

# *Lappa Valley Railway and Trebah Garden – Joint Press Release Wednesday 27 March 2024*



## **Trebah Helps Lappa Valley's Garden Grow**

**First new station at award winning world of play and trains opens with a sub-tropical feel.**

Lappa Valley, gold winners of Large Tourist Attraction of the Year at the Cornwall Tourism Awards, opens their new station "Trebah Halt" on Thursday 28 March.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, Lappa Valley have been working with another of Cornwall's top attractions, Trebah Garden, near Falmouth, to create a new space planted with a sub-tropical feel in time for the Easter holidays.

Keith Southwell, owner of Lappa Valley says: "This is the first new platform to open at Lappa Valley in nearly 30 years, so we felt it's important to do something special. We're very fond of Trebah Garden, and we've enjoyed working alongside the team to share a flavour of their sub-tropical Cornish garden in the heart of our secret world of play and trains. Thank you to Jon, Darren and the team at Trebah for helping to make our new platform even more extraordinary. We're looking forward to using the opportunity to help promote Trebah to our visitors as a fellow quality Cornish attraction."

Jon Cummins, CEO of Trebah Garden says: “We are delighted to be working in conjunction with Lappa Valley and to help them create and open a new station on the Newlyn Downs branch line in their anniversary year. To be able to share some special plants from Trebah and bring some of the sub-tropical look and feel of one of Cornwall’s great gardens to Lappa as a much-loved family attraction in north Cornwall was an idea we couldn’t pass up.”

The first train to Trebah Halt leaves Lappa Valley’s Benny Halt at 10:30am on Thursday, 28 March 2024.

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Trebah Garden is a sub-tropical paradise with a stunning coastal backdrop, open daily from 10am. Discover the magic of this beautiful Cornish valley garden with over four miles of footpaths. Explore under canopies bursting with exotic blooms and follow vibrant tunnels of colour that cascade down to a secluded, private beach on the Helford River. With adventure play areas, children's trails and an award-winning restaurant, Trebah Garden is both a family and dog-friendly day out.

Lappa Valley is a popular family attraction nestled in the Cornish Countryside near Newquay. Based in 35 acres, families are transported on a narrow gauge railway into a secret world of play including adventure play areas, indoor soft play, boating lake and three railways. Based in the old mine workings of East Wheal Rose Mine, Lappa Valley celebrates it’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2024.

**Photos attached:**

TREBAH-HALT-LAUNCH-IMG\_6923.jpg: (L to R) Darren Dickey - Head Gardener, Trebah Garden; Jon Cummins – CEO Trebah Garden; Sara Southwell - Owner Lappa Valley; Ben Harding - Operations Manager Lappa Valley; Keith Southwell – Owner Lappa Valley celebrating the completion of the new Trebah Halt, with the imposing East Wheal Rose Engine House in the background.

TREBAH-HALT-LAUNCH-IMG\_6962.jpg: Lappa Valley Owner Keith Southwell and Trebah Gardens CEO Jon Cummins pose with The Duke, one of the locomotives which works the Newlyn Downs Branchline.

**Video available:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y82bSfctuVg>



