

BODIAM WESTWARD

The RVRHT is pleased to announce that an anonymous benefactor has made a very substantial donation towards the funding necessary for the completion of the first stage of the Bodiam westward extension project.

The initial work was carried out in 2004. The cost of the remaining work on this approximate 700m section, necessary for a train to be run over it, as required by the land purchase conveyance, is estimated to be around £100,000. With the aid of this very generous donation, the Trust has requested RVRL to commence work and this is now well underway. It is planned to complete this work by 8 April 2009. This will satisfy all obligations and secure the land for the Railway.

Mike Hart, who was a director of RVRL until June 2006, when he left to concentrate on the rebuilding of the Welsh Highland Railway, has rejoined the Board and is in overall charge of this project for the Company.

Mr Alasdair Stewart, currently Civil Engineering Manager for the Welsh Highland Railway extension, has been appointed as Project Manager. The cost of his salary is being paid by a third party.

The majority of the work is contracted out, but if any volunteer wishes to be involved, he/she should contact Alasdair. This can be done through any director or via the railway's website ("Contact Us" page). It is the Company's wish however that the existing volunteers continue their invaluable work at the Robertsbridge end as it remains the prime focus of the Company that the RVR should be able to commence to offer and run brake van rides for members and the public at Robertsbridge next year.

NOTE: The site near Quarry Farm is a closed construction site, subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to the Robertsbridge site (outside of the public station area), and visitors are not be permitted unless they have business there. Please also respect our neighbour's privacy.