



Portadown, Armagh, Railway Society

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Annual Report

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Great emphasis is now being placed on the All Island rail review a high level study which will look at rail infrastructure in both jurisdictions. PARS believes Armagh will feature within this study as Armagh stands out as an important tourist destination for people throughout the island and further afield.

PARS believes this has been another year of advancement and as a group feels empowered to continue with the campaign to have the railway restored to Armagh.

William Hutchinson (Chairman PARS)



Derek Smyth (Acting Secretary)



Portadown, Armagh, Railway Society Committee

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The committee of the Portadown, Armagh, Railway Society met during the reporting period via Zoom and in person at Woodford Hall in Armagh.

During the year the PARS committee members met with Aldermen and Councillors and relevant council officials facilitating the needs of the ACBC Council Railway Working Group. During this period a feasibility study was released which indicated many positive outcomes if the railway was once again reconnected to the City of Armagh. There are indications further studies will now take place.

Communication and discussions continue between committee members MLA's, MP's, DfI and those responsible for railway planning and operation within the Province.