

HRA Spring Conference 2024

Day 1 - Tuesday 5 March 2024

Venue Cymru, Llandudno



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Agenda

Realities ... Challenges ... Opportunities!

With the 2024 season upon us, our two-day conference identifies many of the very real challenges facing heritage railways today, offers potential solutions and highlights some of the opportunities ahead

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09.00 Arrival, registration, refreshments and networking

Tea/coffee and refreshments

09.20 Welcome and introduction to the Day

Steve Oates Chief Exec, HRA

09.30 Safety & Standards

09.30A Safety & Standards Board for Heritage Rail

– The rationale

Steve Oates Chief Exec, HRA

10.10 Working at Height – Developing a new standard

Steve Clews Chairman, Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway

10.15 ‘Pinched with Pride’!

Matt Green Director of Safety, Compliance and Operations, NYMR

10.25 Level Crossing Risk – Developing a new standard

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Nick Griffiths Safety & Development Manager, Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railway

Clive Robey Level Crossing Manager West Somerset Railway/Operations Director, Lynton & Barnstaple Railway

Nick Hill Mobile Operations Manager, North Yorkshire Moors Railway

10.55 Keynote Speaker - Tina Hughes MBE

Level Crossing Safety – A personal story

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- 11.30 Break – Networking - Tea/Coffee**
Tea/coffee and refreshments
- 11.50 Perspectives on Safety**
- Getting home safe – the culture of health and safety in heritage rail
Nicola Reincke, Safety & Quality Manager, Llangollen Railway Trust
- Great Orme Tram Driver - Managing Safely a Unique skillset
Nigel Norman, Great Orme Tramway
- 12:50 Lunch**
... and the opportunity to network with colleagues
- 13.30/45 Opportunity to visit Middle Station, Orme Tramway TBC**
- 14.30 ‘The Regulatory Bit!’ - Managing Change Safely**
The ORR will present on the importance of considering safety when introducing changes at a Heritage Railway or Tramway, and provide an update on its inspection activities.
Simon Barber HM Principal Inspector of Railways, ORR
- 15.00 Break – Networking - Tea/Coffee**
Tea/coffee and refreshments
- 15.20 Bookable experiences vs just a train ticket**
Osian Hughes Marketing Lead, Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways
- 15.50 AI & The Importance of Creatives**
Luke Ryan Media Creator, Talylyn Railway
- 16.30 Round-up, Close & Depart**
Steve Oates HRA Chief Exec,

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