

GWR 650 Appeal

The GW(SVR)A's next project after the completion of 9103 will be the restoration of GWR Excursion Brake 650. Built in 1940 this Brake Open has an attractive Art Deco style interior giving a fascinating contrast to the other Great Western coaches on the Railway.

Some structural work has already been undertaken on the coach but the interior requires complete reconstruction, so to try and get a little ahead of the game we would like to continue manufacturing pieces for this distinctive interior. A good deal of work has already gone into acquiring and making parts. Many patterns have been made, largely in Bridgnorth's volunteer pattern shop, and some have already been cast but we still have many more parts to make.

To help finance this we are looking for sponsors for many of the component parts as possible, from large to small, so hopefully there is something within the price range to suit most pockets. For example:

- Bronzing of luggage racks (40 required) £20 each
- Mirrors (4 required)..... £25 each
- Etched GWR glass (2 required) £40 each
- Seat upholstery (one of 40) £250 @ £10 month
- Marquetry panel (10 required) £40 each
- Tables (10 required) £60 each

In addition we have contracted out mechanical repairs on the underframe to the SVR in Kidderminster Carriage Works and would welcome donations towards this work.

We do hope you will be able to support this appeal. 650 will not only bring a distinctive look to the SVR fleet, but as a 40 seat open brake will be an extremely useful vehicle on the Railway.



A GWR publicity shot of one of the distinctive Art Deco style excursion coaches.

GWR 650 Sponsorship Form

Here's the initial list of parts available for sponsorship:

- Bronzing of luggage racks (40 required) £20 each
- Bronzing of light fittings (40 required) £20 each
- Mirrors (4 required) £25 each
- Etched GWR glass (2 required) £40 each
- Glass lampshades Check your shed!
- Seat upholstery (one of 40)..... £250 @ £10 month
- Marquetry panel (10 required) £40 each
- Tables (10 required) £60 each



We are lucky enough to have two of the original Art Deco style glass lampshades. We need a further 10 of the larger shades (6x6in) and 14 of the smaller (4x4in) ones. So if you have any of these that you would be willing to donate (or sell) that will help towards the completion of 650.

I wish to sponsor the following parts for the 650 project:

..... at £

I wish to make a donation towards the mechanical repair of 650:

of £

Name:

Address:

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..... Post Code:

Please send, with cheque payable to 'Great Western (SVR) Association', to:

Rob Massey - Secretary
9 Shandon Close,
Harborne,
Birmingham
B32 3XB

Donations and sponsorship towards this appeal can also be made on-line via the GW(SVR)A website at: www.gw-svr-a.org.uk/how_to_help.html

The value of your sponsorship can be increased by 28% through Gift Aid, at no extra cost to you. Please sign the declaration below if you pay UK income tax.

Gift Aid declaration

Please treat all donations and subscriptions that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations. I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and that I have paid an amount of UK income tax or capital gains tax at least equal the amount the GW(SVR)A will claim in the tax year.

Signature: Date:

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax in each tax year at least equal to the tax that the GW(SVR)A will claim from HM Revenue & Customs on your Gift Aid donation(s).

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