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New Station Opens At Beauly

SRA funding has enabled the town of Beauly in the Scottish Highlands to be put back on the rail network today.

Services recommenced stopping at the station this morning - 42 years after it was initially closed. The SRA has provided £99,000 towards the overall cost of £250,000 of re-opening the station in Beauly, under its Rail Passenger Partnership (RPP) scheme.

Other funders of the reopening include Railtrack, Highland Council, Inverness and Nairn Enterprise and Highland Rail Developments.

SRA External Relations Director Chris Austin said:

"It's always good to be able to welcome the opening of a new station. Beauly Station will provide a useful service to both locals and tourists, as well as making its own contribution to the continued expansion of the Highland rail network that the SRA is delivering".

Notes to Editors

1. The Rail Passenger Partnership (RPP) scheme is designed to support projects which, though deemed not commercially viable, aim to promote transport integration and encourage modal shift from road to rail. Around £430million worth of SRA funding is available for RPP over 10 years.

2. Across the network, around £52million worth of RPP funding has been approved, covering 46 schemes.

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