Full steam ahead: North Yorkshire Moors Railway



The North Yorkshire Moors Railway runs through spectacular countryside Graham Staples/NYMR

A £4.6million National Lottery grant is helping secure the future of award-winning North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR), ensuring people will continue to enjoy the steam experience across the Moors.

NYMR attracts more than 350,000 passengers every year, more than any other heritage railway in the world. However, it’s an ongoing challenge to upkeep 18 miles of railway plus over 30 bridges running through the North York Moors.

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Sir Peter Luff, Chair of HLF, said: “The North Yorkshire Moors Railway travels through some of the country’s most impressive and beautiful landscape. We are hugely supportive of this project which will preserve the heritage of the line, allow people to enjoy the wonderful journey it provides and engage new groups in its management and conservation."

Strong tradition of volunteering

The 180-year-old NYMR is owned and operated by a 10,000-member community-based charitable trust. It employs more than 100 people, depends on more than 1,000 volunteers and contributes more than £30m/pa to the economy of

the Moors and Coast.

Exciting plans for one of world’s leading heritage railways

Plans for the project are broken up into different strands, including:

- Renewing the worn-out iron bridges around Goathland
- Providing a fuss-free access carriage in every train
- Creating a dedicated education carriage for schools and family groups
- Building a new volunteer hostel at Grosmont
- Setting-up a railway apprenticeship programme

Thank you, National Lottery players!

John Glen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Tourism said: "The North Yorkshire Moors Railway is part of this country's rich railway heritage and this £4.6m investment, thanks to National Lottery players, will help preserve it for generations to come.”

North Yorkshire Moors Railway, Trust Chairman, John Bailey, said: "Fifty years ago our founders had the vision and determination to re-open the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Today we face a challenge of similar scale. We are extremely grateful for the support from the National Lottery.”

Further information

For further information and to pledge support visit the NYMR website.

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