

Pete Waterman OBE speaking to Rail Director: The biggest challenge is still to come

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The President of the Railway Benefit Fund (RBF) has warned Rail Director readers that things will get harder for the rail industry before it gets easier.

Pete Waterman OBE is the cover feature of the latest edition of the monthly magazine covering everything from track to train, which can now be viewed online for free.

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He said: "The importance of the charity has been huge to the railway family during the pandemic and there is an even more vital role to play. I think the biggest challenge is still to come in the future.

"Just because things are starting to look normal again, we still have massive staff shortages because of COVID and other related things and there are the added stresses for workers with the return of large numbers of passengers."

Pete is among of host of high-profile features in October's magazine. It also features Transport for the



North's Chief Executive Martin Tugwell, HS2 Minister Andrew Stephenson, Founder of Women in Rail Adeline Ginn MBE and Chair of the Rail Wellbeing Alliance John Halsall.

Rail Director's Danny Longhorn said: "It is really important that we continue to look out for each other and play our part in ensuring the industry and its people thrive.

"This month's magazine highlights some of the incredible work taking place, the opportunities ahead, and also the services out there to get our colleagues through the tough times.

"Railway Benefit Fund does some fantastic work for the railway family with Pete a great ambassador. It was also a pleasure to speak with John Halsall about the upcoming Rail Wellbeing Live – which I'd recommend people make time to attend."

The launch of October's magazine online comes days after hard copies were delivered to more than 2,200 rail industry leaders and subscribers.

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Chris Wiles, who leads the RBD Publications team, said: "It's always an exciting time for us when the latest magazine is out and to hear all the great feedback from those who have featured.

"It is now full steam ahead for the November edition, with the spaces filling up quickly. Anyone interested in featuring should get in touch soon, otherwise they may miss out."

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