

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

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FUNDRAISING APPEAL FOR A NEW SHED

The Project

The Furness Railway Trust (FRT) has a fantastic and unique collection of rolling stock. Now, at last, in a joint development with the Ribble Steam Railway, planning permission is currently being sought for a new insulated shed building that will provide a base where *Cumbria* and *5643* can be overhauled, and *Caliban* and *4979 Wootton Hall* restored for future operation. It will also enable the FRT to renovate and protect its fleet of vintage carriages. In all, the development will provide covered accommodation for around 840 feet of track at an estimated cost of £300,000. This includes the architects' fees, erection of the building and various ancillary costs. The FRT has been given the opportunity to fund and purchase up to half of this new building at a cost of £150,000.

The Challenge

The FRT has been putting funds aside for such a development, but the need to repair the boiler on its 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST locomotive *Cumbria* means that there is currently a forecast shortfall of £60,000 to fund both this overhaul and to acquire half of the new shed. With its growing collection of vehicles, the FRT needs every single foot of track space being offered. However, the amount of covered accommodation that the FRT can purchase will depend on how much cash it can raise – and there is limited time in which to achieve this.

How can it be done? The FRT is asking for donations towards this appeal, but that is not the only way in which people can help. Assistance with fundraising events and offers of interest-free loans would also be welcomed. Although £60,000 might appear to be a lot of money, it could, perhaps, be thought of as 96 gift aided donations of £500 – and there would then be the added pleasure of knowing that the Chancellor would have contributed £12,000 to the cause!

Can You Help?

Please complete the form overleaf and send it to our Treasurer as soon as possible. This is a tremendous opportunity for the FRT to acquire a high quality home that will not only protect its precious assets, but also provide vital facilities for its overhaul and restoration projects. Remember, each Gift Aid donation of £500 will enable the FRT to purchase an additional 21" of track shed space. Such donations do not have to be made in a lump sum. A weekly contribution of the price of a pint of beer (say £2.50) over four years would raise £520, plus a further £130 in Gift Aid. Any size of donation will be welcomed.

What Will I Get in Return?

There will be a permanent roll of names on display in the new building to record those who have given or raised £500 towards the FRT's share of the new building. You may wish to take the opportunity to place the name of a loved one on the roll. All donors of £100 or more will receive a certificate and be invited to a special event at the new shed.

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GIFT AID DECLARATION

To: Honorary Treasurer,
Furness Railway Trust,
5, Beech Road,
Huyton,
Merseyside.
L36 5TS

I wish to donate £ _____ towards the Furness Railway Trust's Shed Appeal.

I wish my donation to be made by lump sum (cheque payable to the "Furness Railway Trust")/instalments of £ _____ per month (delete as applicable). The Hon. Treasurer will send a standing order form on request.

- Please treat the above gift as a Gift Aid donation
 Please tick the box if yes

Please note - 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 charity will claim from HM Revenue & Customs on your Gift Aid donation. Please notify the Honorary Treasurer if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income/capital gains, or if you change address.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Post code _____