

**Programme for the visit by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester to the  
Bluebell Railway at Sheffield Park Station, East Sussex. TN22 3QL**

**Thursday 10 October 2013**

14.00	Latest time of arrival of Civic guests at Sheffield Park Station (Parking to be reserved in the Station Car Park for civic guests)
14:10	Arrival by car of the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Peter Field. <i>(parking to be reserved for LL in the Station Car Park</i>
14.30	<p><b><u>Sheffield Park Train Station</u></b></p> <p>His Royal Highness attended by his Equerry, Mr Alistair Todd (tbc) and Personal Protection Officer, Sergeant Phil Joyles arrives by car at Sheffield Park Station.</p>
	<p><b><u>Outside the Train Station</u></b></p> <p>The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Peter Field will welcome His Royal Highness to the County and receive him at Sheffield Park Station.</p> <p>The Lord Lieutenant will present:</p> <p>High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mr Graham Peters DL; Chairman of East Sussex County Council, Cllr. Colin Belsey; Member of Parliament, Mr Charles Hendry; Chairman of Wealden District Council, Cllr Dr Brian Redmond; Chief Constable of Sussex Police, Mr Martin Richards Chairman of Bluebell Railway Preservation, Mr Roy Watts;</p> <p>Mr Roy Watts will then escort His Royal Highness, and the Lord Lieutenant into the main entrance and then into the Ticket Office.</p>
14:35	<p><b><u>Inside the Train Station – Ticket Office</u></b></p> <p>Mr Watts will present:</p> <p>Operations Manager, Mr Chris Knibbs; Operations Director, Mr Neil Glaskin, Hon General secretary, Mr Gavin Bennett; Hon Membership Secretary, Mr Don Brewer; Chairman of the PLC, Mr Graham Flight; Company Secretary, Mr Russell Pearce; Bluebell Trust Chairman, Bill Brophy</p>
	<p><b><u>Platform 1</u></b></p> <p>His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant will be escorted to the Platform (1) where HRH will have an opportunity to view the new Carriage shed and museum building.</p> <p>Enroute HRH will have an opportunity to meet the Volunteers who have been involved in many of the recent infrastructure projects including building the new line.</p> <p>Mr Watts will present:</p> <p>Society Treasurer, Mr Nigel Longdon;</p> <p>His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant and escorted by Mr Watts will proceed to Platform 2 via the footbridge.</p>

14.45	<p><b>Platform 2 – Bulleid Shop and Museum</b></p> <p>His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant will be escorted to the Museum passing the Bulleid Shop where HRH will have the opportunity hear about the local produce that once went direct from this platform to Buckingham Palace.</p> <p><b>Museum</b></p> <p>His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant will be escorted by Mr Watts in to the Museum.</p> <p>Mr Watts will present:</p> <p>Museum Chairman and Society Vice-Chairman – Mr Sam Bee;  Museum Curator – Mr Tony Drake;  Education Officer – Mr David Cochram;  Photographic Archivists – Mr Tony Hillman and Mr Roger Cruse;  Curatorial Advisor – Mr Bob Bird;  Museum Governance – Mr Terry Cole;  Stewards – Mr Peter Edwards, Mr Quintana Dean, Mr Ian Fagg and Mrs Stella Fagg;</p> <p>His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant will be escorted by Mr Watts around the museum to see the various exhibits and awards.</p> <p>Mr Watts will invite His Royal Highness to unveil the plaque and to sign the Visitors’ Book before departing the Museum.</p> <p><i>(Opportunity to Retire)</i></p>
15.00	<p><b>Train Journey</b></p> <p>His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant will be escorted by Mr Watts out of the main room to the platform where the Royal party will board the Great Northern Railway Directors Saloon to East Grinstead.</p> <p>Present on the train will be:</p> <p>Infrastructure Director Chris White and Infrastructure Manager, Mr Matt Crawford;  PLC Chair, Mr Graham Flight;  Vice Chairman, Mr Sam Bee;  Directors – Mr Russell Pearce, Mr Martin Widdowson, Mr Roger Kelly, Mr Tim Baker and Mr Neil Glaskin.  Trustees and Officers – Mr Gavin Bennett, Mr Charles Hudson MBE, Mr Chris Saunders, Mr Don Brewer, Mr Nigel Longdon;  Railway Photographer – Mr Derek Hayward;</p> <p>(HRH will have an opportunity to hear about the building of the line extension and work that has taken place - Mr White and Mr Crawford will lead on this discussion)</p> <p>(The Train will be crewed by Senior Driver, Mr Tom Dobson, Senior Fireman, Mr Ben Coughlan and Senior Train Guard, Mr Graham Aitken)</p> <p>His Royal Highness will have an opportunity to partake in afternoon tea. (Served by Museum Archivist Mr Roger Price).</p>

15.40

**Arrive at East Grinstead Station**

His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant will be escorted by Mr Watts off the train where Mr Watts will present:  
Station Master, Mr Pat Page;  
Senior leading Porters, Mr Mike Gibbard and Mr David Shannon;  
Senior Booking Clerk, Mr Roger Bell; Barry Potter  
His Royal Highness accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant will be escorted by Mr Watts to the Main Entrance of the station where leave will be taken by:  
Mr Watts;  
The Lord Lieutenant;  
His Royal Highness will depart for London.