

THE PORTSDOWN & HORNDEAN LIGHT RAILWAY

Then and Now

Robert Hind with Barry Cox

The Portsdown & Horndean Light Railway was once a main artery connecting Cosham (and Portsmouth) with Hambledon, Denmead, Waterlooville and Horndean.

From the turn of the twentieth century until the mid 1930s, the P&HLR was a major feature of the environs of Portsmouth. Today only faint traces remain of the route. In a series of fascinating comparisons, local historian Robert Hind walks the tracks, matching images of the P&HLR at its height with the very different scene of today.

He gives a wholly original perspective on a vital part of Portsmouth's history, once a key part of daily life and now all but forgotten.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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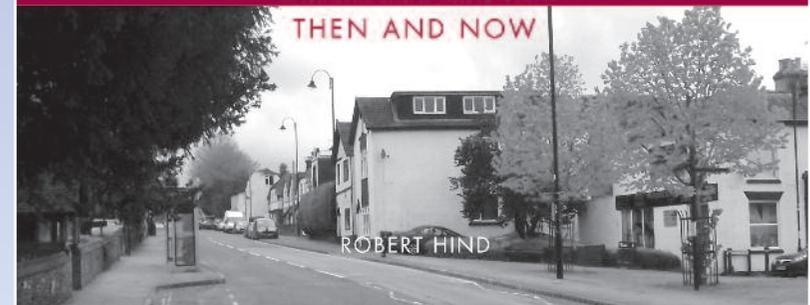
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Where the tram is going away from camera is where Cosham fire station is now located. Below: This is the same scene at Waite Street crossing today.



Seen crossing Spur Road, Cosham it appears as if the driver has stopped to let a passenger board the tram.



Quite recognisable even today. We are looking down the London Road from the top of Portsdown Hill. It is 1903 and the tram tracks for the line to Horndean have been laid but are not yet in service. Going downhill can be seen a horse-drawn bus followed by a loaded haywagon.

Below: The Heroes of Waterloo on the right with the Baptist church on the other side of Hambledon Road.



The tram conductor and driver look towards the camera when heading for Southsea.



Example of a double-page spread.