

£1500 RAISED FOR UKRAINE IN EATON PARK

Norwich, Eaton Park, Sunday 13th March 2022 – SPECIAL TRAIN DAY FOR THE DEC UKRAINE APPEAL

Eaton Park Miniature Railway (EPMR), which operates in Norwich's premier park, ran a fundraising day for the DEC, which is distributing emergency funds to their 15 member charities and relief organisations. All the fares collected on 13th March are being donated direct to the DEC. In addition, members of the NDSME, who operate the trains, also ran refreshment stalls and collected further significant donations.

NDSME member Mike Fordham, who originated the idea, explained,

This has been our most successful charity train day since records began! The public in the park have been incredibly generous. This reflects the general support locally for the DEC campaign that has previously featured in the EEN.

Regular driver Mike Riches commented,

This was a great way to spend a Sunday off. My loco "Pat the Petter" hauled trains all day long and I noticed that the trains were always full.

Other locos came from as far away as Cromer and Brancaster for the day and these two similar locos teamed up for a special double-headed train during the afternoon, something not often seen at the railway.

Publicity Officer Mark Rhodes concluded,

"A very successful day which has raised vital funds for displaced persons in Ukraine, which I understand the government will match. Thanks so much to all the park visitors who came along and were so generous, and also to ndsme members who made it happen.

The members of the society hope to run other dedicated benefit days later in the year.