

Sleaford gets a revamp with heritage colours and community room

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A £204,000 project to repaint Sleaford station and convert a unused space into a community room has been completed.

The new community room will be an asset to the area providing a space for local schools and groups to learn about the railway, as well as a place where other local groups can meet and hold events.

The building also includes a water harvesting system so that **station adopters** – who are volunteers that help out at their local station – can keep the site's garden beds looking their best for customers.

As part of the project, the rest of the station also received a new coat of paint. The painting was carried out in close collaboration with Rail Heritage to ensure the correct heritage colours of buckingham green and cream were chosen.

Lisa Angus, Transition and Projects Director at East Midlands Railway, said: "We are pleased that the project has been finished and that the local community can now make use of the new facilities at the station.

“The community room will provide a useful space for local organisations, schools and volunteers. The repainting of the station in heritage colours also looks great and provides a good first impression of the town when customers use our services.”

Tim Hedley-Jones, Executive Director at the Railway Heritage Trust, said: “We are very pleased to have supported this project with a grant to help restore this station. We are especially pleased with the quality of the repainting which has been undertaken to show off the station in its LNER heritage colours, and that rooms at the station have been brought back into community use.”

Peter Roberts, Chair of the Poacher Line Community Rail Partnership, said: “The opening of the new room is great news and it will really benefit local voluntary organisations around the town who need a convenient place to meet.

“It is also lovely to see the station in its new heritage colours.”