



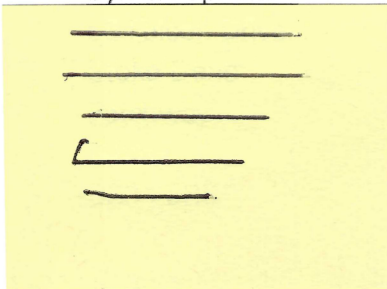
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Sylvia Popham



Dear Sylvia,

I am delighted to write to you on behalf of everyone at GWR to extend my warmest congratulations on Wessex Wanderers reaching its 30th anniversary.

Since your formation in 1995, Wessex Wanderers has become an integral part of the walking community, bringing together countless enthusiasts who share a passion for exploring the beautiful countryside and railways of the West Country, particularly the Heart of Wessex line.

Three decades is a remarkable milestone for any organisation, and it speaks volumes about the dedication, enthusiasm, and community spirit that has sustained your group throughout the years. Your commitment to combining the joy of walking with railways of the region has undoubtedly created lasting memories and friendships for so many members over the years.

I understand that you are planning a special celebration event at Westbury station on Saturday 5th July, which sounds like a perfect way to commemorate this significant anniversary. I am sure it will be a wonderful opportunity for members and supporters to come together and reflect on the many adventures and achievements of the past thirty years.

The work that Wessex Wanderers has done in promoting links between walking and railway, and boosting use of the Heart of Wessex line has been truly valuable and not gone unnoticed. Your group has not only provided recreational opportunities but has also helped people develop a deeper appreciation for the landscapes and history of our region, and I know it is something all of us here at GWR as well as at TransWilts, South Wessex and Severnside CRPs are very pleased to support.

Once again, congratulations on thirty remarkable years, and I hope your celebration at Westbury station is a wonderful day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hopwood', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mark Hopwood CBE
Managing Director