



FUND RAISING

As mentioned in the recent announcement covering Roger Kelly's retirement from the role of Funding Director – Bluebell Railway Plc, the decision was made that going forward key responsibility for fund raising would be anchored within the Bluebell Railway Trust. A key reason for this being that the majority of funding is in fact now raised via the Trust.

To this end I am pleased to confirm that at a meeting of the Trustees held on 10th January 2018 it was agreed that **Daniel Brookbank** would join the Bluebell Railway Trust with key responsibility for fund raising from Trusts, Foundations, other Charities and of course High Net Worth and other personal donors.

Daniel has over 20 year experience in the health and voluntary sector and for the last 7 years has been Chief Executive of the East Sussex Association of Blind & Partially Sighted People.

Now living in Pevensey Bay, he was in fact raised in Chelwood Gate and in his youth was a frequent visitor to the Bluebell Railway.

Daniel will hit the decks running with the fund-raising programme for the Diamond Jubilee being one of his first projects.

A co-ordinated approach to Fund Raising as well as an effective Capital Project Review process being able to identify and prioritise where the money is needed, when and for what remain key ingredients to success in his view.

Daniel will be looking towards a small team of volunteers being established to help with delivering this mandate and will be meeting with Roger Kelly later this month to ensure an effective transfer of responsibilities and cover any outstanding matters.

Please join me in welcoming Daniel to the Bluebell Railway.

Vernon Blackburn

Administrative Trustee