

DIDCOT DEVELOPMENT FUND

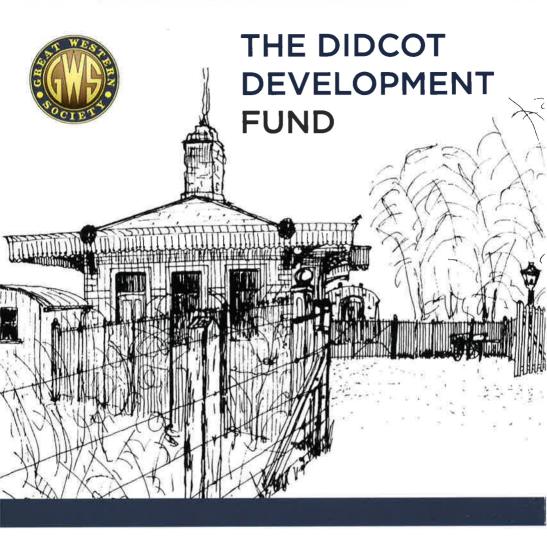


ENHANCING A UNIQUE LIVING MUSEUM









We need help with the developments planned at Didcot Railway Centre for the future. With our long term lease now safely in place we have started on a new phase of development projects. These will provide the best GWR style setting for our collection of engines, rolling stock and outdoor artefacts. We plan several new buildings and features to help people to see the key role the Great Western Railway and its successors had and will continue to play in our society and economy. We want, too, to look after all that we have created at Didcot Railway Centre in the past.

Our Didcot Development Fund has been established to provide the seed corn for new projects and a steady pot to enable new infrastructure and other works, which do not lend themselves to individual appeals, to proceed in a timely way. Since the Fund was first started in 2002 we have built its income to £2,000 per month which we are spending steadily.



We want to increase this income substantially to support our growing programme of works, increasingly carried out by experienced contractors but supported by volunteers where possible.

The Fund helps us to maintain the Great Western atmosphere at the Centre, for example by support funding of bespoke works, both small and large scale, which necessarily have to be specially made or bought. These include the restoration of numerous small Great Western buildings, or making faithful recreations, with authentic materials wherever possible.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

Over the last few years we have used the Fund to support several projects including construction of the Steam Rail Motor Shed, the Electricity Supply Building, the Museum Annexe, the Road Motor Garage from Wantage Road, the Signal Control Building (housing the Swindon Panel). replacement of the Eynsham Platform, improvements to the Carriage Shed and acquisition of heritage building materials from Network Rail. The Fund has also helped to secure many hidden works, such as water supply and electricity cable extensions to improve services to existing buildings or new developments in our 20 acre Centre.



BUILDING MOMENTUM

We plan to use the Fund to upgrade the electricity and water supplies further, fund re-erection of a GWR prefabricated concrete building and kick start major new building projects. These will include a site entrance ramp, an entrance building, an exhibition hall and restaurant, a broad gauge engine and carriage house, extensions to the Carriage Shed and to the Locomotive Works, trackwork extensions and re-erection of the stone station building from Heyford.



These projects will be both excellent additions to the Centre in their own right as well as rounding off the setting for the best collection in the world of engines, rolling stock and artefacts from a single railway company - the Great Western.

Please support the Didcot Development Fund to help with these projects which make such a difference to the experience at Didcot Railway Centre.



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

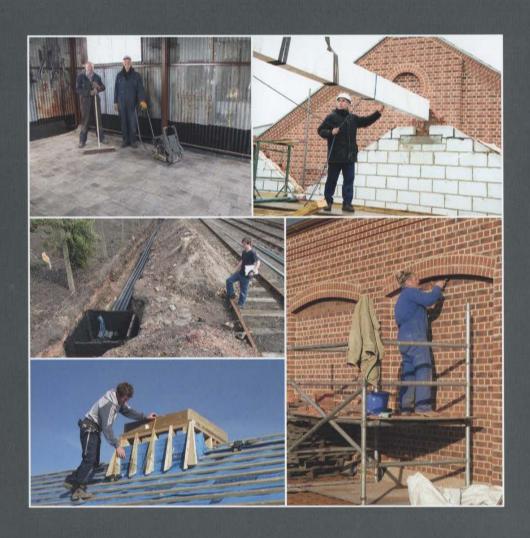
You can help by making single donations and/or providing a regular income by Banker's Order using the form overleaf. These may all be linked to Gift Aid which adds, without cost to yourself, a further 25p for every pound you donate. A regular income enables us to plan each year's project work programme with more certainty and make rewarding progress.

Thank you,
Richard Croucher
Appeal Co-ordinator



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