

The Play Carriage Project

Members of the Bluebell Railway Carriage and Wagon Department have been successful in their grant application to the Arts Council Museum Resilience Fund. A sum of £84,150 has been awarded for the restoration and adaptation of a railway vehicle as a play and educational facility. The application for funding was made on behalf of the Bluebell Railway Trust, which is contributing a further £9,000 to the project.

The final choice of vehicle will be announced shortly. The adapted vehicle will provide our younger visitors with a safe, all-weather area in which to play, and will also contain material regarding its history. The chosen vehicle will be restored to original condition externally to further enhance the railway environment, but will be fitted out on the inside with appropriate play equipment and some seating for adults.

The project, which forms part of a programme to improve visitor experience on the railway, will provide work for a wide spectrum of volunteers, and will be completed in two years.