

RHDRA Special Projects Fund
2016 Locomotive Support Appeal

As I have discussed in my Chairman’s Notes in Marshlander 192, the railway is facing ever increasing demands on resources and costs in order to keep the locomotive fleet operational in the face of more frequent and ever demanding boiler inspections.

Whilst this will not have an impact upon the fleet available for all the day-to-day operations of the railway, the Association is aware that this may well have an impact upon the locomotive availability come the Railway’s 90th Anniversary celebrations in 2017. This has been bought home to us through the unavailability of No 2 Northern Chief for operational use during its own 90th Birthday celebrations this year because of the extensive nature of the remedial boiler works required.

The aims and objectives of the Association as a charity are *TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THE HISTORIC MINIATURE TRAINS AND ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS ON THE ROMNEY HYTHE & DYMCHURCH RAILWAY FOR THE BENEFIT AND EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A HERITAGE CENTRE AS WELL AS FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.*

As a charity we are working very hard to secure the objective of a Heritage Centre and we are aware that trying to trying to protect the fund raising that has already gone on to that effect must remain untouched.

This is why we are appealing for your donations specifically to support our existing Special Projects Fund which will be used to support the railway in its efforts to ensure as many locomotives as possible are available for operation in 2017 to celebrate the Railway’s 90th Anniversary.

We have not followed the route of appealing for any particular locomotive but instead, through the special projects fund, we can support works on the whole fleet to meet the objectives of having as many operational as possible for 2017.

The Association appreciate just how important this matter is to us all and so have agreed to support every pound raised through this appeal with a pound from our General Reserves up to a cap of £25,000 should we be fortunate enough to get anywhere near that ceiling.

I will be providing regular feedback on the appeal through my Marshlander notes and provide a guide to the expenditure of the Special Projects Fund over the next 18 months or so.

And I would urge you to consider Gift Aiding your donation as that provides the Association with an additional 25p for every pound donated.

Thank you so much for your help,

Steve Godden
 Chairman – RH&DRA

Please return to: The Treasurer, RH&DRA, New Romney Station, New Romney TN28 8PL
 Tel: 01797 362353 E-mail: stuart.goyns@rhdra.org

I would like to make a donation to the RH&DRA Special Projects Fund

Name	Membership Number	
Donation	TOTALS	
£		
	TOTAL £	

To make a payment:
 Cheques payable to: - **Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association**
 BACS: **The Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association: Account No 03278310: Sort Code: 30-90-28**
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Gift Aid declaration – for past, present & future donations

Name of Charity

Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today

in the past 4 years

in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Donor's details

Title ----- First name or initial(s) -----

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Signature -----

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