



BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Preservation of Braunton Gates Crossing Track

The Railway closed in 1970, and over the last 55 years the railway infrastructure has slowly been lost to modernisation and development.

The Parish Council would like to see the last remaining level crossing tracks in Braunton preserved and added to the Braunton History Register. They are located on Chapel Street by Station Road and there are also some tracks still at Stoney Bridge.

The proposal is to have these last remaining pieces of track listed as an historic part of Braunton so that the railway heritage of the village is preserved for future generations.

The railway was such a large part of Braunton history up until its closure and now there are only seven pieces of railway left; there is a real danger of losing the tracks to any future road development if it is not listed.



Braunton Gates



Braunton Gates was one of many level crossings within the Braunton area and marked the start of the station complex.

The Gatekeeper controlled only the level crossing gates, when unlocked by the Braunton Signaller who had charge of all the signals.

This picture, taken in the early Southern period, shows clearly the station ahead with the Goods Yard to the right, in the middle of the photo. If you look to the road beside this panel, you can still see the track embedded in the road.



Photo courtesy of Knights Photographers

We are looking for public support for this project and would welcome your comments or any further information which you think might support our proposal. Please write or email to the address below—thank you.

The 5 other areas of the old railway which remain are the signal on Station Road, the old Goods yard where the Museum of British Surfing now resides, The old Station Master's House (now home to The Green Newsagent), Station Road (in name only) and the old signal box, now in private ownership, at Georgeham Cross.



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Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025

Parade will proceed at 10am from Caen St Car Park. Church Service: Starts at 10.50am at St. Brannock's Church.

Armistice Day Tuesday 11th November 2025

Village Green

Arrive 10.45am. Two-minutes silence at 11am.



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Tracey Lovell, Clerk to the Council
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Meetings Calendar 2025

Full Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held virtually.

The next Councillor Surgery will be held in the Parish Hall at 10.30am on Saturday 1st November 2025.

Full Council Meeting

7pm Tuesday 11th November 2025

Additional Council Meeting

7pm Monday 24th November 2025



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