



## THE PENTRICH & SOUTH WINGFIELD REVOLUTION GROUP



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### **Pentrich 2017 – Commemorating the forgotten revolution**

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#### **The Pentrich Revolution 1817 plaque at Ambergate Station - Attended by Cllr Trevor Ainsworth, Mayor Paul Lobley, Cllr Nigel Weaving, Cllr David Williams, East Midlands Trains and the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group**

The Mayor of Ripley, Councillor Paul Lobley and his Consort Mrs. Lobley, attended the unveiling of the Pentrich Revolution Plaque at Ambergate Railway Station on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August. The Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group has worked with the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership and East Midlands Trains to create this panel to promote the significance of the Pentrich Revolution in 1817 to visitors arriving by train at Ambergate Station. The panel is in full view of stopping trains which will help promote the event to a wider audience, welcoming visitors who may wish to discover more about the event and enjoy one of the local walks from near the station.

The new information board guides people to enjoyable self-guided walks in the local area. The walks start and finish at seven local villages with connections to the people and events of 1817. The Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group are dedicated to sharing the little-known story of how over 300 men set off for Nottingham to bring down an unjust and oppressive government.

The event was attended by Cllr Trevor Ainsworth (Derbyshire County Council), Cllr Lobley, Cllr Weaving, Cllr Williams (Ripley Town Council), officers from Derbyshire County Council and East Midlands Trains, along with members of the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group.

Cllr Trevor Ainsworth Chair of the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership “The Community Rail Partnership is delighted to have worked with the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group to create this information panel about this historic event. This panel at Ambergate Station will raise awareness of the event to rail passengers and encourage more people to explore the local area”.

John Hardwick, Chair of group and a descendant of the revolution himself, said: “We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund for this project over the last year. Our series of boards show events that happened in local communities. This board will now encourage visitors to explore the rich history of our area. We are grateful for the financial support of the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP) towards this project.”

Donna Adams, on behalf of East Midlands Trains said: “Whether you are local or a visitor to the Derwent Valley Line, the installation of the panel re-telling the account of the Pentrich Revolutionary uprising in 1817 is a great addition at Ambergate station. It’s a fantastic piece of history that will now be shared with all our passengers using the station and preserves the rich heritage of the area. For those wishing to learn more the self-guided walks associated with the uprising allows visitors to walk in the revolutionaries footsteps and bring the little known event to life.”

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## About the Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group

The organisation was formed in 2014 as a single purpose community organisation dedicated to increasing and retaining awareness of the 1817 Pentrich Revolution. It is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its objectives are:

- to commemorate the bi-centenary of the 1817 Pentrich Revolution,
- to educate and increase awareness about the revolution,
- to establish a legacy which preserves and entrenches the heritage of the revolution.

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## About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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## Further information

For further information, images and interviews please contact us. Interviews can be arranged with members of the group and descendants of the families.

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