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Attention:

Joy Norris, Town Clerk  
Ilminster Town Council  
Council Offices  
North Street, Ilminster.



24 March 2017

Dear Joy Norris,

**The RESTORATION of DONTATT HALT**

In the light of recent local media coverage about the Stopline Way project linking Ilminster and Chard, you are no doubt well aware of the success of our determination to raise funds to restore several important artefacts destroyed in the December 2015 arson attack at Donyatt Halt. I am pleased to report that, thanks to the generosity of many people, local businesses and organisations, we expect to reach our intended target in the next few months.

However, we have no funds to replace the GWR facsimile long seat (stolen in 2011) which provided the perfect, welcome resting place on the platform, for walkers of all ages visiting from Ilminster or Chard. The intended replacement, with identical cast iron GWR seat ends is designed to thwart any attempt to remove it – and of that we are quite certain.

The original lottery project (2009) was designed as a community resource linking the two towns and two villages, and has since proved to be incredibly successful. It has featured in the BBC One show, The Telegraph, Guardian, The Times and other publications. We are now so close to returning the project to its former glory and need just £650 to complete the job before a planned reopening ceremony. Donyatt Parish Council has promised their support - so can we dare to hope that you too could make a small contribution?

We look forward to your reply

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Harper'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Dear Deborah,

**The RESTORATION of DONYATT HALT**

Following our recent telephone conversations and Nick Chalon's visit to inspect the GWR seat ends, I am happy to report that your suggested gift of these to the Donyatt Halt Restoration Project would be most welcome. We hope your kind suggestion meets with the necessary formal approval.

We look forward to your reply in due course

Yours sincerely



Brian Harper  
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