

ELIZABETH II



1986 CHAPTER xiv

An Act to authorise the Trustees of the Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust to provide or assist in the provision of a museum in the vicinity of the said bridge; and for other purposes.

[8th July 1986]

WHEREAS the construction of the Clifton Suspension Bridge (hereinafter referred to as "the bridge") was first authorised by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of his late Majesty King George 4 intituled "An Act for 1830 c. lxiix. building a Bridge over the River Avon, from Clifton in the County of Gloucester to the opposite Side of the River in the County of Somerset, and for making convenient Roads and Approaches to communicate therewith" and that Act included provision for the charging of tolls for the use of the bridge:

And whereas by the Clifton Suspension Bridge Acts 1952 and 1980 the bridge, as completed in or about 1864 to the design of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, is vested in the Trustees of the Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust (hereinafter referred to as "the Trustees"):

And whereas the bridge is a distinguished example of the engineering skills of its period and of its designer, being set in the river Avon gorge, in addition to functioning as a traffic facility of continuing importance; and it is expedient that the Trustees should be enabled to provide or assist by arrangement with other persons in the provision of a museum of the bridge, its designer and its environs for the use of persons visiting the bridge:

And whereas it is expedient that the provisions in that behalf in this Act should be enacted and that such other provisions should be made as are in this Act contained:

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows, that is to say:—

Short and
collective
titles.

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Clifton Suspension Bridge Act 1986.

(2) The Clifton Suspension Bridge Acts 1952 and 1980 and this Act may be cited together as the Clifton Suspension Bridge Acts 1952 to 1986.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

1952 c. xli.

“the Act of 1952” means the Clifton Suspension Bridge Act 1952;

1980 c. xxii.

“the Act of 1980” means the Clifton Suspension Bridge Act 1980;

“the museum” means the museum and facilities incidental thereto described in subsection (1) of section 3 (Museum) of this Act;

“the Trustees”, “the Trust” and “the bridge” have the meanings given thereto respectively in the Act of 1952.

Museum.

3.—(1) The Trustees may provide, or assist by arrangement with other persons in the provision of—

(a) a museum in the vicinity of the bridge where information relating to or connected with the bridge, its designer and its environs is made available to the public, whether by literature, exhibitions, displays, discussions or lectures;

- (b) facilities incidental to the museum, including viewing points from which the bridge and its environs may be viewed, parking places for vehicles and the provision on sale of meals, refreshments, articles and goods of such kinds as they think fit;

and may make or permit the making of charges for admission to the museum or any part thereof, or for services afforded thereat, as they think fit.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding anything in section 53 (Application of money) of the Act of 1952 or in any other enactment but subject to the following provisions of this section, the Trustees may apply to the purposes of this section revenue of the Trust and money from the reserve fund of the Trust under that section.

(b) The Trustees shall so conduct their affairs in or in relation to the museum as to secure that—

- (i) any money applied to the purposes of this section from the revenue of the Trust is made good as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
- (ii) any money so applied from the reserve fund is repaid to the fund within 60 years from the date of its application, together with interest at such rate as proper advice in accordance with subsection (4) of section 8 (Duty of Trustees in choosing investments) of the Act of 1980 may from time to time require.

(3) The accounts of the Trust for each financial year shall contain particulars both of any money for the time being applied by the Trust for the purposes of this section and of the income which the Trustees derive from and the expenditure which the Trustees incur in or in relation to the museum and the facilities incidental thereto.

4. All costs, charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the applying for and the preparing, obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Trustees out of the funds of the Trust or out of moneys borrowed for the purpose under the Act of 1952 or partly by one of those modes and partly by the other of them. Costs of Act.

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