

Second Pacer Train for Mid-Norfolk Railway



The Mid Norfolk Railway has announced that a second Pacer has arrived at Dereham station to join the growing fleet of heritage DMUs.

Pacer 142061 has been delivered by Rail Support Services Ltd from Gascoigne Wood Sidings near Selby, where it has been stored since being withdrawn by Northern. 142061 has now joined 142038 at the Mid Norfolk Railway and are now planned to enter service during 2021. The plan is for both Pacers to be refurbished, with one of them returning into original Regional Railways livery, which was used when Pacers first entered service back in the 1980s.

Charlie Robinson, the Chairman of the railway said: "The acquisition of Pacers by the railway is important, as they join our first generation of Diesel Multiple Units and mean that we are assembling an important collection of this oft forgotten aspect of our railway heritage." He added: "Pacers have had in some quarters a controversial past, often being described as noisy and uncomfortable, but you must remember that was when they travelled at 70mph on the national network. Here they will be travelling at much slower speeds and will be an excellent way to travel on our line and enjoy our beautifully Norfolk countryside views."