

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 providing a fascinating contrast to the other Great Western coaches on the Railway.

A good deal of structural work, both on the body and underframe, has already been undertaken on the coach but the interior requires complete reconstruction. Much work has also already gone into acquiring and making parts, with many patterns made, largely in Bridgnorth's volunteer pattern shop. Many of these have already been cast and machined.

The significant progress already made includes:

- Bogies overhauled
- Much of the body framework repaired
- Underframe rebuilt
- Most of the under solebar fittings replaced
- Handbrake installed
- Some interior seating and internal doors prepared at Kidderminster
- Upholstery in stock
- Luggage rack brackets made
- Light brackets and fittings already made
- Moulds manufactured for the distinctive interior lampshades with 'blowing' about to commence

We are hopeful in obtaining grant aid to help fund the structural repairs, finish the panelling and glaze all the windows to bring the coach up to a watertight condition. We hope much of this work will be done under contract in the SVR's C & W workshops. But, we anticipate having to raise some £17,000 to match fund any grants so we would welcome any donations or regular standing orders towards this work to help return this coach to traffic quicker than will otherwise be the case.

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.



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Please complete and return to:
Rob Massey - Secretary, 9 Shandon Close, Harborne, Birmingham B32 3XB

Donations

I would like to make a donation of £ towards the restoration of 650.

Please make cheque payable to 'Great Western (SVR) Association'.

Name

Address

..... Post Code

Email address:

Donations can also be made on-line via the Charity Aid Foundation website - please see:
www.gw-svr-a.org.uk/how_to_help.html

Standing Order

Please pay from date until further notice £ per month in favour of the Great Western (SVR) Association.

The HSBC Bank, Load Street, BEWDLEY, Worcs, DY12 2AD

Account Number: 61000217 Sort Code: 40-10-13

Bank: Bank PLC

Address:

..... Post Code:

My Account Number: Sort Code:

Signed: Date:

Gift Aid Declaration

Please treat all donations and subscriptions that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations. 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).

Signature: Date:

Please notify the GW(SVR)A if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

THANK YOU!

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