

GREAT WESTERN SOCIETY

CARRIAGE AND WAGON OPERATING POLICY

The Carriage and Wagon Operating Policy is to uphold the Society's vision in recreating the golden age of the Great Western Railway. The policy must reflect the Society's mission to demonstrate and maintain its carriages and wagons that form part of the collection. In this context the Carriage and Wagon Department will endeavour to undertake the following:-

1. To provide restored Great Western built and/or designed rolling stock for demonstration at the Railway Centre.
2. The minimum number of coaches (excluding the railcar and the steam rail motor [SRM]) to be provided will be five, so demonstrations can be undertaken on the branch and main demonstration lines. When one of the broad gauge locomotives is returned to traffic the coaches will also be made available. If 9002 and 9113 (when restored) are required for a function, the Carriage and Wagon Manager must be consulted as to their availability and suitability.
3. The Travelling Post Office Coach (814) shall be available with a suitable support brake vehicle on mail exchange operating days having agreed the dates for the demonstration in the programme for that year.
4. The coaches, railcar and SRM for passenger rides shall be in a clean condition. The minimum level of cleanliness shall be achieved by ensuring the vehicles are fully swept and free of litter prior to each day of use.
5. The operation of all carriages and wagons must be undertaken in accordance with the Didcot Railway Centre Operating and General Regulations Manual.
6. The guards shall fill in a defect card at the end of an operating day. Any defects noted in the carriages (and wagons) that make up the train will be recorded and corrected as a matter of priority and be in addition to the normal maintenance regime.
7. The decision as to the coaches and wagons that should be used for demonstration shall rest with the Carriage and Wagon Manager after consultation with either the Centre Manager or a representative from DRCC .
8. This operating policy will be reviewed in three years time.

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