

TV star supports Blackford campaign

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THE campaign to re-open a Perthshire railway station has gained the support of two well-known presenters from the world of television and radio.

High-profile TV personality Ian Hislop has given his backing to COBRA (The Campaign to Re-Open Blackford Railway Station Again).

A rail enthusiast, he contacted the campaign organisers after presenting the recent BBC4 programme 'Off The Rails'.

It highlighted the devastating effects of the swingeing cuts made by Lord Beeching in the 1960s which decimated Britain's railway system.

Mr Hislop, Private Eye editor and a regular on the long-running TV quiz show 'Have I Got News For You,' said: "I am delighted to offer my support to the Campaign to Open Blackford Railway Station Again.

"Good luck to COBRA," he added.

The campaign group are also delighted to welcome well-known Radio 2 presenter Desmond Carrington, a resident of Dunning, as a patron of COBRA.

COBRA is holding an open/annual general meeting at 7.30pm on Monday, January 19, in the board room of Highland Spring.

Mr Hislop was invited but unfortunately he can't make it and has e-mailed his apologies.

He said: "Sorry not to be there. Thank you very much for inviting me."

The action group welcome comments, ideas and support for their campaign.

For more information, to help or to make a donation, people can contact them on info@cobra-blackford.org.uk

Further information can be found at www.cobra-blackford.org.uk

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