

1466 – The Society's first engine and integral to Didcot

1961

The letter that started it all

Proposed Preservation of G.W.R. Tank
 SIR,—I am thinking of launching a campaign to purchase a "14XX" (former "48XX") class 0-4-2 tank locomotive from British Railways, with the purpose of preserving it in running order. The cost is £1,130, plus extras such as having "48XX" Western livery. If sufficient support is obtained, perhaps a pull-and-push coach also might be preserved. I appeal to all those who could support this suggestion to get in touch with me at 14, Heldmann Close, Hounslow, Middlesex.

J. L. BARLOW

1968

Running special trains on the Wallingford branch

1969

In steam at the first Didcot open day

HELP GET HER BACK ON TRACK

1996

Looking the part with an Auto-trailer on the branch line

1999

Restored to original livery as 4866

2013

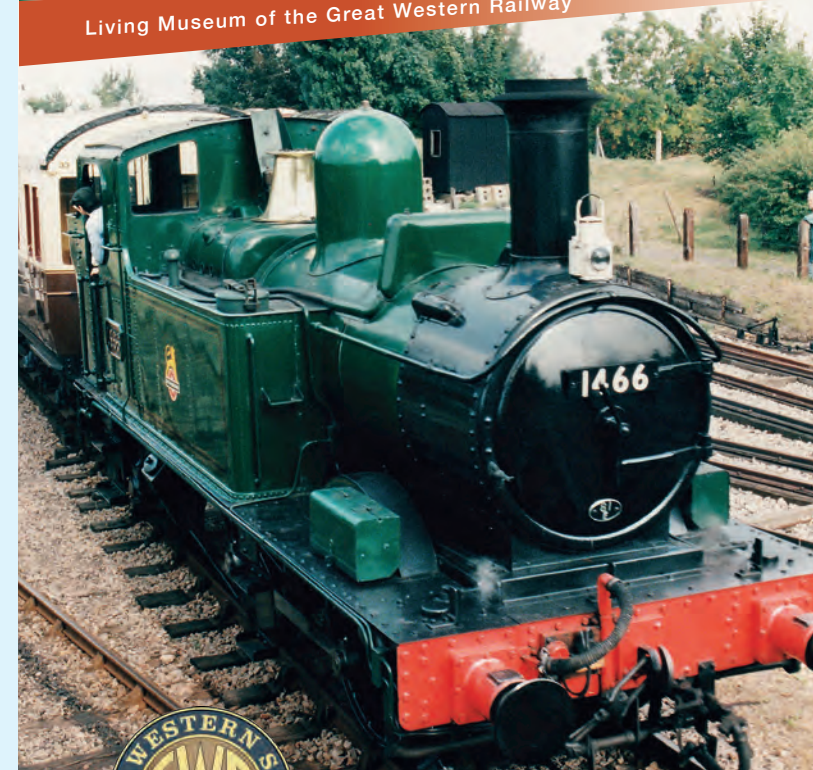
A popular attraction at photo charters

2018

Heading off for overhaul

DIDCOT RAILWAY CENTRE

Living Museum of the Great Western Railway



1466 Appeal



Raise £60,000 to restore Didcot's first locomotive for the Great Western Society's 60th Anniversary

**BEWARE
OF
TRAINS**

Much of the work has been done, please donate to help us complete it.

Give online at DidcotRailwayCentre.org.uk

Help raise £60,000 to ensure Didcot Railway Centre's first locomotive is back in action for our 60th Anniversary!

In 1961, four schoolboys wrote to the Railway Magazine to drum up support to purchase a 14XX Class tank locomotive and “preserve it in running order.” They mused that if there were sufficient support they might also obtain a “pull-and-push” coach.

That letter led to the foundation of the Great Western Society and six decades on, Didcot Railway Centre is a popular living museum, home to around 30 steam locomotives, 50 or so carriages and dozens of wagons as well as restored buildings and thousands of other artefacts to help conjure up the golden age of the Great Western Railway.

The appeal that started it all was successful and 1466 became the Society's first locomotive and was a Didcot stalwart until 2000 when boiler repairs and a major overhaul became necessary.

Plans are well advanced to return 1466 to steam, ready to take her rightful place at the heart of the Society's 60th Anniversary celebrations in 2021, **but we need your help to get the charming, octogenarian tank engine back on the rails.** Around £60,000 is needed to complete the most extensive overhaul the locomotive has had since its final days with British Railways when it received a heavy intermediate overhaul at Newton Abbott in early 1961.

Much work on the £300,000 project has already been done with repairs to the wheels and motion largely complete and the locomotive is once again a rolling chassis. Extensive boiler work is still required including a new foundation ring, new smokebox, specialist copper welding to the firebox and the replacement of the crown stays.

The work is being carried out by Western Steam Engineering and providing the final funds are raised, the restoration will be completed in time for 1466 to return to Didcot in early 2021.

Please help ensure this iconic and historic locomotive can delight generations of future visitors to Didcot. Any contribution will help make a difference, but you might like to link your gift to a significant number in 1466's history

Give £60 to have 1466 in steam for GWS' 60th Anniversary
Donate £14.66 every month for a year and see 1466 running in a year!

Contribute £1,131 – the original 1961 estimate of saving a 14XX

Give £2,247 – the sum it cost the Great Western Railway to build 1466 when new in 1936

£4,866 – the locomotive's identity until renumbered in 1946

1466 Appeal

I would like to help the Great Western Society return 1466 to working order by:

☐ Making a donation of £ _____

Cheques should be made payable to the Great Western Society.
Please also complete the Gift Aid Declaration if you are able.

☐ Making a regular contribution by Bankers' Order

BANKERS' ORDER

To the Manager _____ (Your Bank)

Sort Code - -

Bank Address _____

Please pay HSBC Bank plc, 26-28 Broad Street, Reading RG1 2BU;
Sort Code 40-38-04 for the credit of Great Western Society Ltd (1466 Fund) A/c 84293665

The sum of £ _____ (Amount in figures)

_____ (amount in words)

On _____ (Date) and thereafter at monthly intervals

until _____

Signed _____

Account No. _____

Date _____

This bankers' order is additional to any other standing instruction in favour of the Great Western Society

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All amounts you give can qualify as Gift Aid donations. If you pay UK income tax, the Society can reclaim tax from the Government for every £1 you give, adding considerably to the value of your donation. By completing this form, you will ensure this and all future donations to the GWS will be treated as Gift Aid donations. Please notify the Society if you wish to cancel or if you no longer pay sufficient income tax and/or capital gains tax.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Please treat all my donations to the Great Western Society on and after this date as Gift Aid donations. I confirm that I have paid an amount of tax or capital gains tax equal to that tax that can be reclaimed on my donation.

Signed _____

Full name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

GWS Membership No (if applicable) _____

Date _____

Please return the completed form to:
1466 Appeal, Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, OX11 7NJ



Give online at **DidcotRailwayCentre.org.uk**

Please also complete the
Gift Aid Declaration if you are able.