

## **Civil Engineers' Club in Northern Ireland**

### **Visit to the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland's (RPSI) facility at Whitehead, Co Antrim**

My ICE colleague Gordon Millington who is a member of the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland very kindly assisted me in arranging a tour of the museum of railway rolling stock, artefacts and associated maintenance facilities.

This proved to be a very successful outing which was much acclaimed by the members, spouses and guests. As a result of the popularity of the location with its easy access via the Belfast to Larne rail line and carparking facility it was necessary to two lay on two separate dates. These took place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April a total of 23 turned up and we commenced the proceedings with a well-presented lunch. This was followed by a guided tour of the facilities which was expertly led by our guide and RPSI Member Brian Griffin. We had the honour of entertaining our Club Secretary Peter Richardson who came over for the occasion.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April a total of 20 were present and we similarly enjoyed with lunch. This was followed, as before, by a guided tour of the facilities which was well led by our guide and RPSI Member Ian Sinclair.

The charge was £15 per head which included lunch and entrance fee which covered all the outlays both days.

#### **Next venue:**

The next venue is still to be finalised and will take place, all being well, in the late summer/autumn of 2018.

Jim Workman, NI Representative for The Civil Engineers' Club

