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NATIONAL RAILWAY HERITAGE AWARDS

THE JUDGE'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

ENTRY - Cattle Pen - Christow

YEAR - 1997

ENTRANT - C. Burges Esq. t/a Exeter and Teign Valley Railway

DATE SEEN - 16 July

It is good to see this entry from a new participant in the competition, especially as it represents an area rich in railway and industrial archeology.

The cattle pen has been very well restored and is in a condition which is correctly 'typical' rather than pristine. Particular note was taken of the happy combination of both brick and stonework in the base. The pen is sited adjacent to an excellently maintained short section of track on which stands a goods van, at present in use for exhibition purposes. The water tap, with hose attached, creates additional 'atmosphere'.

Overall, this is a most interesting entry which deserves the high marks allocated.

Additional Comments

1. If an authentic cattle van could be substituted for the present goods van, this little area of the site could become really convincing!

2. The high standard achieved in other completed areas of this site indicate that when further overall progress has been made, an entry of the whole, or a larger part, of the site for this competition should be seriously considered.