

SOUTHWOLD RAILWAY NEWS

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The Southwold Railway was a 3'0" narrow gauge railway that connected Halesworth to Southwold from 1879 to 1929. The Southwold Railway Trust exists to preserve the memory of the line, pursue projects encouraging that, and restore a section of working track.

LOCO IN PRODUCTION



BLYTH LOCOMOTIVE N°3 SOUTHWOLD RAILWAY

We are building a Southwold Railway locomotive – a replica of the 1879 Sharp Stewart 2-4-0 steam-powered tank locomotive that ran on the railway throughout its 50 year existence. The *Two-Four-0 Club* has been set up to offer the opportunity of buying £240 shares in the engine and, in so doing, sponsor a particular component such as a boiler tube, or wheel. The locomotive is being constructed in a Southwold workshop equipped with lifting gear.



The frames are made (see above), and the footplate and running boards are being fabricated by Peggs of Aldeburgh, who also fabricated the frames. We anticipate, funds permitting, that the rolling chassis will be completed by the end of this year. The pony wheels are currently being cast at Thurton Foundries near Norwich and the pattern for the driving wheels is currently being made in Reydon. We have raised about £30,000 so far towards the required £120,000.

The boiler will be a significant part of that. The drawings are being produced from the original General Arrangement which survives and is draughted in meticulous detail. From this Oliver Densham has been able to generate detailed working drawings for the components.

To join the 2-4-0 Club, and make a £240 donation for a specific component, visit the Southwold Railway Trust website.

www.southwoldrailway.co.uk

RESTORING TRACK AT WENHASTON

Discussions with landowners are being held to finalise a proposal to create a Southwold Railway Heritage Centre at Wenhaston, and restore track on a section of original trackbed. Over a mile of the three foot gauge line is proposed along with a station building, engine shed, café/shop, toilets and nature walks.



Oliver Densham's drawing shows "Blyth" arriving at a new station next to the restored line. Further details will be forthcoming in the next SRN.

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