

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of our unique Steam Railway

Our Railway portrays an era when steam train travel was central to most people's lives. Much of our heritage rolling stock is unique and forms a collection of national importance.

The origin of The Isle of Wight Steam Railway dates back to 1965 when a small group of enthusiasts had the vision to save a little piece of Island railway history. That early vision has developed into an award-winning living museum operating historic steam trains over 5 miles of track on about 200 days per year ...

The Vision – To Save a Piece of Island Railway History

The first railway in the Isle of Wight opened in 1862. In their heyday, the Island railways boasted a network of 55 miles; but from the 1950s the Island's once vibrant network of lines began closing. By the end of steam in 1966 only 8 miles from Ryde to Shanklin remained. At this point a small group of enthusiasts had the vision to save and preserve one of the remaining O2 class locomotives and six historic carriages. These formed the nucleus of what we have today.

The Journey Begins

The Isle of Wight Steam Railway started life at Havenstreet in 1971, with 1½ miles of track, a platform, a small station building and very little else! During the next two decades two more former Island locomotives were acquired and new facilities were built. In the 1980s a programme of rebuilding Victorian coaches from grounded bodies began, and the Railway now has an enviable collection of historic carriages.

Extension

In 1991, the Railway was extended to an interchange station with Island Line at Smallbrook Junction. Since then, new or refurbished boilers have been obtained for our three Island locomotives to ensure their long-term future, five more historic steam locomotives have been donated to the Railway, and a Heritage Lottery Funded carriage and wagon workshop has been built.

Train Story

Our £1.2 million Discovery Centre opened to visitors in 2014. A combination of fundraising, volunteer input and a Heritage Lottery Fund grant made this venture possible.

The Way Ahead

In 2009 the Railway published a 'Strategic Vision' outlining our aspirations for the next twenty years. This includes new visitor reception facilities, an enhanced mechanical engineering works and a storage building for our historic rolling stock. We also aspire to extend to Ryde St Johns and to restore the station at Ashley, and in the very long term we may construct a replica Island locomotive. The Strategic Vision is fully reviewed and updated every three years.

Membership – Securing the Future

As a registered educational charity The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a not-for-profit organisation.

Our members provide the vital ongoing support which helps the Railway progress and grow, ensuring we keep that little piece of Island railway history alive for future generations to enjoy.

With our Strategic Vision setting-out our aspirations for the future, there has never been a more exciting time to come and join us!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I wish to become a Member of the Isle of Wight Railway Company Limited and hereby agree, if elected, to become a Member of the said company, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of the Company.

Your Membership – please tick as required

Adult	<input type="checkbox"/>
Associate (same address as adult member)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior citizen (over 60 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family (2 adults and up to 4 named children under 18 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior (under 18 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please print your details

Surname	
First name(s)	Title
Address	
	Post Code
Date of Birth	
Telephone	E-mail
Signature	Date

For combined memberships or family membership

2nd Adult's name	Date of Birth
Children's names	Date of Birth

Donations. If you wish to make a donation towards the upkeep of this unique railway, please do so. We are always grateful for any sum given, no matter how small. Thank you.

NOTE. Under the articles of the Company each Adult Member is liable to contribute a maximum of £5.00 in the event of its being wound up. All membership records are stored and processed on a computer based data retrieval system, the information being used only by the Railway, except as required under the Companies Act.

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How to Join

Please return your completed Membership Application Form either by post to:
**The Membership Secretary, Isle of Wight Railway Co Ltd, The Railway Station
Havenstreet, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 4DS**

Or please hand to an authorised member of staff in the station office.

Payment may be made by **cash** (directly to an authorised member of staff not by post),
cheque (payable to The Isle of Wight Railway Co Ltd) or

Please debit my debit/credit card.

Card type

Number

Issue number (if applicable)

Start date

Expiry date

Security Code (last three digits on the reverse of your card on the signature strip)

Future renewals can be made by completing a Standing Order form which will be sent to you with your Membership Welcome Pack.



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The Benefits of Membership

- ▶ Free admission to Havenstreet Station, the museum and visitor areas during normal opening hours.
- ▶ Travel vouchers for three FREE tickets each year for train travel.
- ▶ A FREE copy each quarter of our informative and award-winning full-colour members magazine, *Island Rail News*. This is published four times per year and ensures you keep in touch with news and developments within your railway.
- ▶ Our Annual Report showing how your railway is progressing.
- ▶ An invitation to attend the AGM.
- ▶ Periodic exclusive latest news email updates.



▶ The opportunity to support the Railway in a practical way by becoming a working member. Being a member does not impose any commitment to volunteer your services as a working member, but if you do wish to get involved you'll be welcomed into our thriving team of volunteers who assist with the operation of the railway, restoration and repairs of rolling stock, and many other roles to help keep the trains running. (Please see our Volunteer Leaflet to find out more!)

The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is run by volunteers and new members are always welcome.

The Isle of Wight Steam Railway

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Your Invitation to Join Us
Become a Member
and help keep the

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