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Railway publisher David Allan joins Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway as Honorary President



Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway (HKWR) recently appointed David Allan, to further support the railway with its restoration plans to re-create a historic narrow-gauge railway adjacent to Kempton Steam Museum. Constructed, managed and operated entirely by voluntary effort, the original industrial railway played a major part in the early 20th century in supplying clean drinking water to London.

Speaking about the new position and opportunities ahead, David said “I am privileged to support this important South West London heritage railway restoration project, that will provide an educational and historical insight into the railway’s role within the local community.”

David Allan has considerable experience in working with heritage railways such as the Great Cockrow and Dart Valley Railways and, which through his Chairmanship of the Ian Allan Group and its publications, is very active and influential in the heritage railway world.

Michael Hamilton, Chairman of HKWR further commented “We are delighted to welcome David who also brings with him a wealth of commercial knowledge and experience. I am confident that he will provide the necessary guidance and help to further develop our heritage railway that will eventually benefit all local communities.”

HKWR has now embarked on a £1.8 million fundraising programme to extend the railway to Hampton and enhance the heritage railway’s potential as a major attraction in the region.