

1890 Step Car Lift

Due to the popularity of the original 1885 lift and the opening of the pier in 1888 (destroyed 1945), the 'step car' water balance lift was constructed alongside in 1890.

It last operated in 1966, and in 1985 its two cars were removed from the tracks; one was scrapped, and the other, the western of the two, was removed to Dover Transport Museum.

In 2006 the *1890 Leas Lift Carriage Restoration Appeal* was inaugurated – www.LeasLift.org.uk. This is chaired by Jack Gill, a local retired engineer who started his professional life with Hythe Borough Council; the treasurer is Robert Moulard, who has a great interest in local history, and secretary is Ann Houghton.

It has raised about £35,000, which has returned the derelict lift car to as new condition.

It is very much hoped that it can be returned to a suitable location on The Leas cliff; in the meantime, it has been temporarily parked at the back of The Grand, where it is open to inspection.