



5.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest.</b> None</p>	
6.	<p><b>Chair’s report (APPENDED)</b></p> <hr/> <p>NH had been invited to the cutting of the first turf for the Rail Heritage Quarter: funding for our part of the project (from the National Lottery Heritage Fund), awaited approval of development work in June and a decision in December.</p> <p>CH’s Haggerleazes research had yielded archive data, for example on contractors, and an imminent group walk would assess features such as milestones and the state of bridges.</p> <p>The Yarm Branch book had been taken up keenly, with regard to financing and printing, by CIAS, the Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society, with 175 copies for ourselves and 500 for members, otherwise a selling price of £15.</p>	
7.	<p>-----</p> <p><b>Recent research (APPENDED REPORT)</b></p> <p>JH-Y said that her research had been delayed by Covid, but that her report included remarkable data, including the relationships and family tree of the Young family, and historical work by Maggie Pulle and Finlayson. She expected that the Raisbeck collection at the NRM, and other papers, would provide further valuable information for work.</p>	<p>JH-Y</p>
8.	<p><b>Planning Officer’s report (APPENDED).</b></p> <p>1d. It was understood that developments at North Leazes were to be refused.</p> <p>1g. Locomotion’s application for 6 display panels that didn’t fit with recommendations for the whole line were in order, but it was not clear whether the need for an application amounted to a precedent for panels outwith museum areas.</p> <p>Alterations to “Platform 1” at Fighting Cocks were in order. but the lack of stairs to the upper floor was debatable.</p> <p>The redevelopment of Darlington &amp; Simpson Rolling Mills was subject to consultation on revised plans.</p> <p>It will be necessary to watch arrangements for the proposed filling of Mldridge Quarry with waste.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Membership Secretary’s report (APPENDED).</b></p> <p>The report was approved and PB praised for doing a “great job”.</p> <p>-----</p>	
10	<p><b>Reports from FSDR Area Groups</b></p> <p><b>EWPIG</b> JR commented on 1b above, although the wooden fencing erected will not be for removal. Eric Branse-Instone has visited the area. EBI will be meeting with land owners on 17th March. The group were interested in a letter of support to Mark Hornsby re a model of the first five miles. Recently fallen trees have been removed by mainly Etherley PC.</p>	

	<p><b>WASH</b> There has been much damage to sites during recent storms. DCC have issued the order to remove the pink graffiti on the St Helen abutment. WASH, the Rivers Trust and several partners have a half day clean up on 15th March from 10 a.m. Eric Branse-Instone visited the area on 8th March.</p> <p><b>BIG</b> saw much damage due to storm Malik and the others, with major trees uprooted. The next meeting is rostered for 26th March at 10.15. There will be a major event on 17th July in the Railway Institute, New Shildon from noon.</p> <p><b>MSG</b> Volunteers cleaned up the crane base, the loading dock wall and cleared undergrowth and overhanging branches to allow a better view of them. A request to discuss tree etc management with Darlington BC has been submitted. The 2022 revision of the Fighting Cocks Heritage Hub guide has been completed and will be circulated soon. The MSG S&amp;DR Heritage Steering Group will meet by Zoom on 29 March.</p> <p><b>SIG</b> RC to draft a letter for NH to send to SBC re the retaining wall and adjoining piece of land adjacent to the recent Bellway Homes development on Yarm Road (former British Visqueen site).</p> <p>The proposal to rebuild the wall (from retained stones) at Urray Nook Crossing was discussed. NH to progress with Richie Starrs if still considered appropriate.</p> <p>The "First Rail" animated production is progressing well, despite the loss of the original recording engineer. A replacement has been sourced.</p> <p><b>Darlington:</b> there was nothing as yet from the potential convenor.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Future events</b></p> <p>Individual events mentioned included one on March 24<sup>th</sup> (Zoom) on the designation of features of the two inclines, and planned litter picking in Darlington, also in March. More basically, JH-Y stressed the need to design the completed programme for May, July and September. Historic England had taken up Brendan Boyle's field of railway taverns but come up with a consultancy task taking a somewhat different approach.</p> <p>RC, PB and JR had visited the Darlington Railway Institute, which like Shildon's was of significant value in railway history. With 350 members they had no link to the Rail Heritage Quarter and deserved support. NH agreed we should support railway heritage generally but said that we must be aware of "mission creep" to avoid spreading our resources too thinly.</p> <p>However, AT made the suggestion that we transfer there the meetings planned for the Railway Tavern. JR agreed to make appropriate bookings for future meetings</p> <hr/> <p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, Darlington Cricket Club, 7.10 pm</p> <hr/>	<p>RC</p> <hr/> <p>NH</p> <hr/> <p>JR</p>
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## Chair's Report/activity for February 2022

February is a short month, but still quite a lot has gone on since we last met. I've met with Jo Potter of Darlington for Culture and Mike Crawshaw of Darlington Council to look at how we get the wider community aware of the bicentenary and stimulated to take on the roles of walk guides, produce events and art works, put in place hospitality and generally make 2025 a big event. As a group we can't do everything and working with partners such as Darlington for Culture provides capacity and spreads the enthusiasm for our cause.

I've spent some time discussing with Richie Starrs the S&DR Heritage Action Zone Officer the third and final year of our capacity building grant from Historic England. Members can look forward to support to complete walking the line surveys of the Haggerleases, Black Boy and Surtees branch lines. This will mean we have surveyed all of the S&DR built from 1825-30, its key period with the information then passed on to councils to help inform and protect the line through planning. I'm also pleased to say that using the Historic England grant, trustees have approved the publication and printing of the excellent Yarm Branch Line study undertaken by our own members, more on this and a launch date in due course. Other planned work for 2022/3 will include a volunteer supported survey of Heritage Crime along the line so we know where to put resources into better management and working with the police and other agencies; Schools' education working with the three museums and using our excellent definitive booklet; a Photo memory project where we hope to curate the growing collection of photos posted to our Facebook page and collected by us to launch a competition with a small prize fund for new artistic responses to the S&DR (photos, paintings etc); We intend to upload more material to Archives / Community Museum pages on our website and look at how a larger digitisation project of S&DR material held at The National Archives, NRM Search Engine, County Durham Record Office and elsewhere can be made available to all. We have some grant available to help our newly formed Darlington group get going as a part of which we'd like to sponsor some work on the Quaker heritage and how and how they were important to the S&DR. Finally, as ever we hope to sponsor and help with anniversary events in September to mark the S&DRs birthday.

Speaking of special dates' this May 23rd marks the 200th anniversary of the official start of building the S&DR with the laying of the first rail at Stockton. We would like to mark this event, but as ever ideas and help will make it bigger and better so please come forward and volunteer if you'd like to help out.

Having now received planning permission the building and conservation works at the Darlington Railway Heritage Quarter in Darlington will have formally started by the time we meet on Thursday 3rd March, with a symbolic cutting of the first turf ceremony earlier that day to which I've been invited on behalf of the Friends.

We continue to develop our plans for the Fighting Cocks 'Heritage Hub' with a mixture of conservation works and partnership with MSG parish Council. This includes discussions on possible land acquisition and a bid to the National Lottery. Thinking through how we support and finance works such as that planned at Fighting Cocks has also led to trustees agreeing a small grant at the site in recognition of the long-term support and work of a neighbouring landowner in caring for S&DR heritage. We hope that this will be the first such

grant of many, and although our resources are limited, to be something we make available to other worthy causes along the line in future.

Despite it being imminent for at least a few months we're still waiting for the final issued version of the Branding and Wayfinding strategy! Members were asked for input on installations (such as art works or replica chaldrons) this month as part of finalising the report. The next Rail Heritage Board Executive meeting will discuss this and look to how the expected cost of around £1.8 million pounds will be found to instal new interpretation all along the line.

Eric Branse-Instone of Historic England continues his work to redesignate the S&DR. This month he is looking at the first five miles from Witton Park to Shildon. As well as the historical research (ably helped by our members), he now also needs to speak or at least write to nearly 125 different landowners who either own or are immediately adjacent to the line to keep them informed!

Extra staff to help with the growing work on S&DR projects is sorely needed and in addition to the imminent appointment of a rights of way officer for the 26 miles to be hosted by Durham County Council, Stockton Council are now taking forward plans to appoint an officer whose role will be to develop and coordinate the events of 2025 itself, something we've long urged our partners to take forward.

Finally, our definitive booklet on the S&DR has been warmly welcomed and we want to make sure copies get to all those who need to and should know about the S&DR. We are both selling and distributing copies, but if you have any suggestions for people whose hearts and minds we should be winning over, then let me know and we'll send them a copy.

All the best Niall Hammond Chair Friends of the S&DR. 28/2/2022

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**RESEARCH (Jane Hackworth-Young)- Report to the Friends of the S&DR 3rd March 2022.**

During Covid I did less research than intended but by the end of 2021 I had finished transcribing the Young Letters & in the last 2 months have achieved more.

**THE YOUNGS and ROBERT YOUNG**, Author of 'Timothy Hackworth & the Locomotive' 1923 AND one of Timothy Hackworth's grandsons. Search Engine, NRM wants to build up a collection re Robert Young as his research was meticulous. The letters to him from his family culminating in his trip to Malaya in 1889 where he was an Engineer and set up his own company. In a letter in 1882 from Timothy's son, John Wesley Hackworth, he states he feels he had worked so hard to bring Hackworth's name to the public that he feels unable to continue and is delighted Robert to do something.

The transcription of the letters from another grandson, Samuel Holmes, who set up a railway company in the USA and who lived with Hackworth as a young child in the midst of what was happening at Shildon, is still underway.

**YOUNG TREE/ROBERT YOUNG (sen)**, another grandfather of the author. ROBERT YOUNG, was engineman at Brusselton from 1827 until he died in 1848 when he was succeeded by brother, Ralph Young.

This inspired me to draw up a Young Tree, having compiled the Hackworth Tree for the Hackworth Museum in 1975. Another relation, recently discovered, is compiling the line from one of Ralph's sons. Among Ralph's grandchildren is a Railway Guard at Shildon, a Railway Guard at Middlesbrough, Engineer at Eshwinning and a Pit Manager living in Hackworth House, W Auckland!

#### **FURTHER RESEARCH**

More than a year ago Peter Bainbridge put me in touch with Maggie Pulle, a member living in London who comes from the North East and who has researched extensively at Kew. The problem for me, as with many of us, is that we do not have time to organise others! Anyway by the beginning of this year I had sent many of my father's research notes to Maggie to transcribe and Maggie has been to Kew to carry out research for Caroline on the Haggerlease Line, its pay bills and costs and the Dixon Plans. Caroline continues researching.

Maggie's transcription of my father's notes on Puffing Billy and the Wylam Dillies at Wylam will be very useful as my father, a Mechanical, Civil and Electrical Engineer, has highlighted where railway authors have made improbable claims in respect of the building of these locomotives.

Maggie has also transcribed my father's notes on 'Famous Engineers of the Nineteenth Century' by J F Layson (Finlayson) published in 1888. This covers writings on George Stephenson, Robert Stephenson, Richard Trevithick, William Hedley, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Timothy Hackworth .

**Timothy Hackworth** – Finlayson refers to Wylam (states Hackworth's contract terminated in 1818 whereas, he left end 1815 because he was made to work on Sundays), refers to Hackworth going to the Forth Street Works in 1824, to Hackworth being offered the job of Manager, which he did not take, and states Hackworth was engaged for a short term in building engine boilers for the Tyne Iron Co. He refers to Hackworth being offered the direction of an expedition to Venezuela which Hackworth declined, but which Robert Stephenson took up.

He talks of William Hedley but more importantly refers to an engine built to Trevithick's design for Wylam (not taken), Whinfield and Steel and to Thomas Waters who had worked for that company & who instructed the workforce at Wylam on how to build a locomotive and was involved in building the first two at Wylam – (Grasshopper & Puffing Billy). The Wylam pay bills confirm this.

O D Hedley (son of William) describes the 1813 Wylam Loco and 'Stephenson's engine 1825', claims the blast pipe for William though there is no proof Hedley had anything to do with locomotive construction-he was the Viewer at Wylam.

Gives information of Hackworth's 'Royal George'.

Maggie has worked on my father's notes from 'Origine de la Locomotive' by Deghilage (published in Paris 1886); gives information on Trevithick and his patents, on Hackworth's Royal George, Wilberforce, Middlesbrough (My father comments that Deghilage does

not report that it was built from Hackworth's plans for Tory and Deghilage is incorrect in a sketch which indicates a return tube arrangement similar to the Wilberforce (which it did not have). He also reports on Hackworth's No 10 chemin du fer Stockton-Darlington). Maggie has done a great work on translation and I shall continue.

**The RAISBECK COLLECTION** – I had a wonderful experience at Search Engine, NRM on 9th February; the Collection was discovered 3 years ago in a bookshop, Jarndyce, opposite the British Museum, where it had been lodged for 10 years. The NRM purchased the Collection; there are 260 documents and letters. A year ago, scanning & accessioning began; more than 60% has been completed  
The length and breadth of the Collection -

The Raisbeck Family papers go from the reign of Charles 11 and include land indentures. There is also a cash book relating to the family's sugar business 'Cash and Sugarhouse' 1783 – 1788'. The family held lands in Stockton. Leonard Raisbeck & Frances Mewburn were appointed as Solicitors for the proposed canal or railway from Stockton to Darlington. They had different views. Raisbeck was in favour of a railway, not a canal, from time of his appointment. Leonard Raisbeck became Deputy Lieutenant of Durham, Recorder of Stockton and Colonel of Stockton Volunteers.

The railway records commence from 1810:

RAIS/3/2/1 18th September 1810: Record of a Meeting: held this day at the Townhouse in Stockton 'Canal or railway between Stockton and the Interior Country. Attendees included Jonathan Backhouse jun, Edward Pease, Joseph Pease, William Kitching of Darlington, Benj Flounders, Mr Joy of Yarm.

RAIS/3/9/6 Paper entitled 'Canal and Rail-Road – to the Inhabitants of Stockton & Cleveland' begins with the words 'We cannot have a Canal'!

RAIS/3/3 Correspondence between Leonard Raisbeck & John Rennie.

RAIS/4/1 Correspondence between Leonard Raisbeck and Edward Pease (re proposed Middlesbrough extension and bridge over the Tees 1826 – 1829). This section includes letter from Edward Pease to Raisbeck m2 29 1828 beginning: 'Breaking up old friends gives me pain 'Raisbeck was against the Middlesbrough extension because, as a Stockton man, he wanted Stockton to be at the end of the line and become great. Raisbeck's resigned as Solicitor of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

RAIS/4/7 Letters to Leonard Raisbeck relating to the construction of a railway bridge over the Tees as part of the Middlesbrough extension - January 1830 to March 1830. Raisbeck still seemed active in 1830 & beyond, eg.

RAIS/4/9/6 Case by Fred Pollock Temple 28th May 1841 re the Clarence Rlwy. With letter from Thomas McNay (Stockton) to Messrs Raisbeck. 6th April 1852.

### **The FUTURE**

Tania Parker at Search Engine is compiling a full catalogue .

It is not the intention of the NRM to make the papers available to the public until 2023 – leading up to 2025 – but we may have access and if

the Friends wish to use or refer to them, the NRM will let us know how to credit it.

Two members of the Friends have offered to transcribe some of the documents and letters – Peter Bainbridge and Susan Nixon. Our Author Member, George Smith, is going regularly to Kew whilst researching for his book on ‘Tanfield’ and is prepared to look up items for other members.

On looking again at the definitive life of Hackworth - ‘Timothy Hackworth & the Locomotive’ by Robert Young, it is clear that Robert had access to these Raisbeck papers as he has quoted minutely from them.

Everything goes round in a circle.

JANE

HACKWORTH-YOUNG .

3rd March 2022.

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## **Planning Officer’s Report**

### **Planning Officer’s Report; S&DR Friends Meeting 3 March 2022**

New applications are in red type. Any updates will be reported at the meeting.

#### **1 DURHAM COUNTY**

**d DM/21/01647/FPA Change of use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of stables together with the erection of domestic storage building. North Leazes Smallholding Low Greenfields St Helen Auckland**

Further to last month’s report, this application is not on the agenda for the March 1 Planning Committee.

[It was reported that the application had been refused by officer delegation but this has not yet been recorded on the planning portal.](#)

**e DM/21/01954/FPA Change of use of land for siting of 15 no. glamping pods Land To The South Of Bridge Inn Gordon Lane Ramshaw**

Further to last month’s report, the landscaping details have yet to be submitted.

**f DM/04293/FPA Installation of below ground pipeline from Lartington Water Treatment Works to Shildon Service Reservoir**

The comments attached to last month’s report were submitted. Attention to the possible effect of the works during the 2025 bicentenary events has been drawn to Bryan Harris (DCC) and Richie Starrs (HAZ).

**g DM/22/00351/AD 6no. information panels (2no. A1 size lectern stands and 4no. A2 sized wall mounted) Locomotion; the NRM at Shildon**

The NRM has applied to erect six display panels at the recently restored key historic buildings at Shildon, namely Soho Cottages, Soho House, Kilburn’s Warehouse, Line side cabins, Coal Drops and Goods Shed. There is no detail of the information to be displayed, but the submitted construction design for the stands (see images on page 2) does not appear to conform to the recommendations put forward by consultants Bright White for the whole route.

**h DM/22/00002/FPA Change of use of public house to mixed public house and hotel including three storey rear extension and conversion of loft space including 3no. dormer**

**windows to front and 1no. box dormer to rear to provide guest and owner sleeping accommodation Timothy Hackworth 107 Main Street Shildon**

Apart from the name, the Timothy Hackworth pub is not of S&DR significance. The proposed alterations (see image on page 2) are sympathetic with the appearance of the building and the proposal will help meet demand for accommodation during the 2025 Bicentenary celebrations. However, the bedrooms and owners accommodation look cramped and there is no on-site parking available for guests. It was agreed to support the proposed investment in helping to meet demand for visitor accommodation in 2025.

**2 DARLINGTON BOROUGH**

**a Land at Vulcan Street/East of Wards Industrial Estate 19/00108/FUL**

Further to previous reports, landscaping proposals have still not been submitted.

**b Darlington Local Plan**

Further to previous reports, the policies map now shows the corrected line of the Croft Branch but the Darlington (Coal Depot) only as far as the rear of the Lime Cells instead of continuing to High Northgate as previously explained. I have sent the planning policy team an email pointing out this error and asking them to correct it. He has replied saying the error will be corrected in the finally adopted version of the plan and I have supplied details of the branch for the Council's guidance.

The Inspector's report was considered by the Council on 17 February and it was resolved to adopt the plan, incorporating the previously published modifications. This means that the whole of the S&DR and its branches have statutory planning policies in force at long last.

**d Fighting Cocks Platform 1 conversion from public house to Sainsbury's convenience store 21/00223/OUT.**

It was reported that the stairs to the upper floor had been demolished and that the approved ground floor layout plan included no replacement. It was agreed to write to the Planning Officer seeking an explanation of how the first floor would continue to be used and allow access for repair and maintenance, as described in his report to the Planning Committee.

**f 21/00529/FUL Residential development comprising of 260 no. dwellings including access, open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage systems and associated infrastructure and works Land To The West & South Of Station Road Station Road MIDDLETON ST GEORGE**

Further to previous reports, this application is likely to be approved now that the site is allocated for development in the newly adopted local plan.

**i 21/00708/DC Proposed Railway Heritage visitor attraction Railway Heritage Quarter Station Road DARLINGTON**

Further to last month's report, planning permission was granted on 31 January, subject to numerous conditions and reserved matters, including an archaeology WSI, boundary treatment, landscaping and an improved pedestrian crossing on High Northgate

**m 21/01353/FUL Site of Former Corus Works (East Site) Whessoe Road DARLINGTON**

Further to last month's report, objections have been submitted by the Friends of North Park, the Council's Arboricultural Officer, Friends of the Earth, Darlington Forest Project and the Council's Transport Officer.

Revised plans are to be submitted, hopefully resolving the issues raised by consultees.

**n 21/01468/OUT | Outline application with all matters reserved for mixed use development consisting of light industrial, general industrial, storage and distribution uses and/or hot food takeaway and a petrol filling station with associated retailing Land East Of Lingfield Estate Lingfield Point DARLINGTON**

Further to last month's report, the Friends of the Earth have submitted objections and the Highways Officer has expressed a number of concerns.

**3 STOCKTON BOROUGH**

There are no applications to report.

Ross Chisholm  
Planning Officer  
FSDR  
26 02 2022



Proposed information display board stands  
Timothy Hackworth pub

Proposed alterations at

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**Membership Report  
Ordinary Members**

To date:-

New members since last report (04.12.2021) – **8**.

Membership renewal fees received after closing date of 31 October 2021 – **2**.

Membership – **156**.

Members on Facebook – **42%**

Response for members to consider setting up Standing Orders or Direct Debits did not go as well as it could have. Only 15% of members pay by Standing Order.

**Suggest our Officers and Trustees lead by example. Currently only 4 pay by Standing Order.**

### **Corporate Members**

To date:-

New members since last report (04.12.2021) – **0**.

Membership renewal fees received after closing date of 31 October 2021 – **1**.

Membership – **19**.

Total Membership Fees & Donations received for 2021 to 2022 (OM'S & CM's) - **£3067.28**.

Peter Bainbridge  
Membership Secretary  
27.02.2022