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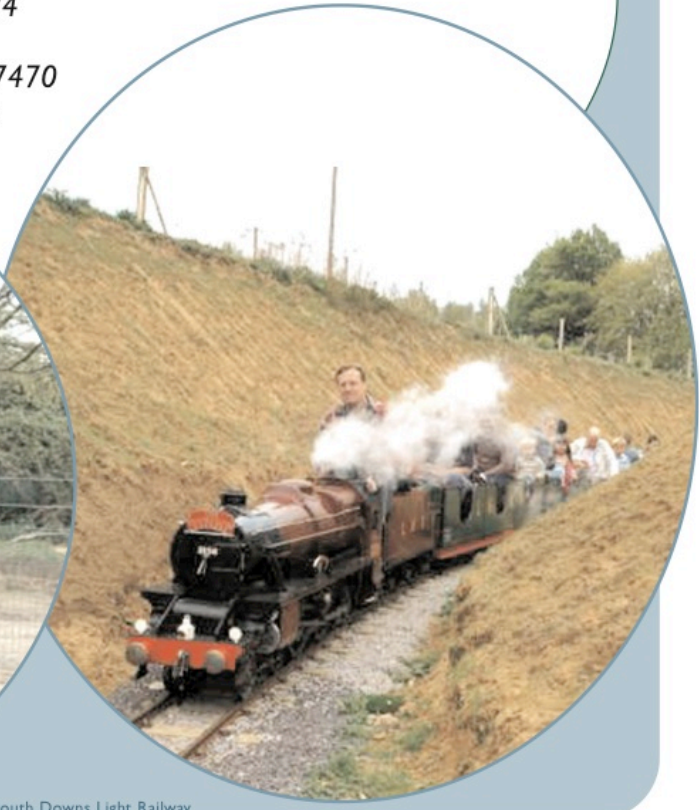
Proof that 10¹/₄" lines are still very much part of the modern miniature railway scene can be found at the South Downs Light Railway near Pulborough. Rescued by a group of volunteers in 2000, the former 7¹/₄" Riverview Miniature Railway was relaid to 10¹/₄" and has been growing in scope ever since. Developments for 2006 include a new circuit through a four metre cutting, with gradients of up to 1:50. A tunnel is planned, together with further extensions, but this very much depends on finding volunteer assistance and donations. The line runs most weekends and Bank Holidays.

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PHOTOS: South Downs Light Railway

Twenty Years Ago

News items from the archives

Discovery of an elderly seven-inch gauge locomotive...

“...In view of the coverage of early 1¹/₂"-scale locomotives. I viewed an early 4-4-0 tender loco of seven-inch gauge (no quarter!) in Cinderford, Gloucestershire, in July 1974... The style would appear to be largely freelance, with elements of LSWR appearance... the livery was basically green. Within the smokebox the boiler appeared to be soft-soldered, and clean as if it had not been steamed. Yet the engine's motion-work seemed to have some wear... I regret these sketchy details are the only record I have...”

Bob Rainbow writing in 7¹/₄-inch Gauge News, Summer 1986