

NYMR on track with retention tank project

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North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) is nearing the end of a £1m project to install controlled emission toilets (CET) across its fleet of coaches, with completion due in May – two years ahead of when they will be required.

Having worked on designs with Network Rail, who are fully funding the project, NYMR has incorporated the units to the carriages without losing any of the heritage charm. NYMR has already fitted and commissioned the equipment to several heritage carriages which will end the age-old practice of toilets flushing directly onto the track.

The special retention tanks are being fitted to 13 carriages in total, including the Pullman Dining carriages and two newly refurbished Fuss Free Access coaches, which have been converted thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The installation takes approximately two weeks per coach to complete.

The project will also see the construction of pump-out stations at Grosmont and the new carriage stable facility at Pickering.

Chris Price, General Manager at NYMR commented: “Fortunately due the pandemic we were able to bring this originally external funded project in house which has ultimately maintained a constant stream of work

for our Carriage Fitters and allowed us to get ahead of the curve in ending what is an unpleasant practice.

“We are grateful for the support we have received from Network Rail which is helping us to build a more sustainable railway for the future and it’s further proof of the work we’re doing to preserve the past and protect the future.”

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