those Members who wish to receive it**
- 5. Extensive coverage in local press: the Bugle, the Halesworth Hoot, daily and weekly papers, and railway magazines, and in regard to the latter have had a keynote article published in The Railway Magazine**
- 6. Attended many Open Days at heritage sites**
- 7. Made contact with many community organisations – HSNGR is represented on many committees**
- 8. Published our first book "Halesworth, a Suffolk Transport Hub" by Rob Shorland-Ball**
- 9. Commissioned merchandise such as caps, Halesworth fridge magnets and HSNGR enamel badges**
- 10. Set up website and social media**
- 11. Set up a workshop in Wenhaston, with two sidings, a staff facility, a range of tools, and a storage area**
- 12. Acquired a locomotive – RFS 0-4-0DH RS106 of 1989 – under restoration: the Cummins 5.9 engine is now running perfectly, most bodywork is done, and compressor is in working order. This locomotive has equipment to fit train brakes, allowing legal passenger train operation**
- 13. Acquired a wagon – 3.5-tonne Hudson skip – for conversion into a typical contractors' 3-plank dropside wagon for display and PW use: underframe under restoration and body design completed. Agreement with Millennium Green to display the wagon on the track HSR has re-laid at the Folly**
- 14. Acquired an ex-naval wagon for conversion to a passenger coach – now substantially dismantled: body design completed**

15. **Acquired 12 tonnes of NG rails including three points, three point levers, and one facing point lock**
16. **Re-laid part of the railway at The Folly, Halesworth: approx. 30 yards of track on each side of the original 1914 locomotive shed pits, and approx. 9 yards of original track on the bridge: both sites maintained and kept clear, bridge crown protected**
17. **Now have agreement with Millennium Green to re-instate another 36 yards of track towards the Network Rail junction, and to re-lay the original point components where they were used until 1929 – at the loco shed site – with additional rails to make up the loco shed junction – approx. 30 yards**
18. **Our land negotiator has started the process of negotiating for sections of trackbed**
19. **Started to amass original HSR artefacts – loco parts, paperwork, point rodding, sleepers**
20. **Started on metalwork for replica Sharp Stewart 2-4-0T locomotive “Halesworth” – frame cross-members, footplate parts**
21. **Instituted a series of regular meetings with the SR Trust: so far we have formulated technical specifications, and suggested a division of spheres of responsibility. Our first joint project will be to try to preserve and repair the Blythburgh coal shed – the last remaining building from the historic railway**
22. **Conducted talks and guided walks about the railway and our plans to restore it**