



A British Railways era running in board returns to its station of origin





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# Brian and Nancy Connolly

(The owners of a British Railways  
era running in board for Handforth)

The running in board  
prior to conservation

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Length 2.9m  
Width 0.6m

Note the lip around the sign



Potential fracture line



Rear face of the running in board  
prior to conservation

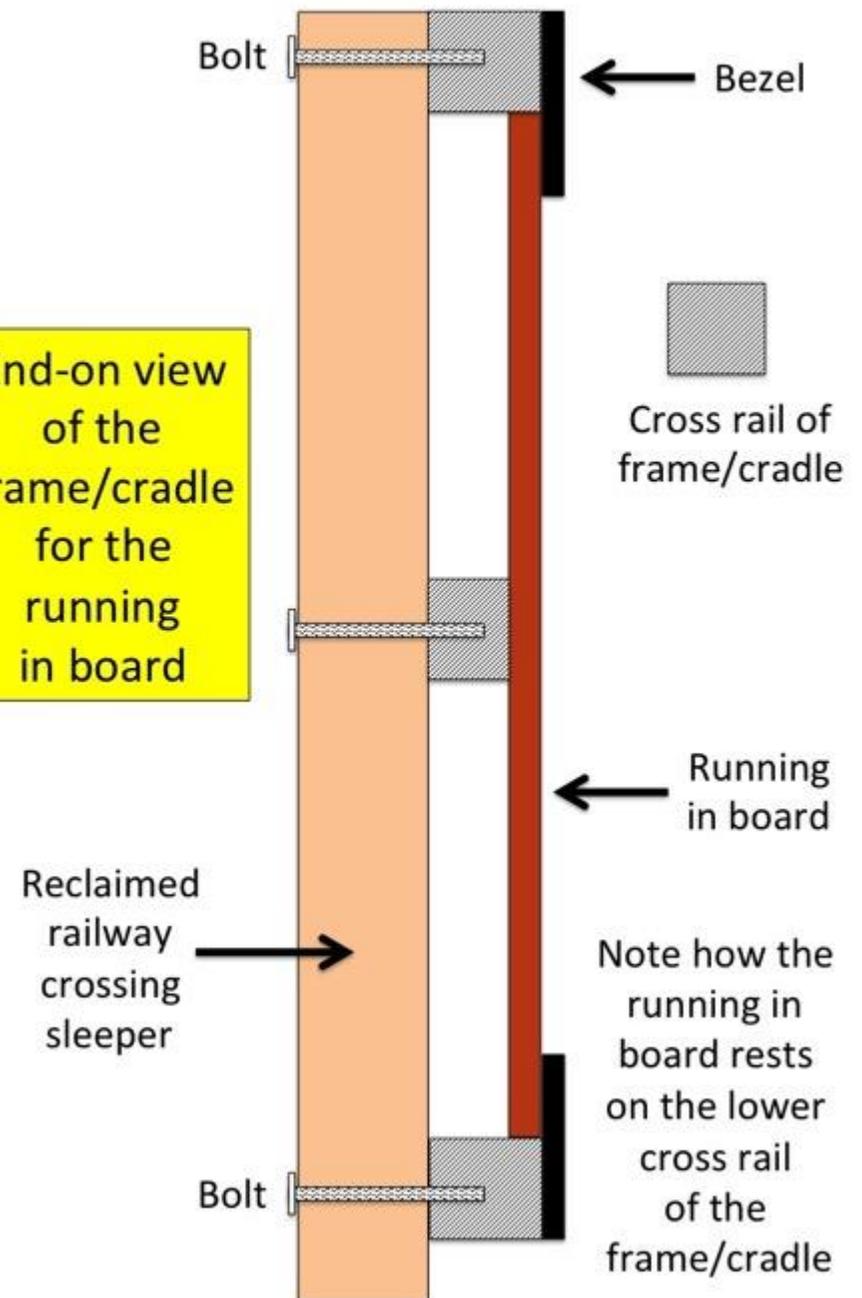
Conservation work



As an antique piece of railway memorabilia we were not allowed to drill new screw holes through the metal fabric of the sign.

We therefore constructed a frame that acted as a cradle for the sign, the sign being held in position simply by a wooden bezel.

End-on view of the frame/cradle for the running in board





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The running in board  
in its new frame/cradle

# Delivery of the reclaimed railway crossing sleepers to South Acre Drive





The reclaimed sleepers now on the platform side of the fence

Digging holes for the reclaimed sleepers



## Railway crossing sleepers

Length 3.4m

Weight >100Kg

A combination of muscle power and rope work get the sleepers upright in their holes





The three sleepers in their vertical(?) positions.  
Had the installation team been drinking?

Delivering the sign frame/cradle to the site and bolting it to the sleepers





The sign frame/cradle now bolted to the sleepers

Securing the sign into its frame/cradle with its bezel



## The acknowledgement plaque

1950s Running In Board  
on loan to  
FRIENDS OF  
HANDFORTH STATION  
with thanks to  
Nancy and Brian Connolly

Inauguration of the running in board  
Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019





Venue for post-inauguration tea/coffee and biscuits