

WEARDALE RAILWAY TRUST

LOCOMOTIVE No. 40 : APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The Trust owned 0-6-0 tank engine is our single largest asset. It was built in 1954 by Robert Stephenson and Hawthorne to carry passengers on the NCB system in Northumberland. Like all steam locomotives it requires boiler recertification every 10 years and the current certificate expired in 2012.

Now that the work is nearing completion – it is anticipated to be ready for its examination by the Inspector in November – we have a clearer idea of the total cost, which we now estimate to be just under £100,000. So far we have spent £ 52,000. But we will still need a further £15,000 above our current reserves to complete the work on the boiler, firebox, frames and rolling chassis. We have tried to keep costs to a minimum with the help of our loyal band of volunteers but there are certain parts of the work that have to be done by specialist firms. Ever rising costs have also been a key factor in the increase in total funds required.

With the kind help of contributors from the Trust both locally and nationally – even internationally, we were able to raise over £16,000 in the last appeal – we hope we can rely again on your generosity in these more difficult times to keep the sound and sight of a steam engine working in Weardale. The repainting of the engine has already commenced. When No 40 re-appears it will be in a dark blue shade, similar to the colour it wore in the 1950's.

We are continuing to provide a number of incentives to encourage your contributions. As before, some of John Lewins superb photographs will be provided, plus autographed copies of the history of the Weardale Railway booklet and also tickets to ride on the special dining trains to be introduced on the line next year.

Reproductions of the three photographs on offer are shown here on a small scale and in low resolution. On the larger scales being offered this photograph really does capture steam power and the atmosphere of the Weardale Railway to perfection. John has kindly offered to carry out the printing and laminating work (where requested) himself, so you can be sure of a quality product



Broadwood Bridge June 2011



Working hard : Passing Holebeck 1: Nov. 2011



Rounding the Rogerley Curve : April 2010

These photographs, by John Lewins, are being offered at various scales to contributors to the No 40 Appeal, please see further details and the contribution form overleaf.

G C MUDD, P BAKER, J LEWINS : Weardale Railway Trust.

Chairman : R MAUGHAN

THE No 40 APPEAL

Contributions should be sent to the following address :-

The Weardale Railway Trust (No 40 Appeal)
Stanhope Station
Stanhope, Bishop Auckland
Co Durham, DL13 2YS

* Cheques should be made payable to:-

The Weardale Railway Trust

* I enclose a cheque for £ _____ as my contribution towards the recertification of Locomotive No 40.

* I wish/ do not wish my copy of the photograph to be laminated

* The photo I have selected is : Broadwood : Rogerley : Holebeck – please delete two titles

* I wish to make my donation via the GIFT AID scheme. YES/NO – please delete as appropriate

Name : _____ Address : _____

Weardale Railway Trust, registered charity No. 1088897

Gifts of any amount are welcome, for those of £10 and over the following will apply

All gifts over £10 will be acknowledged and the donor will receive the selected **A5** (5.8 x 8.3 inches) colour print of No 40.

All gifts over £20 will be acknowledged and the donor will receive the selected **A4** (8.3 x11.7 inches) colour print of No 40. This can be laminated if requested.

All gifts over £30 will be acknowledged and the donor will receive the selected **A3** (11.7 x 16.5 inches) colour print of No 40. This can be laminated if requested.

All gifts over £50 will be acknowledged and the donor will receive the selected **A3** (11.7 x 16.5 inches) colour print of No 40. This can be laminated if requested. **Plus** a signed copy of “Rebirth of a Railway”.

All gifts over £125 will be acknowledged and the donor will receive the selected **A3** (11.7 x 16.5 inches) colour print of No 40. This can be laminated if requested. **Plus** a signed copy of “Rebirth of a Railway” **Plus** a voucher for one free seat on the Weardale Railway Afternoon Tea Train valid in 2014.

All gifts over £250 will be acknowledged and the donor will receive the selected **A3** (11.7 x 16.5 inches) colour print of No 40. This can be laminated if requested. **Plus** two Day Rover tickets for the Heritage service, **Plus** two copies of “Rebirth of a Railway”, **Plus** a voucher for two free seats on the Weardale Railway Afternoon Tea Train valid in 2014.