



## NEWS RELEASE

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW GENERAL MANAGER**

Dick Fearn – Chairman Bluebell Railway Plc is delighted to confirm the appointment of Julie Jones to the position of General Manager. The post, which was initially created over two years ago, is a key part of the company's organisational structure, leading the management team and supporting the Bluebell Railway's ever-expanding railway heritage activities.

Born, educated and living in the South of England, Julie holds a 1<sup>st</sup> Class BA(Hons) degree in Business Administration from Surrey University. In recent years she has followed a career in the Civil Service, working within the Ministry of Defence, the Environment Agency, the Office for National Statistics and Department for Transport where her role included working with mainline train operating companies.

Julie has been actively involved in the heritage railway sector for seventeen years, both as an employee and volunteer. She started as a Station Porter in 2001, and qualified as a Guard before transferring to footplate duties. Working through the ranks, Julie qualified as a Steam Locomotive Driver in 2010.

Dick Fearn said "Julie will bring strong team leadership and project management skills to the role, as well as first-hand knowledge of the workings of the heritage railway sector".



Julie said “I am delighted to be appointed as General Manager of the Bluebell Railway and I am very proud to be joining the management team. The Bluebell Railway is a fantastic example of railway preservation, and a real credit to those volunteers and staff involved with it over what is rapidly approaching 60 years of operation”.

Julie will commence her duties with effect from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August and will be located at the Bluebell Railway’s offices at Sheffield Park.

**Roger Garman**

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