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Regular monthly donation of £

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**PLEASE SEND THE ABOVE TO THE MELTON CONSTABLE TRUST
THE RAILWAY INSTITUTE, 6 BRISTON ROAD, MELTON CONSTABLE
NORFOLK NR24 2DA**

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Please pay to the account of the Melton Constable Trust at TSB Bank PLC
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Date



The main aim is to provide a regular and reliable public transport service, with trains from the national network running over the Norfolk Orbital Railway. Photo courtesy of John Lucas.

We should like to emphasise our support for the work that you are doing. The Mid Norfolk Railway is already rebuilding the railway northwards from our current terminus at Dereham towards the next station at County School. Your efforts are vital if the railway is to be restored beyond that point.

Mid Norfolk Railway

The North Norfolk Railway supports the concept developed in the MCT Business Plan of a railway line extension from the NNR Holt (High Kelling) station to Holt Town Centre, and will work with the MCT to build the railway when the route has been secured and prepared by the MCT.

North Norfolk Railway

Councillors are very pleased to support your bid and would like to be kept aware of any progress that you make. They would also like to offer their support for the project as a whole.

Fakenham Town Council

Thousands of tourists travel through North Norfolk every year and Holt, Cromer and Sheringham are among the most popular destinations. The railway route from Holt to Cromer has real potential to serve as a Tourist Public Transport service as set out in the recent report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Heritage Rail.

Norman Lamb MP



Provision will also be made for heritage services. Ex-LNER B12 Class No. 8572 passes Sheringham Golf Course on the North Norfolk Railway. Photo courtesy of Gerry Balding.

The Melton Constable Trust is an independent organisation. Its fundraising is quite separate from any appeals by the Mid Norfolk Railway and the North Norfolk Railway.

THE MELTON CONSTABLE TRUST

Track Bed Fund



Key land and bridges bought at Fakenham and Holt



Bridge 1714 over the River Wensum – Part of the rail route at Fakenham now owned by the Melton Constable Trust. Photo courtesy of Tim Horn.

- **Become a regular contributor to the Track Bed Fund**
- **Help secure the route**
- **Restore train services to Fakenham and Holt**
- **Make this your Community Railway**

AIMS

First and foremost we want to give Fakenham, Dereham, Holt and intermediate places a proper transport service of modern trains by linking them to the national rail system.

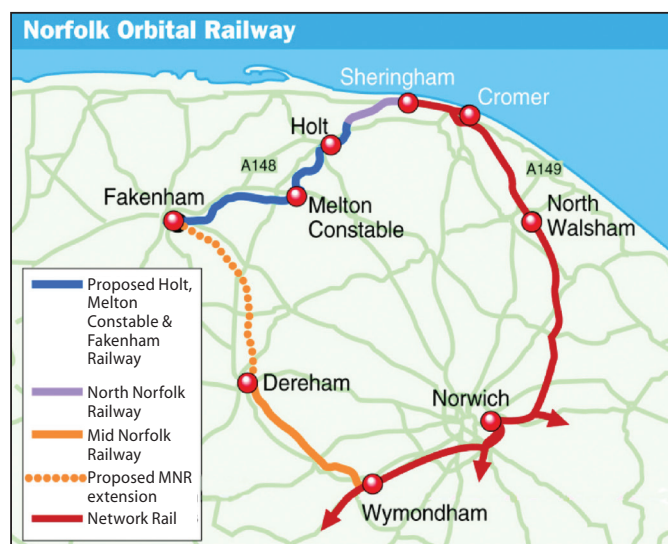
Our plans will also allow heritage services from the Mid Norfolk Railway and the North Norfolk railway to reach Fakenham and Holt, so that those towns can benefit economically from the many people who travel on those services each year.

Everything we are doing is aimed at environmental and social benefits, including reducing car use and pressures on parking.

Ultimately we hope to restore the line from Fakenham, through Melton Constable to Holt, to join with the existing Mid Norfolk Railway and North Norfolk Railway routes to create the Norfolk Orbital Railway.

The immediate aim is to acquire the former railway track bed and additional land necessary to build the lines from the existing Mid Norfolk Railway and North Norfolk Railway termini to the substantial population centres of Fakenham and Holt.

Important progress has already been made and the time has come to launch a fighting fund which will enable us to step in and buy further sections of the route as they become available.



PROGRESS

At Fakenham, there has been a major advance. Our registered charity, The Melton Constable Trust, has purchased a vital stretch of track bed including two iconic bridges. These were



Bridge 1715 at Fakenham, carrying the former GER over the former M&GN routes, has now been purchased.

Above photo courtesy of Diver Scout. Photo below courtesy of Ashley Dace.



auctioned with minimal notice and were only secured by an intensive emergency fund raising effort. Both our supporters across the country and the local community gave their backing.

A civil engineer's survey of the bridges has been carried out and has confirmed that they are fundamentally sound.

The Melton Constable Trust has already bought key land opposite the present North Norfolk Railway terminus at High Kelling. Clearance work on this section of track bed is being carried out.

The Trust is in the process of buying a second stretch of the old track between High Kelling and Holt and has paid the first instalments of the purchase price.

Our present work to secure sections of the route follows studies commissioned from leading national rail consultants, W.S. Atkins and Peter Brett Associates into the engineering issues and traffic potential. Both produced encouraging results.

The Mid Norfolk Railway is actively extending its running line from its present terminus at Dereham towards its next station northwards at County School.

The North Norfolk Railway has, for some time, been reconnected to the Network Rail Sheringham to Norwich line.

THE TRACK BED FUND

It is clear that when sections of the track bed become available it will very often be with little notice.

We need to be in a position to act if they are not to be lost. We also need to complete the purchase of the second section of land on the route into Holt, for which we have an agreement to pay in stages.

It is now vital that we have a way of accumulating funds in advance of sections of trackbed becoming available. The best way of achieving this is by a system through which supporters can make contributions on a regular basis by standing order. Monthly contributions will help very significantly whilst spreading your contribution over a long period. Single donations will, of course, continue to be welcome. The crucial thing is to have money in the bank when opportunities to buy more of the route arise.

We are, therefore, asking you to take out a monthly standing order in favour of the Melton Constable Trust for whatever amount you feel you can afford. It will give the Trust almost its first regular income and will be enormously helpful. If you prefer to make a single donation, that will also be of great assistance.

Because the Melton Constable Trust is a registered charity, you can increase the value of your contribution by completing a Gift Aid declaration. The Trust can claim a further 25% from the government so long as you are paying at least that much in tax during the year (allowing also for any other Gift Aided charitable donations that you may be making).

Please do tell others about our project and encourage them to become regular donors.

To give your support and to confirm that you want your contribution to be treated as a Gift Aid donation, please just complete the attached form and return it to:

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The Railway Institute,
6 Bristol Road, Melton Constable
Norfolk NR24 2DA**

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