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Please Tick

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

Adult Life M'ship £100*

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Date*

Donation Trackbed Fund £.....

Donation steam 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)

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)

Sponsor a Sleeper at Blythburgh Station £35.00

(please ensure we have your name and details)

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

TOTAL £.....

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

Signature*..... * means that field is required

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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 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, thanks to our extensive restoration work for which we received a national award.

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's Millennium Green, near Blythburgh station, through woodland known as the Heronry, 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 we have re-laid the main line, sidings and platform and restored the station sign,

the holly hedge, and the unique fencing at Blythburgh station. The foundations of the station building have been carefully excavated and we hope to be able to re-build the station building at some point in the future. A new pasture is being created, and many trees planted. We won a Railway Heritage award for our complete restoration of the Goods Shed – the last surviving railway building.

HSNGR is committed to the restoration of the historic narrow gauge railway in Halesworth and the Blyth Valley, for the benefit of the residents of the valley (and its visitors), preserving it for present and future generations to enjoy. HSNGR have established a Trackbed Fund, and a Heritage Train Fund, to cover the cost of this – and you can Sponsor a Sleeper along the line. You can donate to these Funds 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:

HSNGR, 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

Events 2023 All 10.30 - 4.00. All FREE

- **Blythburgh Station Open Day**
Sunday 23rd April, celebrating our first five years
- **Halesworth Day**
Saturday 13th May, at St Mary's Church, Halesworth
HSNGR & our Halesworth Friends celebrating Halesworth and our first five years
- **Blythburgh Station Open Day**
Wednesday 21st June, celebrating Suffolk Day
- **Blythburgh Station Open Day and Railway Model Show** Sunday 10th September,
celebrating Halesworth Heritage Open Days