

WELCOME

TO MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF BENNERLEY VIADUCT

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct. We are grateful that you have pledged your support for the future of the viaduct. Your generosity will help us to restore and maintain our “Iron Giant” and pass it on for future generations to enjoy. Your membership also is critically important as it demonstrates community support for the project. Your investment in our heritage is really appreciated.

About the FoBV

The Friends of Bennerley Viaduct is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Charity No 1187044.

The FoBV is run by a team of local people who want to see the viaduct brought back into public use. Our trustees govern the charity and ensure it is managed and run well. The committee take day to day operational decisions in running the charity. If you would like to take an active role in the project, then please get in touch.



Re-opening the Iron Giant

Bennerley Viaduct is a grade II* listed railway viaduct built in 1877 by the Great Northern Railway Company. At over quarter of a mile long, it is the longest wrought iron viaduct in the country. The “Iron Giant” has been described as being an “extraordinary monument” meriting inclusion in the 2020 World Monuments Watch, one of only 25 sites chosen globally.

We are dedicated to giving our “Iron Giant” a new lease of life after 50 years of closure. We are working in partnership with the owners, Railway Paths Ltd to restore the viaduct and bring it back into public use as a walking and cycling trail.





Where we meet

Our normal meeting place is the Gate Inn, Awsworth where we have six open meetings per year. This enables the membership to contribute to the project and keep abreast of events. (The Gate does a good pint too!) The dates of meetings can be found on the website calendar and through newsletters.

Members are entitled and encouraged to attend the general meetings of the group, vote for officers and stand for office at the AGM. (Valid membership will need to be evidenced at the AGM should you wish to vote or stand for election).

Communication

You will receive a monthly e-newsletter updating you with developments in the project and details of events. In addition, you can follow us on the Bennerley Viaduct Friends group on Facebook or on Twitter.

For any general enquiry please contact:

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How you can help

Our vision is to create an inspirational green space in this part of the Erewash Valley which showcases the magnificent Bennerley Viaduct as its iconic centrepiece. There will be a range of opportunities where you can help:

Environmental workdays. Practical tasks outdoors, site maintenance, environmental enhancements

Guided Walks: Showing visitors around the viaduct

Staffing market stalls and events.

Delivering newsletters to those without email.

You may be a keen photographer, or have good ICT skills, graphic design skills or have experience fund raising or organising events. If you have any specific skills which you consider may be helpful to the group, we would love to hear from you. Please do not hide your talents. Please contact:

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Image below shows volunteers in action at the viaduct

