

Diary

Pier Restoration/P19 Track Restoration Phase 1

May 19, 2022 – Construction of Temporary Platform commences

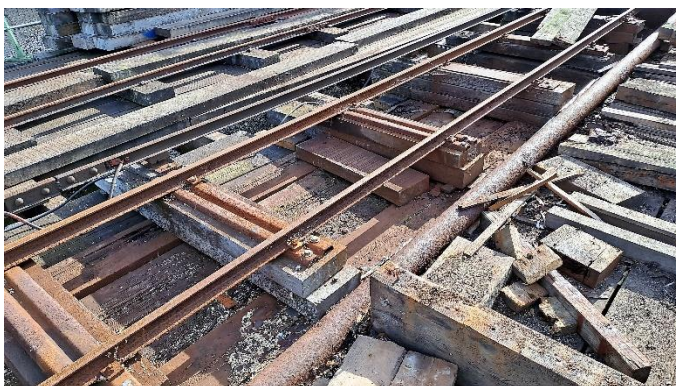


Photos: Alan Titheridge

September 13, 2022 – Arrival of Timber



October 6-10, 2022 – Lifting Track, Preliminary Work



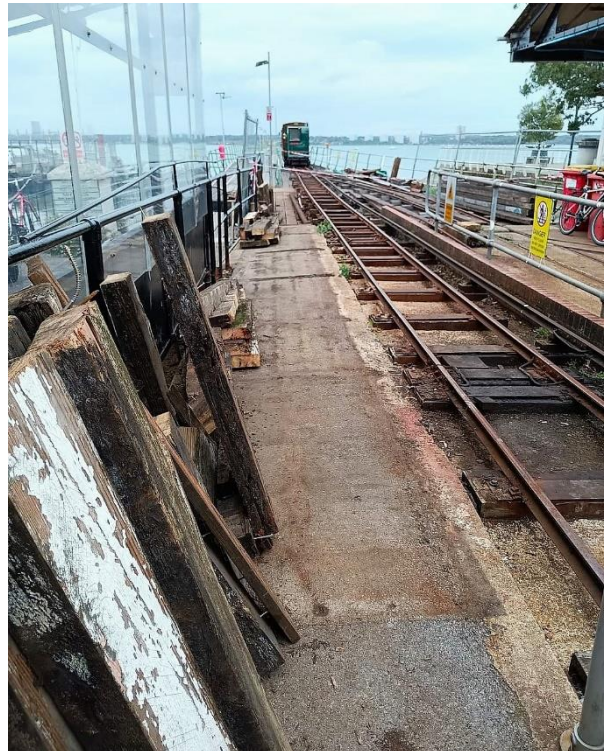
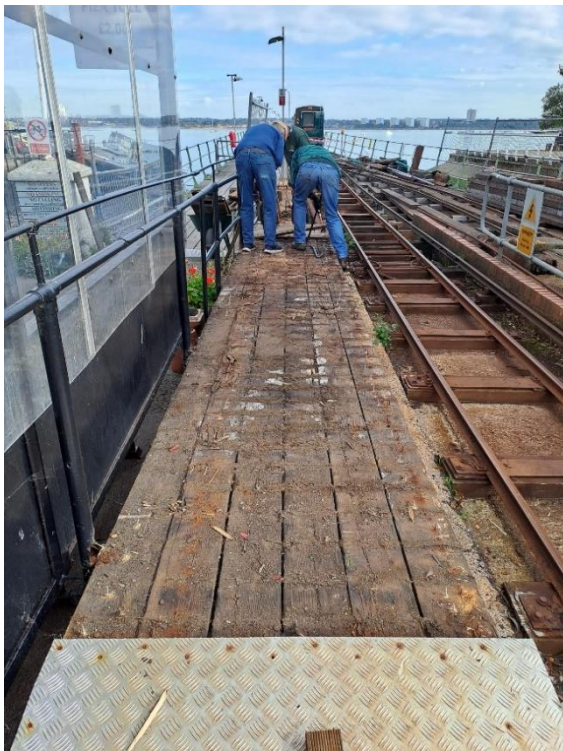
Photos: Above Alan Titheridge and Below John Greenwood



October 12, 2022 – Lifting of old Platform

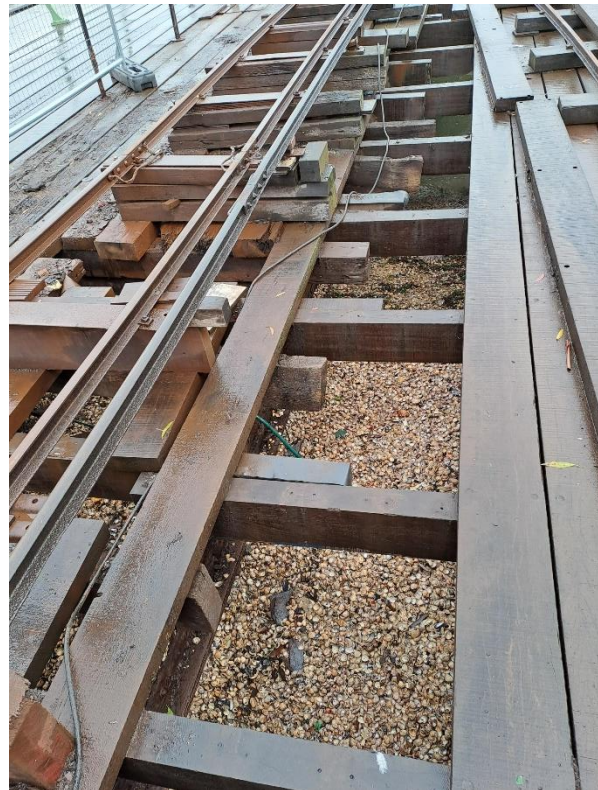


Photos Above and Below Left: Alan Titheridge. Below Right: John Greenwood



October 21, 2022 – Track

Photos: Alan Titheridge



October 25, 2022 – Erection of Safety Fence

Photos: Alan Titheridge



August 3, 2023 Victorian Beam



Photos: Anthony Smith



Photo: Anthony Smith October 3, 2023

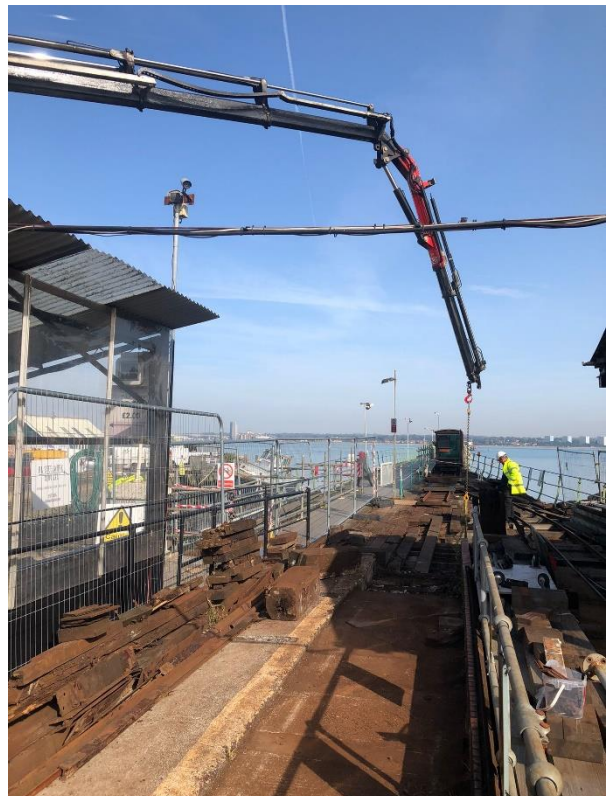
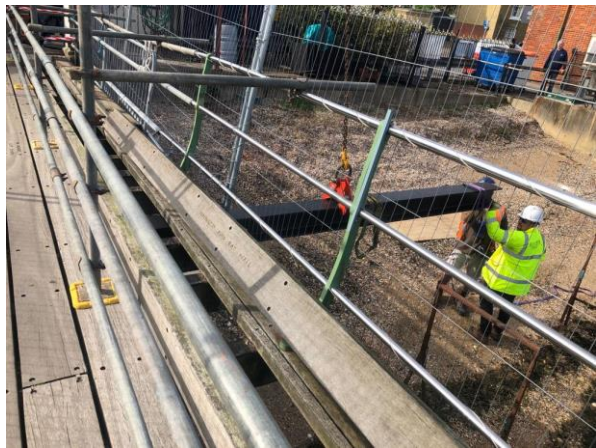
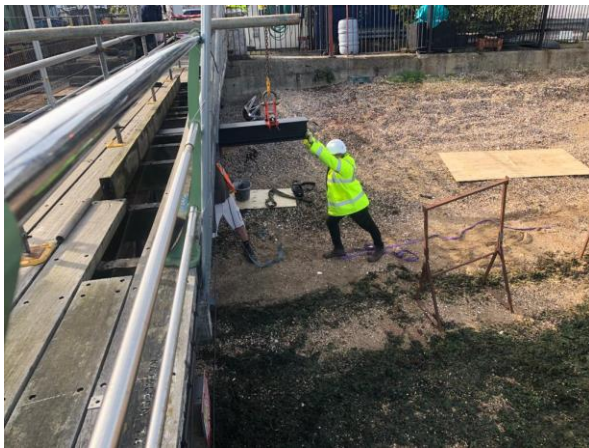
October 3, 2023 Work commences – Lifting the track



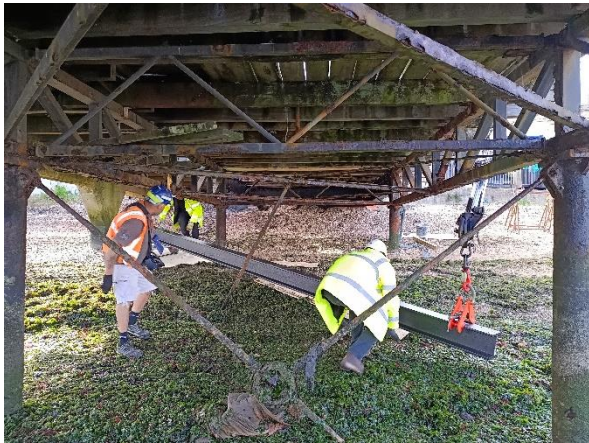
Photos: Above Tina Brown and Below: John Greenwood



October 9, 2023 Arrival of new beam and other ironwork



October 9, 2023 - Further images of arrival of new beam and other ironwork



All photo Page 8 Tina Brown. All photos Page 9 John Greenwood

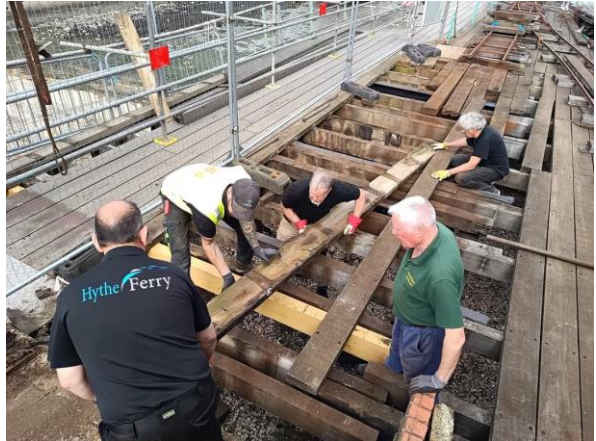
October 10, 2023 – Arrival of timber beams



Photos: Tina Brown



October 10, 2023 – Positioning of first of new timber beams



Above left: Jumble of beams, old and not so old revealed and Above right: First of new beams being slid into position, catching old beam (Photos John Greenwood)



Above left: First new beams in position, removal of old beams that appear to have been ineffective for some time and Above right: Seven new beams in position (Photos: John Greenwood)

October 10, 2023 – Interesting discovery

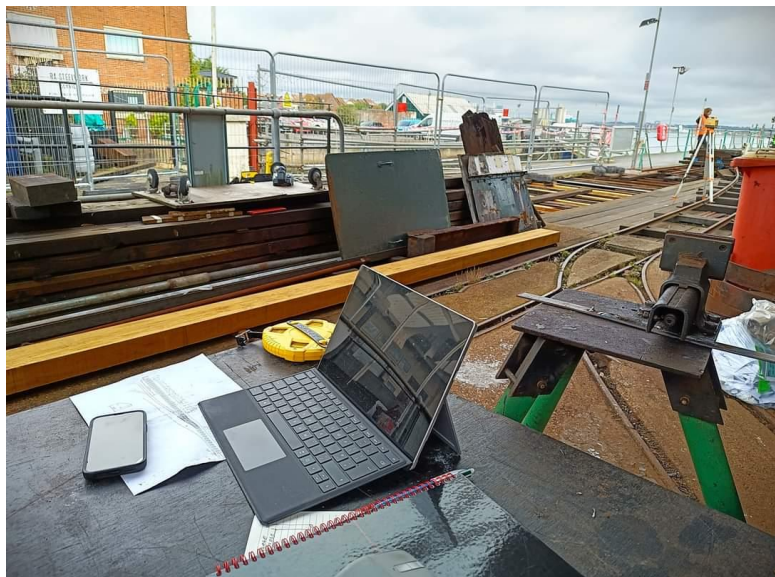


It appears the initial tracks were laid in 1922 without sleepers (John Greenwood)



**October 20, 2023
– Investigation to
find level surface**

Photos: John Greenwood



October 22, 2023 - Images of old and new beams



Above left: New beam behind original beam, Above Right: Old beam has risen very slightly upwards towards its original position following transfer of load to new beam (Photos: John Greenwood)

October 26, 2023 –

Shuttering for concrete pour in advance of track laying



October 31, 2023 – Dismantling in advance of remodelling of Shore End station.



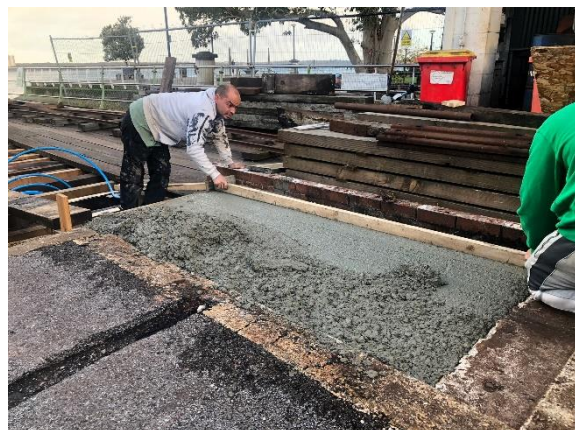
Photo: John Greenwood



November 4, 2023 – Re-inforcing Bars

Photo shows the A252 reinforcing bar that will be laid inside the C40 concrete to be poured, in advance of the laying of new pier deck and then the new track.

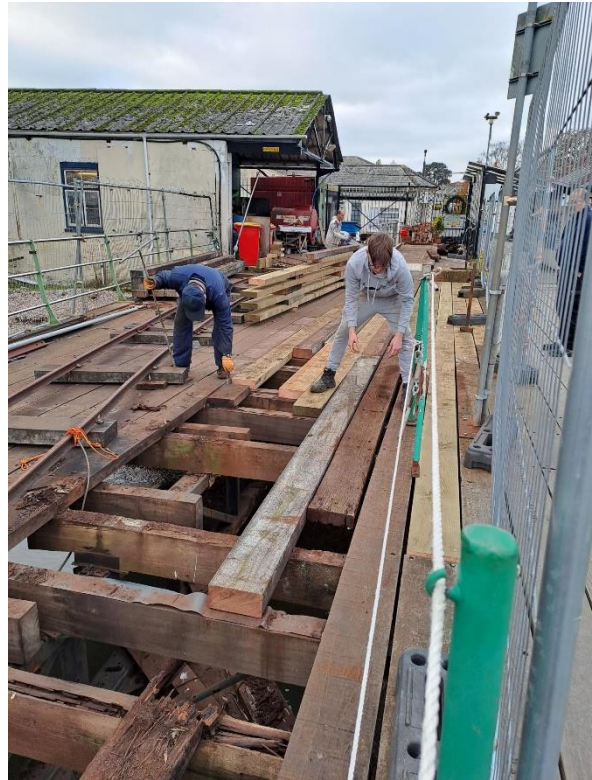
November 13, 2023 – Pouring and laying of concrete



Photos – Tina Brown

November 22, 2023 –

Positioning of new planks and lifting of old points



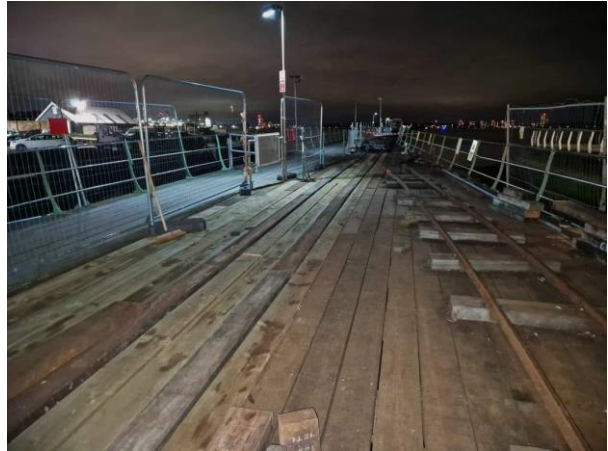
1Above: Positioning of new planks (Photos Alan Titheridge)

Below: Cutting old points prior to removal (Photo Alan Titheridge)



November 23, 2023 – New planks placed in loose position.

The planks will be fixed once new track is in place.



Photos: John Greenwood

November 24, 2023 – Old points removed



Photo: Alan Titheridge

December 4, 2023 – Arrival and unloading of new rails and points

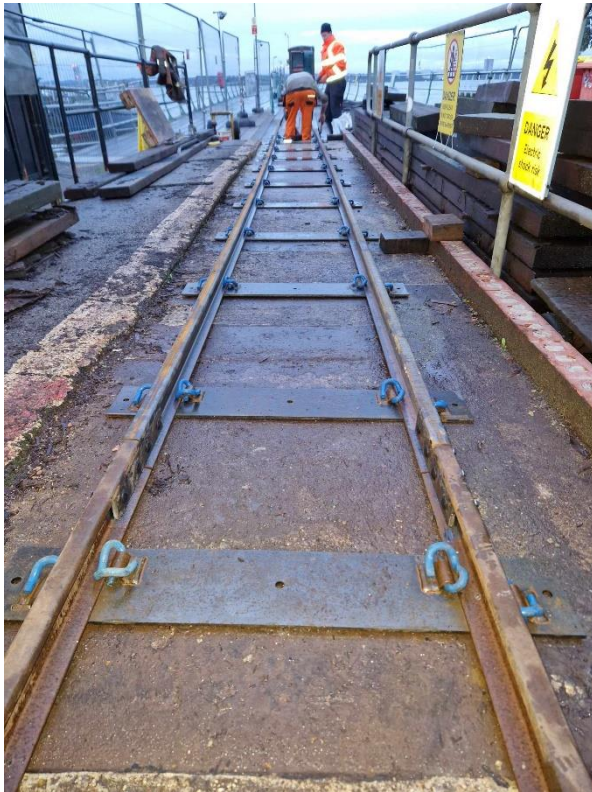


Top Left: Photo Tina Brown, all other photographs this page – Alan Titheridge

All Photos next page (18): John Greenwood



December 4, 2023 – Positioning the track to Buffer



Photos: Sath Naidoo



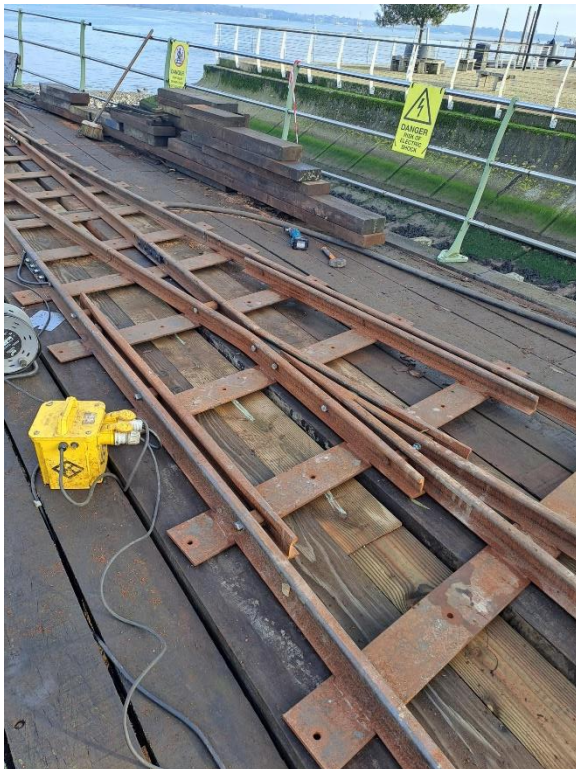
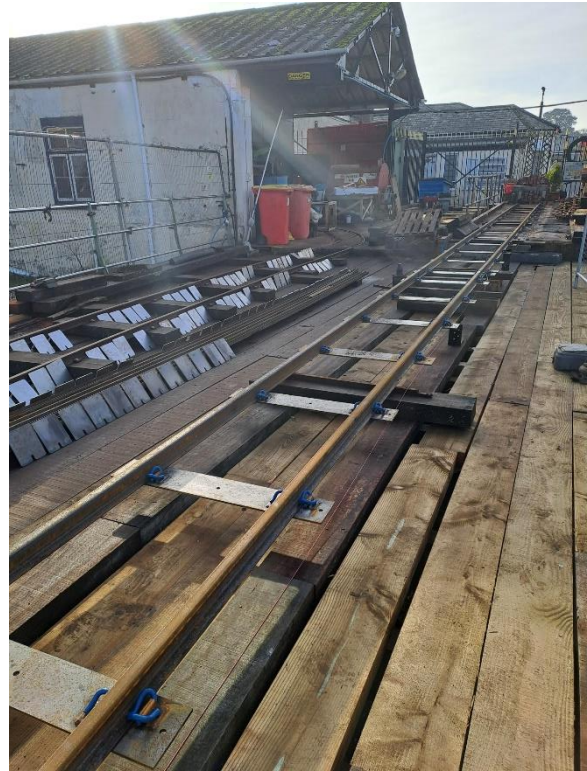
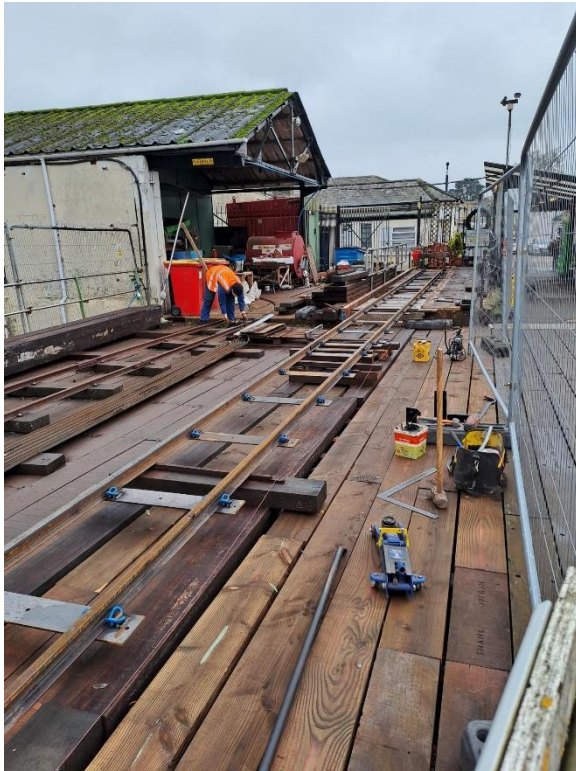
December 5, 2023 –

Laying the track and points to confirm alignment and gradient

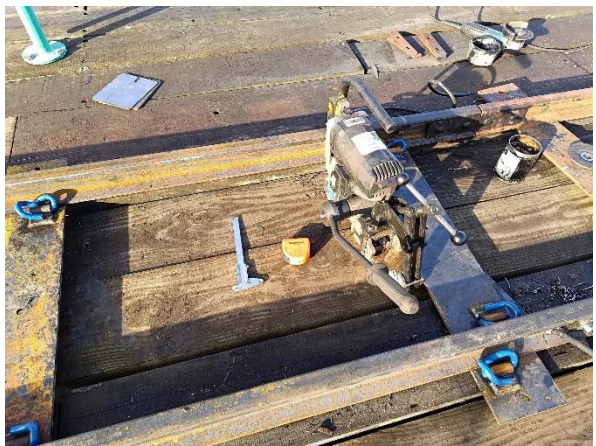


Photos: John Greenwood

December 6, 2023 – Final positioning of points and siding



Photos Page 21 Alan Titheridge, Top 4 Page 22: John Greenwood



December 7, 2023 – Final securing down of the track and points



Photo: John Greenwood

December 7, 2023 – Installation of new third rail

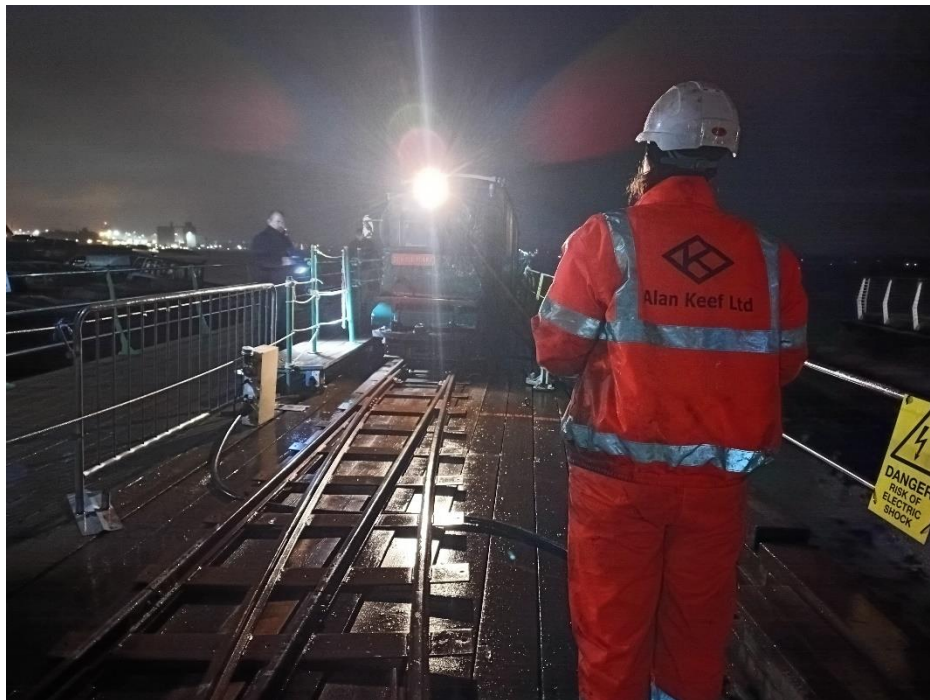


Photos: John Greenwood

December 7, 2023 – Final Checks



December 7, 2023 – Train back in service



First in-service departure 17.10. All photos this page: John Greenwood

December 13, 2023 – Laying of sleepers under raised track



*Above Left: Raised track prior to laying of wooden sleepers and Above Right: with wooden sleepers in place (unsecured)
(Photos: Alan Titheridge)*

December 14, 2023 – Positioning of metal sleeper supports



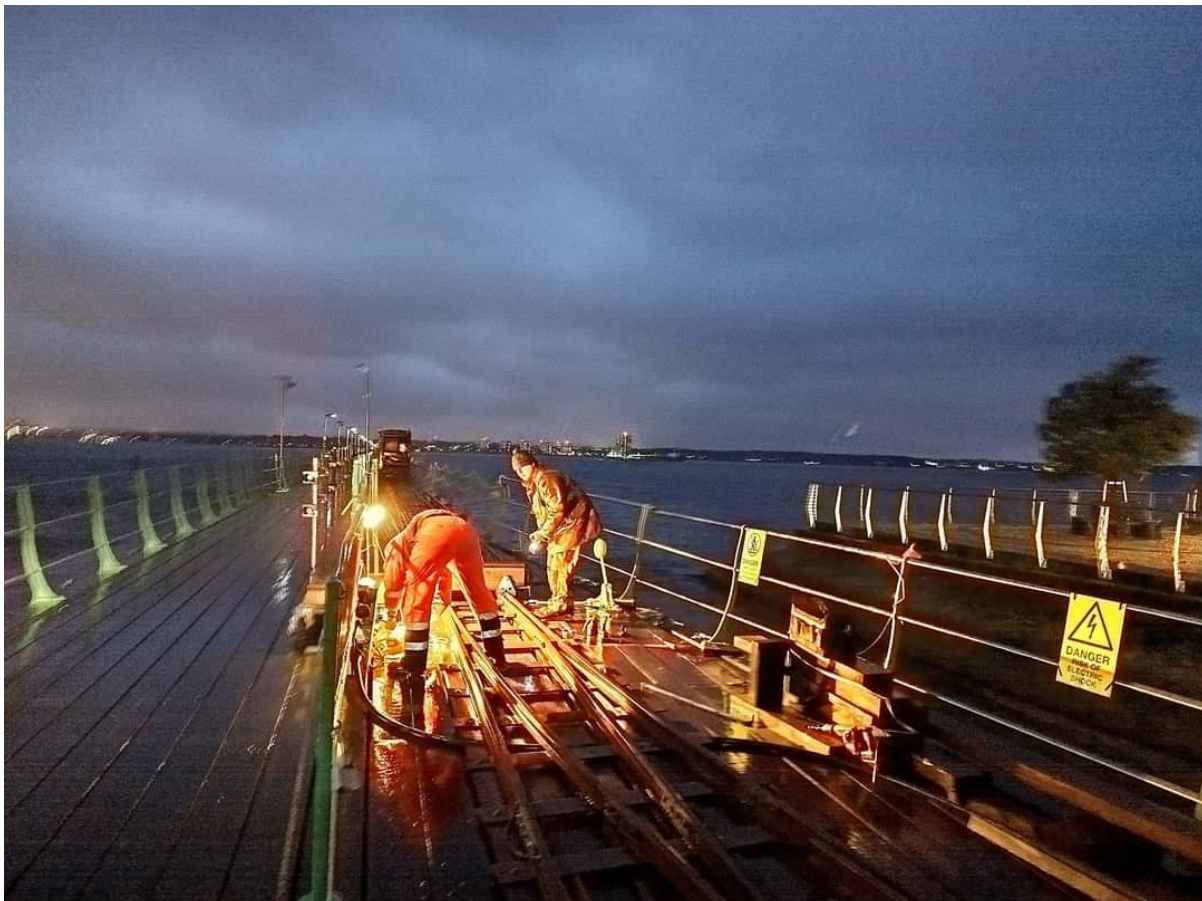
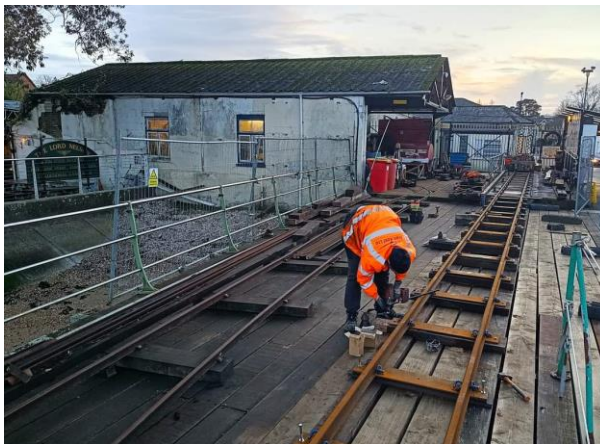
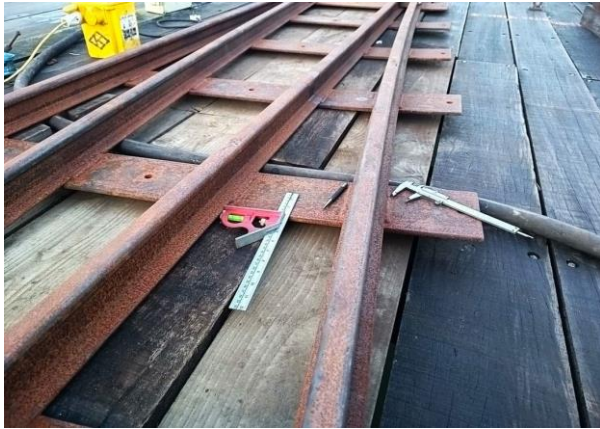
Above four images - Metal Sleeper Supports (unsecured) - Photos: Alan Titheridge

January 3, 2024 – Levelling of Track

Work resumed on January 3 after the Christmas break. Alan Keef Ltd set about putting “final touches” and establishing the track level prior to commencement on the new platform.

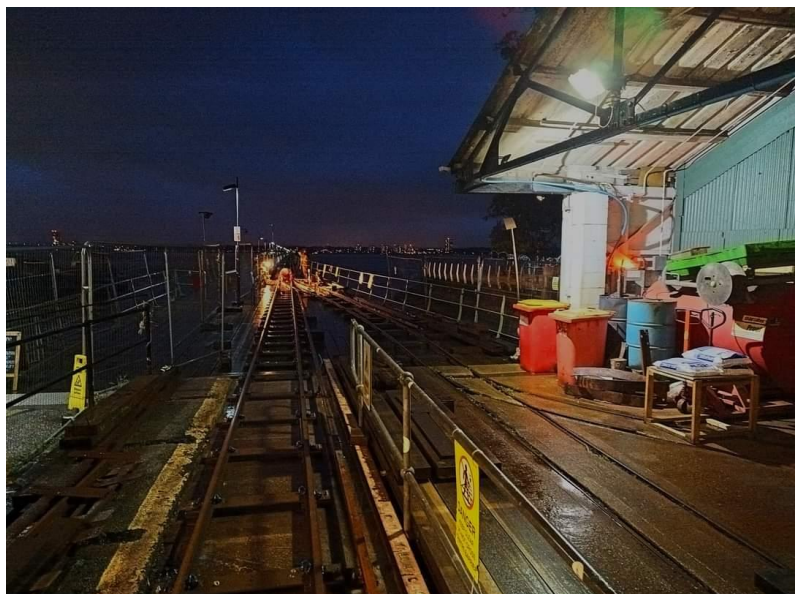


Photos: Anthony Smith





All photos Pages 27-28 John Greenwood



January 24, 2024 – Final Adjustments

The train was edged over the new points and along the track, gently, hand propelled by volunteers from Hythe Ferry staff, the Hythe Shed (at the Pier), and Hythe Pier Heritage Association in order that the contractor could check the relationship between the train wheels, points, rails and the electric third rail.

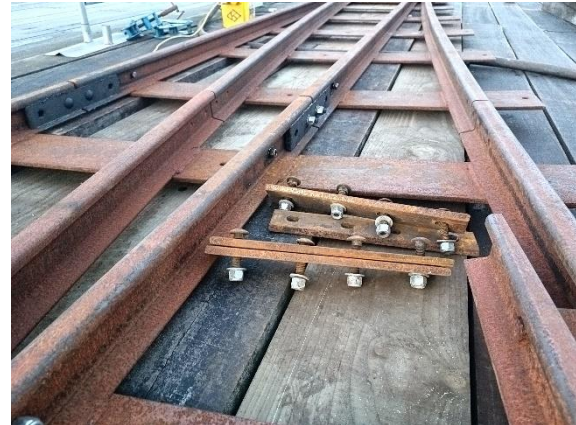
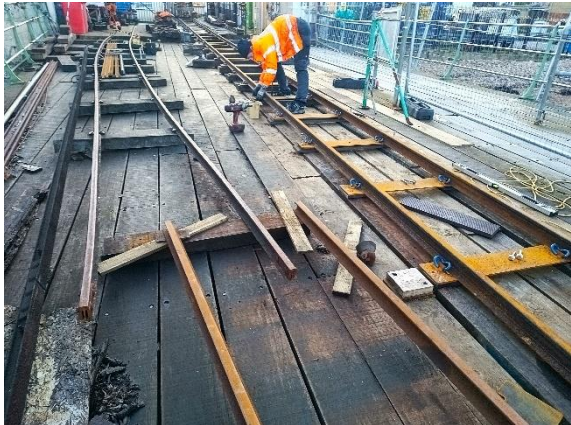


Photos: Upper 2 Alan Titheridge, Lower John Greenwood



January 24, 2024 – Siding and Third Rail

Photos: John Greenwood



January 29, 2024 – Documenting “work well done”



Photo: John Greenwood