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## A Fresh Start

## NEWSLETTER November 2025

Whilst progress has been slower than hoped, the project is progressing with discussions ongoing with Network Rail and Rory J Holbrook, the business interested in using some of the station buildings for offices. The project is being supported by both the Norfolk and Suffolk MPs, Terry Jermy and Nick Timothy.

We are currently looking at initial costs for the refurbishment and likely grant contributions which could include the following organisations: The Railway Heritage Trust, Historic Suffolk (and maybe Historic Norfolk), Network Rail and Lottery funding. The transfer of the lease remains our current priority and once the negotiations are under way we can begin to look at the financial position of the refurbishment costs and put together the funding.

The slow progress has been, in part, due to members of our executive committee suffering major health issues. We wish them the very best for their recovery. Added to this our Secretary, David Palmer, has decided to step down from his position to concentrate on other volunteering commitments within Brandon.

We are, therefore, looking to replace the secretary role and we also need help with our social media presence. Please get in touch if you can offer your time to this very worthwhile Brandon and Weeting project.

The Officers in post for Friends of Brandon Station are:

Garry Hall, volunteer Chair

Piers Hart, Historic Suffolk Vice Chair Vacant Secretary Susan Smith, volunteer Treasurer

John Maxim, volunteer Temporary Media Manager

 Our Website is now live. Our official mobile number is 07736 429336 and our email address for enquiries is <a href="mailto:fobs.enquiries@gmail.com">fobs.enquiries@gmail.com</a>

## Friends of Brandon Station, Brandon

We do need more help if we are to bring this project from a derelict building to complete refurbishment, including a community space. If you are able help and can assist with our social media presence or offer your services for the Secretary position please get in touch. Look our for our notice of a public meeting in the new year.

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