

**ROYAL ALBERT BRIDGE WALK - SUNDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**  
**Indemnity Form – Terms of Participation and Exclusion of Liability**

Thanks to the assistance of Network Rail and other organisations, the Ashtorre Brunel Bridge committee and the Saltash Rail Users' Group are delighted to provide a unique opportunity to walk across the track bed of the Royal Albert Bridge (one way from Saltash Railway Station and return via the Tamar Road Bridge walkway) on Sunday, 12th July 2015, in celebration of the completion of a 6 year major refurbishment costing £20M.

It is important for us to state that all involved as Participants (including volunteers and all others involved in the organisation of the event) do so at their own risk and follow the directions and instructions given to them by the Organisers and their volunteer helpers and Network Rail staff.

Accordingly, this form excluding liability applies and each adult Participant will be required to sign this form for himself or herself. Anyone under the age of 18 must have this form signed by their parent or guardian by way of acceptance in advance of participation. This form will need to be produced with your e-booking ticket at the ticket desk outside Saltash Railway Station **10 MINUTES** prior to your walk time, where it will be exchanged for your souvenir ticket. (Please note: a **separate** signed form is required for each Participant.) The terms and conditions and safety requirements **MUST** also be read - these are provided to ensure your safety.

**EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

The following exclusion of liability applies to the undersigned, his or her children (if participating), his or her personal representatives and anyone claiming on his or her behalf and is for the benefit of each of the organisations and persons referred to below.

All Participants, including volunteers, involved or taking part in the above event, acknowledge that they do so at their own risk and that none of the organisations or persons referred to below will accept, or are under, any liability or obligation to them arising out of participation, whether under contract, tort, statutory provision or otherwise and whether express or implied. This exclusion of liability does not apply for personal injury or death, as provided by law. English law applies.

**AGREEMENT**

I agree to comply with all directions and instructions the Organisers and their volunteer helpers and Network Rail staff may give.

**Organisations and Persons Covered**

- The Ashtorre Brunel Bridge committee, volunteers and partner Organisations.
- The Saltash Rail Users' Group and its volunteers.
- Network Rail plc, its subsidiaries, their representatives, officers and staff.
- First Great Western Ltd, its officers and staff.

***Please complete and sign below by way of acknowledgment and agreement:***

I confirm that I am over 14 years of age.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***For office use only:***

**Please remember you need to bring this completed and signed form, together with your e-booking ticket to Saltash Railway Station 10 MINUTES before the time of your walk. Only persons who have read and signed this Indemnity Form will be permitted access to the Bridge.**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

### 1. PRICE

The price per ticket is £15 and non-transferable. No children under the age of 14 are permitted.

### 2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Participants are required to comply with the safety requirements set out below and any other reasonable direction given to them by a member of the walk management team on the day of the event. This does not affect or limit the exclusion of liability set out on the front of this document.

### 3. TICKETS

You **must** bring your e-ticket and completed Indemnity Form with you on the day of the walk. You are required to be at Saltash Station **10 MINUTES** before the time of your walk in order to process your application and provide you with your souvenir ticket before being permitted onto the Bridge. Due to huge demand we cannot accept additional applications on the day.

### 4. CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT

If the event is cancelled due to circumstances outside the Organisers' control, then we will use all reasonable endeavours to contact Participants either by media coverage or otherwise.

Network Rail reserves the right to cancel the walk without notice.

Please check the event website at [www.royalalbertBridge.co.uk/walk](http://www.royalalbertBridge.co.uk/walk) for any updates.

### 5. REFUNDS

Refunds will **only** be available in the circumstances set out in paragraph 4 above. Please apply by post to the address below if you have not been contacted within 60 days. A small fee of £2 may be deducted to cover already committed expenses.

### 6. UPDATED EVENT INFORMATION

Updated event information will be available on our website [www.royalalbertbridge.co.uk/walk](http://www.royalalbertbridge.co.uk/walk). Unless there is a material change to the event as presently stated the Organisers will not contact participants directly.

### 7. CONTACT INFORMATION

The Organisers can be contacted as follows:

Post: Bridge Walk, 44 Culver Road, SALTASH, Cornwall PL12 4DT  
E-mail: [lynnsmarsh@aol.com](mailto:lynnsmarsh@aol.com)  
'Phone: 01752 844255

### 8. LEGAL ISSUES

The laws of England and Wales shall apply and any dispute between us will be resolved exclusively in the courts of England and Wales. If any part of this Contract is judged to be void, that part will be severed from this Contract and will not affect the validity of any remaining parts of the Contract.

## SCHEDULE - SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

For many of you this will be your first experience of walking within the boundaries of an operational railway and you will find that the underfoot conditions and general environment differ from those found elsewhere. The requirements set out below have been prepared to acquaint you with the conditions and to help ensure that the day will be accident-free and enjoyable for all.

We would ask you therefore to read the following points:

1. Participants must be sufficiently fit to walk over the Bridge. Participants must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The walk management team reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone whom they consider does not meet the above criteria.
2. Injuries resulting from slips, trips and falls are some of the most common forms of accidents which occur in the railway environment. All Participants should therefore pay continuous care and attention to the underfoot conditions throughout their walk.
3. Walking on railway ballast is very hard on the feet. You must be wearing adequate footwear. **We strongly recommend that you wear boots with ankle protection, alternatively stout shoes with thick soles and flat heels.**
4. We recommend that you wear old clothes as oil and other contaminants may be present.
5. Smoking is not permitted on the Station or at any time during the walk.
6. When walking the Bridge do not step or stand on the rails or sleepers; both are often smooth, greasy and slippery. In addition, once you are through the first portal (arch), crossing the railway line is not permitted.
7. It is better to walk along the ballast away from the sleeper ends rather than between the rails but care must always be taken to avoid trip hazards resulting from ground-based railway infrastructure equipment.
8. Participants must not touch or interfere with any line-side mechanical equipment, cables and services.
9. Participants will only be allowed to enter the railway at the official access point at Saltash Railway Station and exit just before the Royal Albert Signal Box at St Budeaux.
10. The boundaries of the section of line open for the walk will be clearly defined by fencing and are being protected by Network Rail from ongoing railway activities. Outside the permitted area the railway remains operational and access to Participants is strictly forbidden.
11. In order to prevent damage to the Bridge, Participants are not permitted to climb on to the parapets.
12. Finally should you have any questions or require assistance during the walk please contact any member of the walk management team. They are there to help.

## FURTHER INFORMATION SHEET

There will be 10 groups of 40 people walking the Bridge at 10 minute intervals.

You will walk from Saltash Railway Station across the Royal Albert Bridge into Devon, returning across the pedestrian walkway of the Tamar Road Bridge. This is a very special opportunity and your main focus will be of the magnificent structure of the Bridge. Owing to the height of the parapets, views beyond the Bridge will be minimal even to the tallest Participant.

We regret that the walk is not suitable for persons with mobility issues due to uneven ground.

Health and safety is of paramount importance and for that reason the following rules apply:

- No one under the age of 14 years. (This includes babies in slings.)
- No dogs allowed.
- Smoking is not permitted on the Railway Station or at any time on the walk.

The cost will be £15 per person, payable in advance. An Indemnity Form will have to be signed by **each** Participant and produced at Saltash Railway Station **10 MINUTES** before your timed walk.

The first group will be permitted access to the Bridge at 6.30 am and the last group will leave the Bridge at 8.40 am – before the first train of the day arrives!

We would ask the earlier groups to have consideration for the remaining groups; if there is a delay it is possible that the last group will not have the opportunity to walk the Bridge. Please also remember that all the marshals and event Organisers are unpaid volunteers giving up their time for this event to happen. There may be some waiting in order to maximise the numbers we can get across in the time available.

The track is a working area and very dirty – there may be toilet refuse and needles. Sturdy footwear is essential, high heels will not be permitted. Old clothing is recommended; it is likely that you will get dirty!

Network Rail reserves the right to cancel the walk and refuse access at any time.

### **Parking**

The approach road to Saltash Railway Station will be closed. The nearest car park is the **Alexandra Square Car Park**, or the **Co-op Car Park**, slightly further up Albert Road; both only a few minutes walk from the Station. Both are FREE on a Sunday. There is also on-street parking in nearby streets. Please give yourself plenty of time to park.

### **Refreshments**

Tea and coffee will be available from Saltash Lions at Saltash Railway Station prior to the walk.

### **Rail Information**

All train services will run normally after the event. After the walk, the first passenger return train to Plymouth stopping at Saltash will leave at 10.21 am. The first return train into Cornwall stopping at Saltash will be at 09.20 am.

### **Ashtorre Rock**

Once you have returned to Saltash via the footway across the Tamar Road Bridge, Participants are welcome to make their way down to Saltash Waterside to have refreshments and breakfast at Ashtorre Rock, where there will be a free Royal Albert Bridge exhibition and souvenir scroll, on production of your ticket.

### **Toilets**

There will be toilet facilities adjacent to Saltash Railway Station. Once you have completed your walk there are toilet facilities in the Tamar Bridge Car Park on the Devon side. On your arrival back in Saltash there are toilet facilities on the Waterside at the bottom of Lower Fore Street and at Ashtorre Rock.

### **Latest Information**

You can keep up-to-date with any breaking news by visiting the Saltash rail Users Group Facebook page or visit [www.royalalbertbridge.co.uk](http://www.royalalbertbridge.co.uk) website.