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Beyond Norden – an appeal for funds

The recent arrival in Swanage of rail passengers from London marked another important step forward in the evolution of the Swanage Railway Project. These through trains have now established that our railway is now once again firmly connected to the national network. Much remains to be done however to make our railway capable of handling through services regularly and we now need to move forward with this work in order to maintain the momentum that has been developed.

The 'Project Wareham' to do list is a long one. Our line beyond Norden needs further investment to upgrade the line speed to 25mph. A full barrier crossing will be required at Norden before regular movements will be permitted and at anything more than walking pace. Our new signal box at Corfe Castle needs to be fitted out, complete with the necessary equipment to interface directly with Network Rail such that trains can be exchanged without the need for padlocks and gates. In due time, we hope to gain access to the sidings at Furzebrook for the development of the maintenance and operational facilities we need. While the Swanage Railway as a member of the Purbeck Rail Partnership continues to seek funding for some of these works as part of the amenity service proposal, the chances of success are enhanced by the continuing progress we make with undertaking the basic work we need to complete on our section of the line. We need to keep moving forward.

While the precise scope of these works remains to be defined, we have set an immediate target of £100,000 for the enhancement of operations beyond Norden and to ensure that we have the fighting fund we will need to be ready to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

The line beyond Norden is very different to the rest of the Swanage branch. The heathland scenery and the views across Poole harbour are every bit as beautiful as the rolling hills south and east of Corfe Castle. We need to move the Swanage Railway on from Norden such that they can be enjoyed by more and more visitors to Purbeck. If you share that vision, please complete the form overleaf.

Many thanks for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Doughty", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Doughty
Council of Management
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I wish to support the Swanage Railway Trust's Project Wareham appeal. Please find enclosed a cheque for £..... Cheques should be made payable to the Swanage Railway Trust (Project Wareham) and sent to the Swanage Railway Trust, Station House, Swanage, DORSET, BH19 1HB. UK taxpayers can enhance the value of their donations by completing a gift aid declaration. If you have not already done so but would like to, please complete and return the form below.

Donations can also be made on-line using a credit or debit card at the Swanage Railway Trust's website at <http://www.swanagerailwaytrust.org.uk/appeals/>

Use of Funds Statement: It is intended that the funds raised through this appeal will be used to further the development of the Swanage Railway's operations beyond Norden. Should circumstances dictate that the Swanage Railway Trust is unable to pursue this project then the funds raised will be used to further the general aims of the Swanage Railway Trust and will be allocated at the discretion of the Council of Management. The Swanage Railway Trust is a Registered Charity No. 1087318

Gift Aid Declaration

Please reclaim tax on all donations made by me since 6th April 2003, and all donations I make in future to the Swanage Railway Trust (Registered Charity No. 1087318). All donations made by me will be treated as Gift Aid Donations. I understand I must pay an annual amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the relevant tax year equal to any tax reclaimed by the Trust in that year, and I will advise you if this is not the case. I also understand that I may withdraw at any time by notifying you in writing.

Full Name _____

SRT Membership Number _____

Home Address _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

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