

Infrastructure supply chain on show at Rail Live

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The rail supply industry gathered at Porterbrook's Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre, near Stratford upon Avon, for the Rail Live exhibition, held over two days 22-23 June 2022.

Britain's largest outdoor rail show had its customary wide range of exhibits, from the smallest components through to huge road-rail plant. Differing ways to build station platform extensions featured on several stands, as did large piling attachments for excavators. Visitors were able to enquire about everything from insurance (Jobson James Rail) to huge rail-milling machines (Linsinger).

There were a few unexpected surprises. The Revolution very light rail vehicle was there on a joint Eversholt Rail / Transport Design International stand, giving rides to interested passengers.

A display of various species of hawks, used to drive pigeons and seagulls from railway stations, was interesting to see, but the unexpected exhibitor involved was Rentokil, perhaps better known for more mundane types of pest control.

British Transport Police had its own liveried rail vehicle, but this turned out to be not a new training aid



(though it could be) but a redundant ex-West Midlands tram reliveried for the occasion.

Network Rail had a 'village' of several stands, and a conference took place over both days of the show.

All in all, it was a welcome event which saw strong visitor numbers. Plans are already being made for Rail 2023, with dates still to be confirmed.