

I would like to support the 4709 project by:

Making a one-off donation of £

Cheques and POs should be made payable to Great Western Society Ltd, 4709 Project.

Setting up a Banker's Order to make regular payments

Name

Address

Postcode

Email GWS Membership No.
(if applicable)

Banker's Order

To the Manager
(Your Bank)

Bank Address

Sort Code

Please pay to National Westminster Bank plc, 131 Crockhamwell Road, Woodley, Reading, Berks RG5 3JX, Sort Code No 54-30-33 for the credit of Great Western Society Limited 4709 Project (Account No. 06710646)

the sum of £ *(Amount in figures)* *(Amount in words)*

on *(date)* and thereafter at monthly intervals until

Signed Account No.

Date

This Banker's Order is in addition to any other standing instruction in favour of the Great Western Society

Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the Great Western Society Limited from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ and any donations I make in the future, or have made in the past four years to the Great Western Society Limited. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title First Name or initial(s) Surname

Address

Postcode

Date GWS Membership No.
(if applicable)

Please notify the GWS if you: Want to change this declaration Change your name and home address no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains tax

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue & Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return this form (which may be photocopied) to Richard Croucher, 4709 Project, Great Western Society Limited, Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 7NJ.

4709

COMPLETING THE ROLLING CHASSIS



RECREATING CHURCHWARD'S LAST GREAT MASTERPIECE

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 272616



The main frames with extension frames fitted and cylinder block trial-fitted, November 2015.

Churchward's last great masterpiece, the 47XX mixed traffic 2-8-0, is among the most iconic locomotives ever produced by the Great Western Railway. In many ways the heyday for the class came in the post-nationalisation years when the locomotives operated fast fitted overnight freights – earning them the nick name 'Night Owls' – and later when they were turned out in fully lined green BR passenger livery in acknowledgment of their use on heavy Summer Saturday passenger trains.

The Project to build 4709 continues to gain momentum with assembly of the frames now complete. With the exception of the springs, the GWS now has all the major component parts needed to complete the rolling chassis.

THE IMMEDIATE AIM

The immediate aim is to complete 4709's rolling chassis as soon as possible which involves:

- Assembly of the new trailing driving wheel set and refurbishment of the donor pony and driving wheel sets
- Fitting a new running plate, splashers and cab assembly
- refurbishing and fitting the pony truck assembly

- refurbishing the axle boxes
- manufacturing new springs and spring hangers
- refurbishment and fitting the brake gear

and then...

- wheeling 4709.

Work is also beginning on the acquisition of the motion for 4709.

On the cover: 4703 at rest in Old Oak Common roundhouse, 1962. GEOFF PLUMB

FUTURE STAGES

The immediate aim is to complete 4709's rolling chassis as soon as possible which involves:

- Acquisition of the motion and running gear
- Provision of a new No. 7 boiler
- Restoration of a Collett 4000 gallon tender
- Acquisition of the fittings

HOW YOU CAN HELP

To complete the rolling chassis, another £100,000 is required. You are invited to become a Supporter of 4709 by making a one off donation which is always welcome, no matter how large or small, which will help speed progress. You can also choose to make a regular contribution by completing the banker's order form on this leaflet and sending it to:

Richard Croucher, Appeal Co-ordinator, 4709 Project, Great Western Society, Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot OX11 7NJ.

Like other similar projects, success depends on a large number of people making regular contributions every month and the GWS is looking to build up its base of covenanters to achieve that irrespective of the amount each person gives. If linked to the Gift Aid scheme contributions will be considerably more valuable Project.

A 4709 supporters group has been formed. Those taking out 'Gold' membership will receive an invitation to 4709's official launch, a footplate trip on 4709 and tickets for one of its first trips on a heritage line as well as regular updates by e-mail on progress. This costs £10 per month payable by banker's order and to be eligible

The new horn grinding machine, purpose-built to a Swindon design, at the leading driving axle position.

requires a minimum subscription of 60 months (or similar one-off donation).

Anyone who contributes £1,000 or more, in one amount or by regular monthly payments will become a Friend of 4709 and have:

- An opportunity to drive 4709 under supervision at Didcot
- Their name recorded on a plaque to be affixed to 4709
- Priority booking on the inaugural run with 4709

'Platinum' membership offers all the benefits already outlined, plus you will receive a ticket for 4709's inaugural main line train. This is available for £25 per month, payable by banker's order, and to be eligible requires a minimum subscription of 60 months (or similar one-off donation).

The 4709 Project is being run as a separate project within the Great Western Society. The rate of material progress is controlled by cash flow. So far, the majority of the work undertaken has been professional, but we are also now looking to set up a volunteer workforce for 4709.

Your contribution, however small, will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Richard Croucher
Appeal Co-ordinator 4709 Project

