



## Your Signal Box Needs You!

At last year's AGM our Chairman, Tony Furse, announced his intention to stand down from his role and he hoped that a successor would be in place to chair the 2023 AGM.

Tony has served as Chairman for 12 years and now feels that the position needs a new pair of eyes and fresh ideas to take the Signal Box Trust forward. Keith Webster, our first Chairman, had the vision of restoring the Signal Box and opening it to the public. After many months of toil he convinced Network Rail of the feasibility of his plan and was able to begin to change a rapidly deteriorating wreck into the wonderful asset we have today culminating in the start of regular public openings in 2008. His work completed, Tony took over with the aim of developing our public offering and turning the Signal Box and garden into a truly stunning local attraction.

Under Tony's leadership the Trust has acquired many new assets including many working examples of signalling equipment. His greatest achievement, certainly in the eyes of lots of our younger visitors, has been the installation and expansion of the garden railway. Other changes have gradually taken place under his guidance and the result is evident to see on visiting the Signal Box. Our reputation both locally and more widely has been enhanced by his enthusiasm to develop awareness of the Trust's existence, purpose and relevance.

Keith has remained on the Board as a Trustee and Tony wishes to do the same whilst taking a bit more of a back seat.

The Trustees are therefore looking for a potential new Chair of the Trust. This person may come from within the current Trustees, from outside the Trust or from within the membership.

The purpose of this extra issue of Outside The Box is to give all our members the opportunity to either put themselves forward for consideration or nominate someone who you feel could fulfil the role (and would be willing to stand for election). If you think that you can help but are a bit unsure of what is required in the role please feel free to contact Tony or myself for more information. This is an important time in the continued development of the Trust and its public face and we must ensure that our current momentum is maintained.

Please think carefully if you are willing and able to assist the Trust at this time. Any nominations should be sent to Tony or I by the 31<sup>st</sup> January. This will give the Trustees time to consider matters in advance of the AGM that is expected to take place in early March.

**Richard Kirk**



Winners of the 2008  
St Albans Civic  
Society Award



Winners of the 2010  
Invensys Rail Signalling  
Award (Structures)



Winners of the 2017 Mayor  
of St Alban's Recognition  
Award