

Ferryhill Turntable Goes Fully Operational

Tornado turned!

On Thursday, 14 March 2019, the Tornado was successfully rotated on the newly refurbished and commissioned 70' Ransomes & Rapier turntable in front of our invited guests.

This was the culmination of years of dedication by our volunteers and supported by charitable organisations and local companies, without which it would not have been possible to achieve.

This is the first steam engine to be turned at Ferryhill since the B1 61624 was routed from/to Inverness on 30 September 2000 - charter for the Scottish Highlands Rail Festival.

Significantly, this provides a fantastic opportunity for boosting tourism in the North East of Scotland and puts Aberdeen firmly on the map for mainline steam again after such a long absence.

Thank you to everyone that visited us on Thursday, we hope you enjoyed your day as much as we did.

We look forward to seeing you again in the near future.



TORNADO ARRIVES AT FERRYHILL TURNTABLE



TORNADO REVERSING ON TO THE TURNTABLE



JONATHAN GETS READY TO ROTATE



TORNADO ON THE FERRYHILL TURNTABLE



TORNADO ROTATED ABOUT TO DEPART FERRYHILL



JON TYLER – FRHT CHAIRMAN IN FRONT OF TORNADO



TORNADO STEAMS AWAY TOWARDS ABERDEEN STATION



TORNADO BUNKERING WATER AT CRAIGINCHES KINDLY PROVIDED BY WILLIAN NICOL TANKERS
SUPPLYING 27,000 LITRES FOR THE LOCO AND A SECOND TANKER FOR THE COACHES
(PHOTOGRAPH – COURTESY OF CHRIS MAGUIRE)



TORNADO TRAVELLING THROUGH LAURENCEKIRK