Friends Of Brandon Station

A Fresh Start

NEWSLETTER October 2026

FOBS held their AGM in July and whilst attendance was a bit light on numbers, several critical decisions were made regarding accepting the Constitution and moving on from a community group to a CIC (Community Interest Company).

FOBS is pleased to welcome Tom Foakes, Director of the Suffolk Preservation Society, who will lead negotiations with Network Rail, The Railway Heritage Trust and Greater Anglia to secure the lease of the station buildings and play a key role in submitting grant applications.

The first grant application for around £50k is expected to be submitted for National Lottery Heritage Funding by the end of this year. This application must demonstrate a compelling case for support of the project and will provide development funding to investigate and demonstrate project viability. This approach to the NLHF for development funding could lead on to large scale capital funding at a later date. The NHLF is the most prominent public funder providing grants at this level, which could achieve between 30/60% of the total project costs in excess of £2m. In order to be successful in achieving NHLF funding the project must be as robust as possible and address the 4 principles of:

- Saving Heritage
- Protecting the Environment
- Inclusion, Access & Participation
- Organisational sustainability

The station buildings are in Norfolk and organisations in Suffolk are leading the project. However, Breckland Council's Historic Buildings Officer is very supportive of the project to restore the station buildings and is being kept informed of progress.

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FOBS are still looking to fill the secretary role and we also require help with our social media presence and setting up a Facebook page. Please get in touch if you can offer your time to this very worthwhile project.

The Officers in post for Friends of Brandon Station are:

Garry Hall, volunteer	Chair
Piers Hart, Chair Historic Suffolk	Committee Member
Vacant	Secretary
Vacant	Social Media
Susan Smith, volunteer	Treasurer
Tom Foakes, Director Suffolk Preservation Society	Associate

- Our Website is now live. Our email address for enquiries is fobs.enquiries@gmail.com

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