

The West Lancashire Light Railway has been a unique feature in the village of Hesketh Bank for over 50 Years, providing a heritage steam narrow gauge railway attraction for families and railway enthusiasts, while preserving our Industrial Heritage for future generations.

The railway is today operated by a Volunteer Charitable Trust. Providing Heritage skills training to our volunteers, young and old, whilst educating through demonstrations the operation of the now disappeared Industrial Narrow Gauge Railway.

Recent developments on the old Alty's brickwork site have sadly placed the future of the Light Railway at risk with the majority of the site being sold for other developments.

The Railway Trust have agreed terms with the landowner to purchase the existing railway for £250,000. Whilst we have been successful in securing the funding in the short term with donations and loans from members and friends of the railway, a significant part of the purchase is through loans. This has to be repaid.

We are therefore asking our **Members and Friends** to help us meet the funding shortfall with a monthly donation of £10 per month for 5 years. This will assist us to repay the loans and help fund critical capital investment to allow the railway to invest in quality infrastructures for the benefit of our visitors.

We need a minimum of 160 £10 subscriptions. Of course we would welcome multi-subscriptions and / or donations. Both one off and monthly donations can be Gift Aided if you are a full UK tax payer, providing us whopping 25% more to your contributions.

You can make payments either through your on-line bank provider, or via standing order. Cheque donations can also be made to the WLLRT Members and Friends Development Fund via the Honorary Treasurer c/o Becconsall Station, Station Road, Hesketh Bank, Lancashire. PR4 6SP.

Should we fail to receive the required support, the Trust will have little option but to seek the closure of the railway, losing this fantastic asset to the village.

Note: The West Lancashire Light Railway Trust currently has no links with a proposed Hesketh Bank Heritage Park.

**Monthly and One-off Contributions can be made to;
Members and Friends Development Fund
Sort Code 30-96-85
Account no. 55749968**

Cheques made payable to "Members and Friends Development Fund".

Please remember to sign a Gift Aid form if possible.

Should you be fortunate to pay UK tax, please consider gift aid by completing the below and returning it to ;

Honorary Treasurer c/o Becconsall Station, Station Road, Hesketh Bank, PR4 6SP.

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – Single / multiple donation (delete as required)

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity; West Lancashire Light Railway Trust. Charity No. 5866375

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____ Surname _____

Full Home address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.