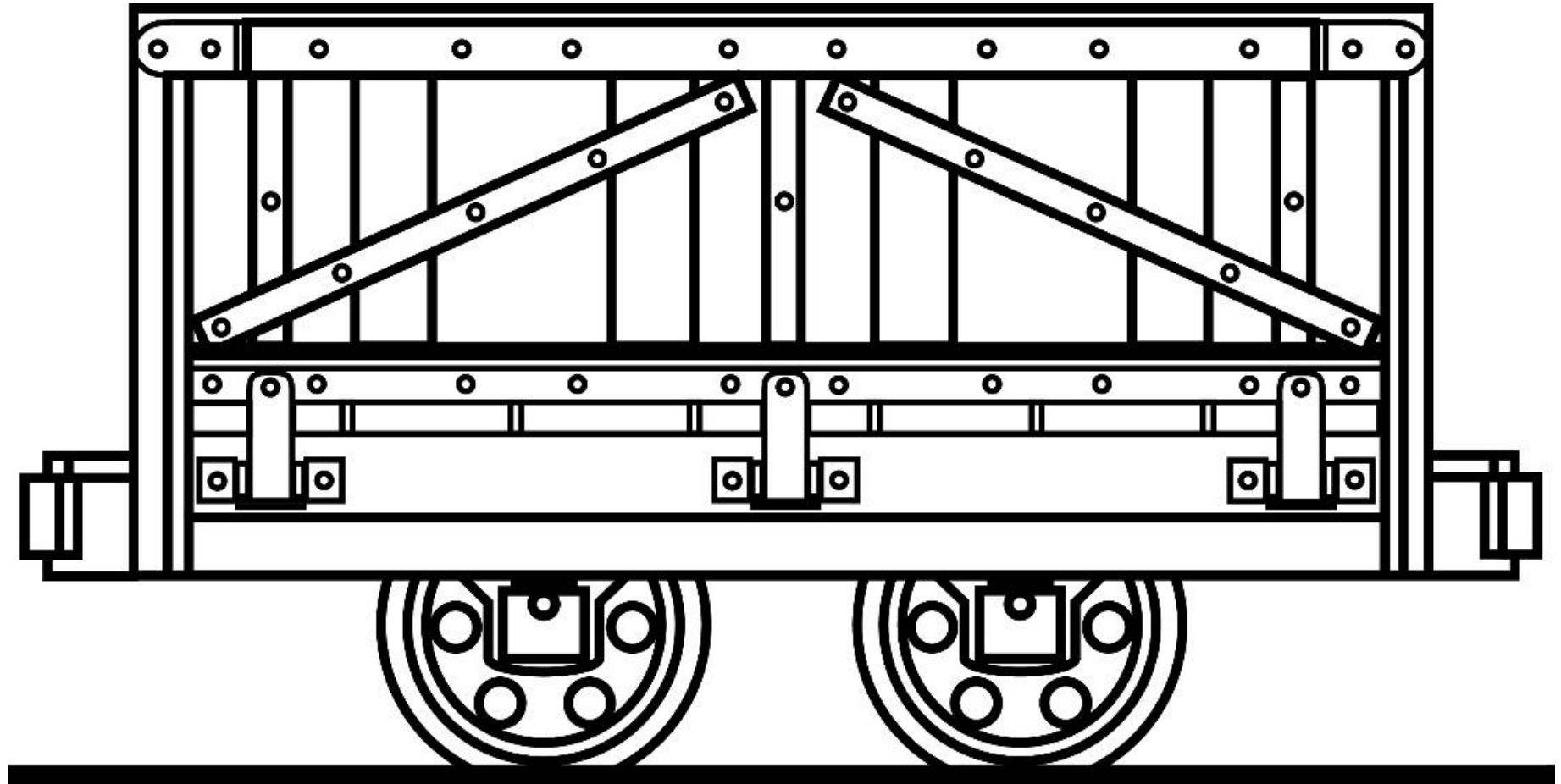


Amerton Railway



You may recognise these wagons from our galas, where they form one of the demonstration freight trains. These wagons came from RAF Fauld, near Tutbury in Staffordshire. RAF Fauld was a WW2 underground munitions storage depot, these wagons would've been used for transport these munitions around the site. On 27th November 1944 a spark caused an explosion at RAF Fauld, this was the largest non-nuclear explosion in history, and the largest ever explosion in the UK. A huge amount of high explosives and rifle ammunition exploded causing the loss of around 70 lives and a crater 91m deep and 230m across, damage was caused up to almost 1 mile away. After the site closed in 1979 the area was fenced off and is now home to a wide variety of trees and wildlife.