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Donated railway equipment helps South West London narrow gauge railway gain traction with restoration project

Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway (HKWR) is set to receive donated wagons and railway equipment from Hampshire Narrow Gauge Trust (HNGRT) after the Trust's decision to close its Bursledon site near Southampton. The lack of a viable future at Bursledon has resulted in the decision to dissolve the Trust and dispose of the assets after operating for more than 58 years.

Originally built in 1912, HKWR is a 2ft narrow gauge steam railway based in South West London that is open on Sundays to the general public from March to November. HKWR is extending existing its railway over much of the original route from Kempton to Hampton which will ultimately give a unique steam hauled passenger journey for the public.

“We believe this is a fantastic opportunity to gain significant elements of equipment needed to help with our project” said Michael Hamilton, Chairman, HKWR. “HNGRT kindly loaned one of their locomotives to us last year and they were able to see for themselves our plans for the future of our railway”.

HNGRT Chairman, Les Munckton also commented “This is a good outcome for the bulk of our collection, and we are glad to assist with this ambitious and exciting project.

Various items of equipment from HNGRT have been donated to other Narrow-Gauge Trusts.

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Editors Notes

About H&KWR

Constructed, managed and operated entirely by voluntary effort, H&KWR has been engaged in a project since 2003 to re-create a historic narrow-gauge railway. Adjacent to Kempton Steam Museum, the industrial railway carried coal 1915-1945 from the Thames at Hampton to the Kempton & Hampton water pumping stations.

2012 first phase of the project was completed (the Hanworth 'loop'). H&KWR successfully operate the only passenger steam railway within the M25.

Second phase of restoration will substantially extend operations, providing a local recreational amenity and educational centre for industrial history.

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