



➤ MERRYGILL & PODGILL VIADUCTS ⇐

COMPLETION CEREMONY

Saint & Co^o Chartered Accountants are delighted to sponsor the Official Completion Ceremony of the Merrygill & Podgill Viaducts.

This special event is being held to celebrate the culmination of a lot of hard work by a group of dedicated individuals, working with the financial support of a number of key organisations. It is to the great credit of these volunteers, drawn mainly from the Northern Viaduct Trustees, that these magnificent, and historic structures have been saved, at the same time providing a wonderful local amenity that can now be enjoyed by everyone, for many years to come.

We at Saint & Co hope wish everyone an pleasurable day and hope they enjoy the opportunity of at last being able to visit a beautiful section of the Eden not previously accessible to the general public... We are sure that you will be taking home great memories from the walk today.

NVT Trustees should be applauded for their stoic tenacity which is responsible for placing the final piece in the jigsaw that completes the magnificent circular walk from the village of Hartley to Stenkrith Park at Kirkby Stephen! Their vision and drive developed the relationships with local landowners, British Rail Properties and RMC (now CEMEX) Quarries and won the battle for the finance they needed to achieve success.

The excellent work of the main contractor, P Mawdsley, must also be applauded. The Company worked through often testing times, including the period of the Foot and Mouth outbreak, and more recently during tight winter deadlines to meet the demands of NVT's major funding bodies.

The Trust itself also launched an appeal for direct financial support from the public recently, it was met with an excellent response and NVT are very grateful to everyone who contributed donations, augmented by the Gift Aid Tax Credit. Amounts both large and small were received from across the UK with many donors complimenting the Trust on their work, with some proffering their own memories of the working line's formative years.

The NVT relies on grants and donations and is always happy to receive any amount to help in the ongoing maintenance of the viaducts and footpaths. Gift Aided donations are particularly welcome. Any volunteers to assist in the future care of the project are very welcomed, though of course we hope everyone who walks the line will help in its upkeep by aiming to take home MORE litter than they brought with them!

Jonathan Miller^(Partner) & Ron Kenyon^(Partner)

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