

The West Lancashire Light Railway Trust

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West Lancashire Light Railway Trust attends 10 Downing Street Reception for Local Charity Champions.

The West Lancashire Light Railway Trust Chairman Michael Spall attended a reception at No.10 Downing Street on 24th April 2023 for Local Charity Champions, hosted by the Minister of Charities Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP. The invitation to this prestigious event was to celebrate the heritage and community work undertaken by the volunteers at the heritage narrow gauge steam railway located in Hesketh Bank, Lancashire.

Chairman Michael Spall said, “it has been a real honour to represent the West Lancashire Light Railway Trust and its volunteers alongside other outstanding charities and their leaders at this event. It was particularly pleasing to hear the Minister for Charities and the Government recognises the fantastic work and commitment given by the many charities and their volunteers. My personal thanks to Katherine Fletcher MP for South Ribble for arranging the invitation, being a wonderful host and keen supporter of our trust and its work. I now know a little more about what’s behind that famous door”.



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About the West Lancashire Light Railway

The West Lancashire Light Railway is a 2ft gauge steam heritage railway located in the village of Hesketh Bank, midway between Preston and Southport. The Charitable Trust is completely operated by volunteers and provides short steam train rides every Sunday and Bank Holiday from April to November. The railway prides itself in the heritage restorations and links with the local communities. New volunteers are always welcome. Details can be found at www.westlancsrailway.org

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Figure 1 Irish Mail with passenger train at the West Lancashire Light Railway

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Figure 2 Mike Spall WLLRT Chair with Andy Carter MP, Dave and Gavin Thompson Warrington disabled Partnership outside Downing Street.

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Figure 3 Susan Spall, Mike Spall and Katherine Fletcher MP Westminster Hall

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Figure 4 Walking up to No. 10 Downing Street.