

## **Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust**

### **History and structure of the Trust**

Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust (RBPT) was established in 2003 by a group of local community volunteers to lead the renovation of the Victorian railway station in Richmond.

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The stated aims of RBPT are:

*To preserve for the people of Richmondshire and the Nation, the historical, architectural and constructional heritage that may exist in and around Richmondshire in the County of North Yorkshire in buildings and land (including any buildings defined in Section 336 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990) of particular beauty or historical, architectural or constructional interest.*

The Station is currently the only building for which the Trust is responsible but the Trust is actively seeking new projects that fit with its strategic aims.

### **Role of the Trustee Board**

The board of trustees of RBPT take ultimate responsibility for directing the Trust's affairs, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for which it has been set up.

The Board has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day operations of The Station to its General Manager.

The board's key functions and the specific responsibilities of trustees are as follows:

#### Developing strategy

- To ensure RBPT has a clear, ambitious and achievable statement of vision, purpose and strategy which shows how it will meet its stated aims and objectives
- To approve through the budget for the Trust as a whole, the allocation of resources to achieve the objectives set out in the strategic plan, including budget allocation to the Station and any new projects that are in development
- To ensure the long term financial health and solvency of RBPT

#### Monitoring implementation

- To approve the vision, strategy and business plan for The Station and any other projects in development
- To monitor and review the performance of The Station and other projects against financial targets and other criteria set out in the vision, strategy and business plan

- To represent the organisation in its dealings with its stakeholders, such as members, funders and the wider community

## Compliance

- Ensuring compliance with the RBPT objects and other clauses of the Memorandum and Articles of Association
- To ensure, with professional advice where appropriate, that RBPT and its operating projects comply with all relevant laws and regulatory requirements
- To ensure that the tangible assets of RBPT (such as its property and money) and its intangible assets (such as its name and reputation) are used appropriately and in accordance with the objects of the charity

## Structure of the Trustee Board

The board must consist of at least three and not more than twelve individual trustees.

The full Board normally meets at two-monthly intervals and a number of sub-groups have been formed that meet at more regular intervals depending on the work plan.

Trustees are appointed to serve a period of three years but are eligible for re-election if they choose to do so.

The Board is currently made up of 7 Trustees

- James Gravenor – Chair
- Ian Hepworth – Treasurer and Deputy Chair
- Judith Wardell – Deputy Chair
- Joyce Steele
- Matt Ball
- Peter Lewis
- Amanda Anderson

We are currently seeking to recruit new trustees in order to ensure that we have succession plans to maintain an effective board structure and a strong balance of relevant skills and experience.