

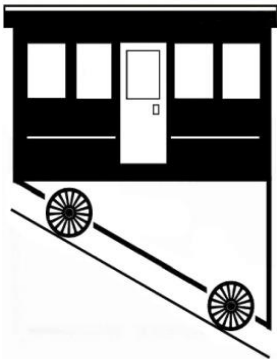
The Leas Cliff Lift



The Leas Cliff Lift at Folkestone is the oldest water balanced funicular lift in England. It first opened in 1885, and functioned right up until June 2009 when the operators, Shepway District Council, decided to end their lease rather than continue significant financial obligations.

The Folkestone Leas Lift cic (community interest company) was set up to operate the Lift and the sites owners, The Folkestone Estate, embarked on a major refurbishment project.

The work involved a full internal and external refurbishment of both the Upper and Lower Stations of this Grade II listed structure including work on the track and water tanks.



The Lift Cars were removed from the track and taken to the specialist Engineers workshop where they underwent thorough examination, testing and refurbishment.



Working closely with the Designers (Crofton Design) and the Principal Contractor (Harpers Construction Services), Mick Storey carried out CDM-C duties for the Project .

A complete Health & Safety Management System was also drawn up on behalf of The Folkestone Estate and Folkestone Leas Lift cic.

