

A Bi-centennial Tribute Trip visiting Brassey's local landmarks

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On 6th November 2005, the day before the bicentenary of Thomas Brassey's birth, Chester Civic Trust paid its own special tribute.

A coach trip was organised to visit some notable local landmarks constructed by Brassey in the mid 19th century. These included Gobowen station, the railway viaduct at Chirk and the, even more impressive, 19 arch viaduct at Cefn Mawr near Ruabon. The day continued with a trip on the Llangollen steam railway which now operates on part of the line from Ruabon to Corwen built by Brassey in 1865.

Special guests on this memorable day were Caroline Brassey, Roger Croston (dressed as George Stephenson) and John Whittingham (dressed as Brassey himself). It was a thoroughly enjoyable day which concluded with the planting of an oak tree at dusk near to Thomas's birthplace.



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