

GREAT WESTERN SOCIETY

CARRIAGE AND WAGON OPERATING POLICY

The Carriage and Wagon Operating Policy is to uphold the Society's vision to recreate the Golden Age of the Great Western Railway (1835- 1948). The policy should reflect the Society's mission by demonstrating and maintaining its carriages and wagons that form part of the historic collection and also reflect our obligations to the UK Museums Accreditation Scheme. In this context the Carriage and Wagon Department will endeavour to undertake the following:-

1. To provide Great Western built and/or designed rolling stock restored as accurately as possible to represent an appropriate period in their history for demonstration at the Railway Centre.
2. The minimum number of coaches (including the railcar and/ or the steam rail motor, SRM) to be provided will be four so demonstrations can be undertaken on the branch and main demonstration lines. When a broad gauge engine is in operation a broad gauge coach will be available.
3. To ensure operational coaches available for traffic receive regular inspections and maintenance as laid out in the C&W examination schedules.
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 for each coach at the end of an operating day. Any defects noted in the carriages (and wagons) that make up the trains will be recorded and corrected as a matter of priority and be in addition to the normal maintenance regime.
7. The decision as to which coaches and wagons that may be used for demonstration and operation for the Railway Centre programme, filmings, photo shoots, and hire shall rest with the Carriage and Wagon Manager.
8. All coaches used for passenger traffic must be adequately covered on the Societies insurance policy and keep undercover when not running.
9. This operating policy will be reviewed in three years time.

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