

Your Gift – The help it can give

Any gift, irrespective of size, makes a difference. Two recent bequests together funded a new volunteer hostel and other vital staff and volunteer facilities.

Examples of how a gift can be used include:

- ▶ **£1,000** will buy a new set of period enamel signs
- ▶ **£5,000** will buy a set of brass gauges and fittings for a locomotive
- ▶ **£10,000** will buy a new set of carriage doors
- ▶ **£25,000** will help fund vital facilities to conserve historic Island railway artefacts and archives
- ▶ **£50,000** will renovate the original historic Havenstreet station building (our 'star' exhibit) or restore a 4-wheeled wooden-bodied Victorian carriage to its former glory
- ▶ **£100,000** will fund a new locomotive boiler
- ▶ **£250,000** will provide a new essential building at Havenstreet
- ▶ **£500,000** will help construct a replica Island locomotive
- ▶ **£1 Million** will provide a fully equipped engineering workshop to allow us to fully restore, maintain and preserve our locomotive fleet for future generations to enjoy



A LIVING MUSEUM AN ISLAND MUSEUM LOCAL HERITAGE AT ITS BEST



The Isle of Wight Steam Railway educates and informs people of all ages and interests, offering a living history experience, operating wooden bodied rolling stock from the Victorian and Edwardian eras through the stunning rural scenery of Britain's 'Garden Isle'.

Our activities include:

- ▶ Heritage train operation throughout the year
- ▶ A full and varied annual events programme
- ▶ Educational packages for groups of all ages
- ▶ Skill based training and volunteering opportunities
- ▶ Conference, Function and Corporate Entertainment Facilities
- ▶ Historical Research and Study Facilities
- ▶ Continued restoration and display of a wide range of Island Railway artefacts of all types for the public benefit

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE

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Preserving the Island's Transport Past and Present for the Future

WILL you help make the difference?

About us and what we do

The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is an Island gem. We are an educational charity, a leading tourist attraction and one of the largest Island-based Heritage organisations.

We have won many national awards for our work and are recognised as a national centre of excellence in the restoration of Victorian and Edwardian rail vehicles.

Bringing history alive

Our work is not just about restoration and display. We preserve by using our artefacts and we educate by allowing people to be part of the experience – seeing the working practices of a bygone age in action and experiencing the railway as it was meant to be; in effect stepping through a door into the past. Each year, thousands of people and hundreds of school groups make this journey with us and are inspired to appreciate and value inventions which transformed the world, the nation and this Island



A Vision for the Future

We have a strategy for development over the next 20 to 30 years. Included are the provision of enhanced educational and interpretive facilities to greatly improve our visitors' experience, new maintenance and repair facilities plus a range of other improvements to ensure the Railway's long term future and increase public access to all aspects of the collection.



How can a Legacy help?

Conservation and restoration of historical artefacts or records is an expensive process. The income from our day-to-day operations and extensive events programme can meet the costs of routine maintenance and smaller improvements.

However, major investments in new projects require finance from other sources. A legacy can fund a smaller project in its entirety, or it can help us access larger grants which often require 'match' funding. A legacy can provide this match funding, enabling us to access a larger grant for a major restoration project. Thus the overall value of a legacy can be significantly enhanced ensuring an even greater and longer lasting memorial to the generosity of the benefactor."



The importance of Legacies

Making a Will is important. If you do not make a Will, the law dictates how your estate is allocated. As a result, there is a risk that your estate will not be distributed as you had intended and loved ones may not be adequately provided for. It is therefore also important to keep your Will up to date.

Your Will can protect your loved ones and ease their distress at one of life's most difficult times. Making a Will is also your opportunity to make a difference for causes close to your heart by leaving a lasting gift which, perhaps, has not been possible during your lifetime.

Please consider remembering the Island's unique Steam Railway and living museum in YOUR WILL and help ensure it continues to educate, inform and inspire future generations.

The Next Steps

If you would like to know more, we can help. Please complete the form below to give us an indication of your intentions, or for more information please contact us at legacy@iwsteamrailway.co.uk

- ☐ I have already remembered the IW Steam Railway in my Will
- ☐ I intend to/am considering including the IW Steam Railway in my Will
- ☐ I would like to speak to you about this
- ☐ Please send me your legacy information pack
- ☐ I would like to support you now; with a donation of £

My Name

My Address

Postcode

Telephone No.

E mail

Thank you for your support –
please send this form to:

Legacies, Isle of Wight Steam Railway
The Railway Station, Havenstreet Village
Nr Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 4DS

Tel: 01983 882204

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We will not give your information to any other organizations and will hold it for administrative purposes only. If you do not wish to receive any other information about the IWSR please tick box ☐

