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as we prefer to preserve the trees!) ☐

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Membership Application Form

Your Name and Address

First Name:*

Surname *

Address 1:*

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Town:*Postcode:*

E-mail address.....

Contact telephone number.....

Please Tick

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

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Adult Life M'ship £100*

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Annual Family M'ship £7.50 *(one contact only)

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Date*

Donation Trackbed Fund £.....

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Donation Sharp Stewart "Halesworth" locomotive Fund
£..... or a SO of £10 p/m is one option that would help
(Please tick if you have completed the SO form to your left)

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Donation Heritage Train Fund £.....
or an SO of £10.00 per month is one option that would help
(Please tick if you have completed the SO form to your left)

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Sponsor a Sleeper at Blythburgh Station Main Line £35.00
(please ensure we have your name and details)

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(Please tick if you have completed the SO form to your left)

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TOTAL £.....

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

Signature* (* means that field is required)

HALESWORTH to SOUTHWOLD NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY



Recreating Halesworth's Lost Railway

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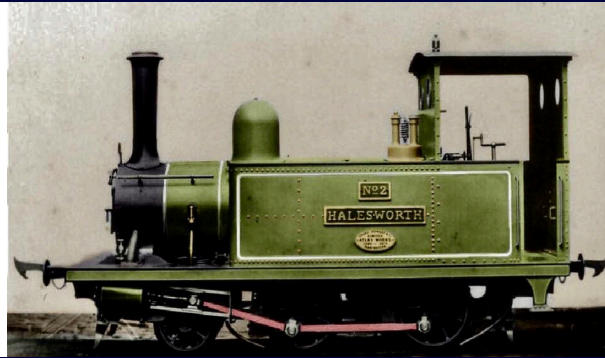
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History and route of the railway

The Halesworth to Southwold Railway was a three-foot-gauge line linking Halesworth's main line Great Eastern Railway station to Southwold on the coast, just over 8 miles away. It opened in 1879 and closed in 1929.

Route and What's Left

The route closely follows the River Blyth, with stations on both sides of the river. The line was lifted and the equipment was scrapped in 1941/2 to help with the war effort, but one track panel can still be found on the 1914-built Harbour Line; a van body survives at the East Anglia Transport Museum, and a goods shed still stands at Blythburgh Station. (The latter has been extensively restored by the Society) Substantial civil engineering is still extant – principally at Bird's Folly, Halesworth where there is a section of track, two bridges, the 1914 locomotive shed foundations and a well. There are station foundations at Walberswick and Blythburgh stations, and a road bridge at Mells: in addition, almost all the railway trackbed is still clear. Some parts of it are walkable, particularly at Halesworth Millennium Green, near Blythburgh station, through woodland known as the Heronry, east of Blythburgh at Walberswick Common, and from Walberswick to Southwold.

A New Organisation

In 2018, the Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway Society (HSNGR) was set up to concentrate on restoring the Halesworth to Blythburgh part of the line, complementary to the Southwold-based interest of the Southwold Railway Trust. 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 HSNGR can provide the same advantages to East Suffolk. We have re-instated rails on the original main line at Halesworth Junction on the Millennium Green, and during 2022 will restore part of the main line and platform at Blythburgh Station.

(You can Sponsor a Sleeper at Blythburgh – see below)

The last original railway building – the Blythburgh Goods Shed – has now been fully restored by the Society and at Blythburgh station we have excavated and rebuilt the foundations of the original station building. Ex-Channel Tunnel locomotive RFS 106 is now close to working condition, and will be capable of hauling passenger trains. We have purchased a 1936 'Greenbat' battery electric locomotive, which is emission free, and almost silent whilst running.

We have launched a project to re-create Sharp, Stewart locomotive "Halesworth" of 1879 design and recently bought 8 wagons which, after adaptation, will form the SR Heritage Train.

(You can help the locomotive project or heritage train project to succeed by signing up to £10.00 per month donation by standing order – or donate any amount - see below, or on our website)

HSNGRS 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. HSNGR have established a Trackbed Fund to cover the cost of this process. You can donate to this Fund using the form on this leaflet, or on our website, or by sending a donation to our address. Online Newsletters are sent to Members (one for active volunteers, and the other of more general interest). We particularly need more active volunteers, to help complete the many current projects.

To join the Society please complete the membership form and post it to us at:

HSNGRS, 59F Thoroughfare, Halesworth,
Suffolk, IP19 8AR

or alternatively, you can join on our website, or scan the form and send it by email to

halesworthtosouthwoldrailway@gmail.com