

Carriage Shop Update

By Chris Wilson, Carriage Shop volunteer

The Carriage Shop team and friends are busy setting up the new shop. All the shelving units have been built and fitted, and we are now in the process of transferring stock to the new combined Carriage Shop featuring Rail Art by Matthew Cousins. Whilst the Elephant Van is having painting work completed, we are fortunate to have the GBL (the new Shop), 419 (our storage van) and the old Carriage Shop all lined up and accessible in the Dock at Horsted Keynes which is making everything much easier for us.

A lot of work has been completed but there is still much to do, some of which is out of our direct control. However, if all goes well we hope to be open by Easter. Further updates will be posted on our [Facebook page](#).

To restock the new shop we are still in need of donations of any model railway items, any 'Thomas the Tank Engine' toys, toy cars or buses and transport jigsaw puzzles. Thank you to John and Stewart for their kind donations following last month's issue of *The Bluebell Times*.

We are always pleased to receive donations of books, DVDs, bound magazines, pictures, postcards, photographs, slides, mugs, badges, keyrings or other railway collectables.



Above: The temporary view along the Dock at Horsted Keynes with GBL 2462, BY 419 – fresh from the workshop and the soon to be scrapped old Carriage Shop.

Below: Dave Clarke's photograph of 419 on a bright February morning after being shunted out of the workshops at Horsted Keynes. Thanks again to the Southern Coach Group and the other volunteers for all their work with 419.



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