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### Small Locomotive Restoration Fund

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# Didcot Small Locomotive Restoration Fund



Help keep  
Didcot's smaller  
locomotives  
operating





## A fund to help get Didcot's locomotives back into traffic

The comprehensive fleet of Great Western locomotives at Didcot is unrivalled as a record of the achievements of one railway company. Our aim is to keep a representative selection in working order so that everyone can experience the sight and sound of steam, but locomotives cost time and money to overhaul and maintain to the required standards.

Most of the money needed to undertake the initial restoration of locomotives has been funded by member donations, money from special appeals, grants and the enormous practical effort of many volunteers. Returning a locomotive to running order for the first time is always a cause for celebration, but each of these restorations has only a finite life before further major examinations are required – the insurance industry generally allows a maximum of ten years between boiler overhauls.

While they are running, our locomotives earn sufficient to pay for normal day-to-day maintenance and generate a small surplus to go towards the next overhaul, but when the time comes for that overhaul, further funds need to be raised and the locos have to await space in the workshops.

Didcot Railway Centre needs a minimum of four steam locomotives to ensure that we can fulfil our commitments to visitors, at least two of which need to be able to operate on the Branch Line. We intend now to establish a general locomotive fund to supplement the loco-specific funds that we already have, with the aim of speeding the return to traffic of some of our much-loved locomotives. We have already seen the benefits that have accrued from the Didcot Development Fund, used to help fund many of the small developments at the centre in recent years, and we envisage the Didcot Locomotive Fund being used to enhance the locomotive fleet in a similar way.

## How you can help keep Didcot's smaller locomotives running

You can help by making single donations and/or providing a regular income by Banker's Order linked to Gift Aid. This would enable the society to plan ahead locomotive restorations in the knowledge that funds would be available.

Another avenue would be to provide a legacy to maintain the locomotive fleet, please ask for details of how this can be achieved.

Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. With your help, many of the society's long 'retired' locomotives will be able to run again and keep on running.

Thank you

*Richard Cravden*

Appeal Co-ordinator



# Keeping the Collection Running