

## Museum of Lincolnshire Life, 'Sylvie' Engine

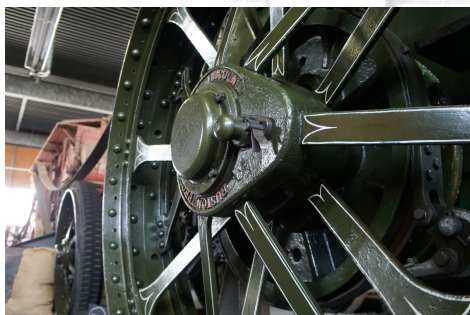
The Museum of Lincolnshire Life houses an extensive collection of industrial and agricultural artefacts from the area, including 'Sylvie', a Ruston Proctor engine. The engine was for many years used by the volunteers to attract visitors to the Museum. However, over recent years it was not able to be steamed due to thinning of the original boiler ironwork. A fund was established for her repair, in part due to the extent of original material which is rare in a working engine. A conservation approach was followed to conserve and display the engine as a static exhibit within the gallery, thus preserving her for future generations to enjoy.



Heritage Project Contracts was employed to undertake this sensitive conservation work, preparing 'Sylvie' for display in the Museum. She was carefully cleaned to remove contaminated grease, dirt layers and corrosion. The surfaces were then protected using a Carnuba wax and synthetic grease coating.



The engine was then returned to an improved interpretation display area where it was connected with a drive belt to one of the Museum's threshing machines. Loose components including boiler side covers, fire bars and fireman's tools were displayed separately next to the engine.



GATES

RAILINGS

WINDOWS

GLAZING

LIGHTING

MACHINERY

SCULPTURE

JOINERY

CERAMICS

TILING

STORAGE

RE-LOCATION

PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT



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