

North Yorkshire Moors Railway launches Help Save Bridge 42 campaign

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The [North Yorkshire Moors Railway \(NYMR\)](#) is asking supporters to help build a legacy as it launches its vital new fundraising campaign to help save Bridge 42.

With every donation of £25 and over, supporters will receive a free limited-edition pin badge with exclusive artwork of Bridge 42. The bridge is the vital structure that allows trains to run from Grosmont to Whitby. Without it, the heritage railway can't fully operate its full line from Pickering to Whitby.

Bridge 42 needs urgent work, with temporary stabilisation and permanent repairs costing around £800,000 in total. While £215,000 has already been raised, much more is needed, and every single donation helps.

Limited edition prints by Leeds-based printmaker, David Cockayne, will soon be available in shops along the NYMR line and online. David works from his studio in the city, creating hand-printed linocuts that explore industrial heritage, architecture, and the relationship between built environments and landscape. His work is characterised by strong contrast, bold linework, and a graphic clarity that draws on both

traditional printmaking techniques and contemporary illustration. After seeing news of the fundraiser, he got in touch to offer his services to raise funds for the Help Save Bridge 42.

Laura Strangeway, CEO at the NYMR, said: *“Bridge 42 is absolutely essential to the future of the railway. This campaign is an affordable way for people to feel part of saving something that really matters. Every donation takes us one step closer to the full repair of the bridge, and we’re hugely grateful to everyone who chooses to support us.*

“We are so thankful to David for getting in touch and volunteering his time and expertise to help save Bridge 42, without which we cannot run to Grosmont and Whitby. It’s great to be working with a Yorkshire artist and for our supporters to be able to purchase these stunning limited edition prints and be part of our story to save Bridge 42.”

Following detailed inspections, it was determined that temporary propping is necessary to guarantee safety and operational reliability. This measure will allow trains to cross the bridge throughout the 2026 season without disruption. During the operational season, NYMR will finalise a full repair programme for Bridge 42, scheduled for implementation over the winter of 2026/27. This programme will restore the bridge to its long-term structural integrity and ensure its preservation for future generations.

To find out all about the campaign and to support the NYMR, visit nymr.co.uk/bridge42

For more information on NYMR and updates on the 2026 season, please visit www.nymr.co.uk