

# Grade II listed arch unearthed on the Crab and Winkle Line



*Above: Inside the arch*



*Above: Unearthing the arch near Canterbury*

Ramblers in Canterbury will get the chance to see inside a new Grade II listed building, after it was unearthed by the Friends of the Crab and Winkle Line.

The Beverley Meadow Arch, which lies along the Crab and Winkle cycle path, was buried by Canterbury City Council decades ago, to help protect the railway line above it. But, in 2010, the Friends of the Crab and Winkle Line, worried the arch, which was built between 1825 and 1830 may be forgotten to history, applied for a Heritage Listing.

To their surprise, the application was granted, and the arch was designated a Grade II listed building, despite still being completely filled in. Finally, this month, the group were able to work alongside the council, to excavate the arch for future generations.

John Burden, a trustee of the friends, said he couldn't believe how quickly the site had changed once the diggers arrived on the scene on March 16.

"It's current state wasn't good enough for me; so many people were walking past it, not even knowing it was there; this is one of only a handful of pedestrian arches built under train lines, and it is worth preserving."

Sadly, due to its position, the arch is not safe for the public to walk through, so the next stage is for a metal grate to be installed on the entrances. But, the public will still be able to look through it, and John is hoping for an information display to be put up on the site, so that people can find out more about this slice of history in the Canterbury countryside.

"We've had a mind-blowing response, so far. I was so surprised; we put up the pictures of the excavation, and it got 185 likes in one evening! My phone never stopped buzzing, people really care about this

By Tim Bates | Posted: March 20, 2015

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