

End of the line looms for old railway bridge

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ANOTHER piece of railway history will soon be lost as a disused bridge on the old Oxford to Princes Risborough line is demolished.

Dr Tom Hassell, of The Manor House, Wheatley, has been given permission to remove the 19th century stone bridge which is on his land.

Dr Hassell said: "There has been a lot of vandalism and a dangerous structure notice was served by South Oxfordshire District Council. Now electricity cables are being put in and the contractors need access.

"I would have loved to keep it but I cannot afford to make it safe. The railway has been part of my life and I will be very sad to see it go."