

**RAILWAY
MUSEUM**

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**CELEBRATE THE PAST, PRESENT AND
FUTURE OF ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE**

**INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION
OF PIONEERS**



JOIN THE STORY

At the National Railway Museum, we celebrate the past, present and future of innovation on the railways. Home to a world-class collection of engineering brilliance, our Patrons help us to tell these awe-inspiring stories of the railways to the 33 million visitors we have welcomed since we opened in 1975. Their philanthropic support safeguards the world's greatest railway collection, enabling us to continue to share it with everyone. From record-breaking locomotives, to the 1.75 million photographs in our archive, Patrons help to reveal the wonders of the national collection.

Our supporters understand the urgent challenges the UK engineering sector faces and work with us to respond to the widening skills gap.

By engaging young people through our outstanding exhibits and learning programmes, we aim to inspire the next generation of engineers, securing the future of the UK engineering industry.

Patrons are a part of our expanding museum community. As a Patron you will be invited to discover the unseen stories of the museum through an exclusive programme of events and behind-the-scenes tours, giving you an extra insight into our museum and the significant impact of your annual donation.

Donations from our Patrons are invaluable. Thank you for considering joining this vital group of supporters and I look forward to welcoming you to our community.



Judith McNicol
Director, National Railway Museum





START THE ENGINEERING REVOLUTION

Two centuries ago the UK's industrial revolution changed the world. At the centre of that revolution were the railways. As a museum, we celebrate engineering and innovative thinking through our world-class collection. Today though, the UK's engineering reputation is declining. The country is facing a national shortage of engineers. 173,000 skilled science, technology, engineering and mathematic (STEM) workers are required to keep up with demand. Despite this demand for skilled professionals, 46% of engineering employers are reporting difficulties in recruitment due to the widening skills gap. With this growing skills gap, it has become more important than ever to engage as many young people with STEM as possible.

With STEM subject pass rates remaining significantly below average year on year, we need to respond by welcoming young people to explore our iconic locomotives and unrivalled collection of engineering excellence. The National Railway Museum will continue to stimulate the next generation to engage with STEM subjects on a unique platform, encouraging them to aspire to be the pioneers of the future, regardless of background.

Together, we can ignite our visitors' curiosity about the people, places and engineering marvels behind the railways and kick start the UK's next engineering revolution.





A NATION'S COLLECTION

The National Railway Museum boasts the greatest railway collection in the world and tells the stories of nearly two centuries of history. Over 60,000 objects from rolling stock, to medals and uniform reveal the unexpected stories of the past, present and future of the railways. We are dedicated to ensuring everyone can access this treasured collection and discover these stories.

As custodians of the national collection we preserve objects for future generations to explore. Donations from Patrons help to fund the crucial work of the Conservation team who protect our collection for current and future visitors to enjoy.

Our Search Engine is a free library and research centre which is open to the general public. Its collection covers everything from 11,000 railway posters advertising destinations from Iona to

Ilfracombe, to numerous railway archives, and even George Stephenson's family cookbook. Philanthropic support has sustained this service and since opening in 2008, more than 350,000 people have used this remarkable facility to gain access to the collection without any charge.

Join us in revealing the wonder of the national collection to everybody.

'Search Engine has been tremendously successful in opening up and revealing hidden treasures from the collection. From technical drawings being used to restore famous steam locomotives, to researchers looking for accurate period details, to families searching for details of their loved ones, Search Engine has made a real impact on many people's lives.' – Alison Kay, Archivist at the National Railway Museum



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A PATRON?

As a Patron you will be invited to discover the unseen stories of the museum and take a closer look at the greatest railway collection in the world.

Safeguarding the past to inspire the future

Be a part of a community committed to progress and innovation, who wish to reflect on the pioneering achievements of the past and explore the ground-breaking inventions of the future. Join a group of individuals who wish to preserve the history of the railways so that the next generation is inspired to question, experiment, and create.

Exclusive events

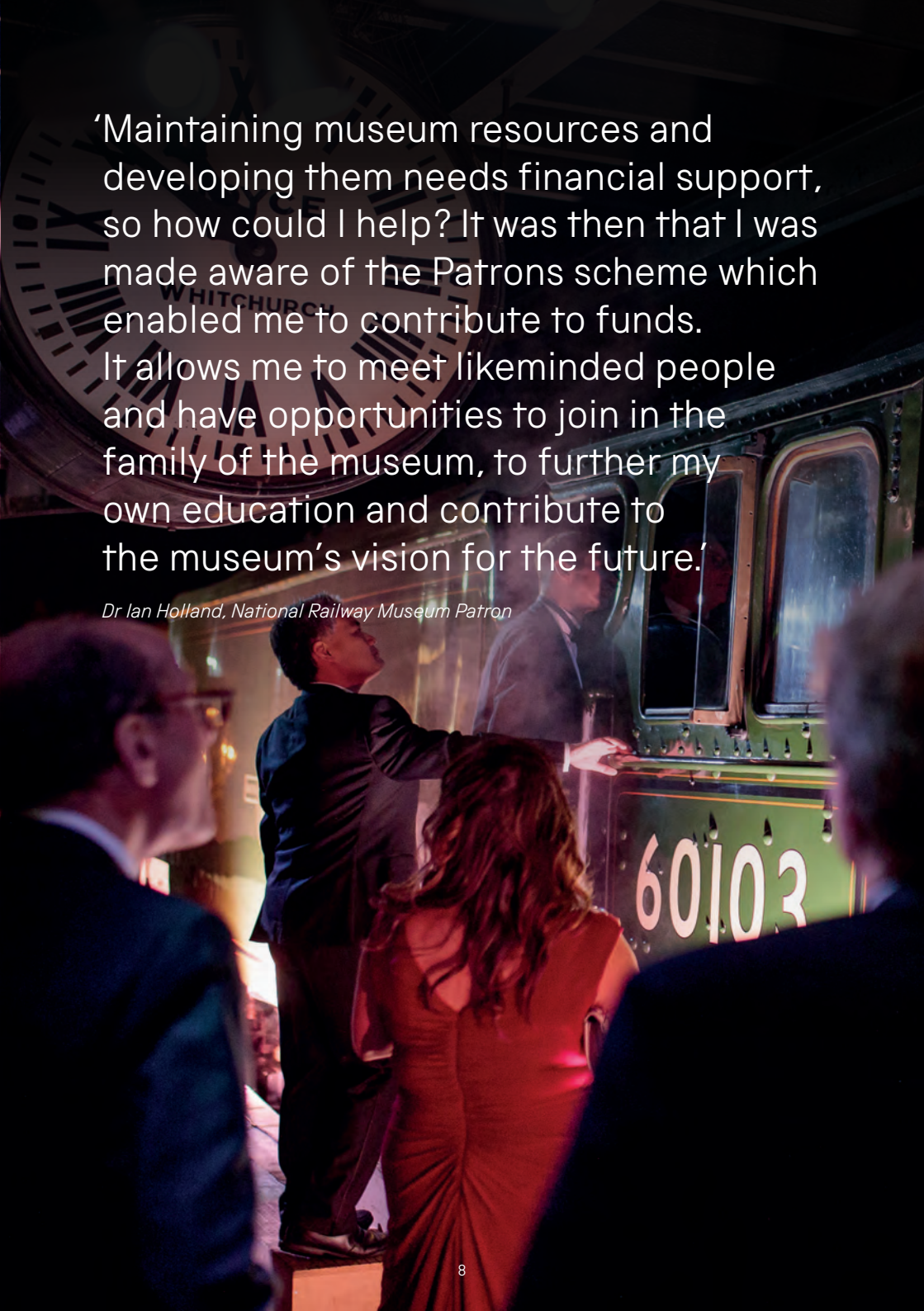
We host a programme of exclusive events for Patrons which offer you the opportunity to gain extra insight into the museum and find out more about the wider railway industry. Through these events you will get to know our Director and museum community, as well as world-class engineering experts who will reveal the wonders of a trailblazing industry.

Behind-the-scenes tours

As well as hundreds of locomotives and carriages, our collection includes original engineering drawings, paintings, signs, posters, models, and even bridges. However, only a small portion of our object collection is on display. As a Patron you will be invited to experience the unseen objects of the collection held on site in York and across the other Science Museum Group sites which are not currently accessible to the public.

Bespoke opportunities

At the higher levels of Patronage, the opportunity exists for Patrons and their guests to enjoy bespoke experiences within the museum, and we work with our Patrons to create these unique events. Our Gresley and Stephenson Circle Patrons are also invited to attend the Director's Dinner – our most exclusive event of the year.



'Maintaining museum resources and developing them needs financial support, so how could I help? It was then that I was made aware of the Patrons scheme which enabled me to contribute to funds. It allows me to meet likeminded people and have opportunities to join in the family of the museum, to further my own education and contribute to the museum's vision for the future.'

Dr Ian Holland, National Railway Museum Patron

YOUR PATRONS BENEFITS

<div>BENEFITS</div> <div>There are three levels of Patronage to choose from, with each opening the door to a range of exclusive benefits and unique opportunities.</div> <div>Your donation is essential. It is what enables us to engage the next generation in engineering and inspire the thought leaders of tomorrow.</div>	HACKWORTH CIRCLE	GRESLEY CIRCLE	STEPHENSON CIRCLE
	£1000 per annum	£5000 per annum	£10,000 per annum
	Minimum payment £120 Suggested donation £880 ¹	Minimum payment £339 Donation amount £4,661 ¹	Minimum payment £981 Suggested donation £9,019 ¹
	✓	✓	✓
	Exclusive programme of Patrons' events.	✓	✓
	Free entry for you and a guest to any two exhibitions a year across the Science Museum Group sites with your Patrons card.	✓	✓
Stay up to date with what's happening at the museum with the Patrons' Newsletter, and see the impact of your support in the Science Museum Group's Annual Review.	✓	✓	✓
Recognition of your support on the National Railway Museum's Donor Board and in the Science Museum Group's Annual Review.	✓	✓	✓
Patrons welcome pack which includes your Patrons card.	✓	✓	✓
Drop in for coffee, with up to two guests, to the Smith Centre at the Science Museum when you're visiting.	✓	✓	✓

Opportunity to join others for a Welcome Tour of the Museum during opening hours when you join as a Patron. ³	✓	✓	✓
An invitation to the Director's Dinner.		✓	✓ <i>With guest</i>
Receive a copy of a book written or selected by one of our Curators annually.		✓	✓
A private tour for you, and up to four guests, with a member of the museum's Curatorial team during Museum opening hours. ³		✓	✓
An invitation for two to the Science Museum's Director's Dinner.			✓
The opportunity to work with a dedicated account manager to host a bespoke, private reception at the Museum. ^{2 3}			✓

¹ The donation portion is a suggested donation to which Gift Aid can be claimed. However, you may purchase the benefits package separately, at the minimum payment amount, without making any further donation.

² All costs incurred for room hire, catering, and logistics must be covered by the event host.

³ On request of the Patron.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Why does the National Railway Museum need my support every year?

We strive to offer all our visitors a world-class experience.

We believe that no visit to our museum should ever be the same as the last.

Everyone should have access to the National Railway Museum and its collection even if they cannot physically visit us, by making the collection available to explore online.

Funding from government only covers our core costs and keeps museum admission free, therefore we fundraise separately to deliver everything above and beyond this. We ask those who share our ambitious vision to provide sustained support, helping us to continue to create exciting new experiences for engineering engagement and participation.

As a Patron you will help us to realise our ever-growing plans to celebrate the rich history of an industry which shaped the world. Together, we are creating an ambitious programme of exhibitions, caring for our national collection, and strengthening our forward-looking informal learning experiences both on the museum floor and in classrooms across the UK.

Below are examples of how your gift will really make a difference:

£1,000 enables our outreach team to visit a school or community group to inspire 450 children or families.

£7,000 could fund the conservation materials for a temporary exhibition.

£10,000 helps to cover the costs of the volunteering programme at the National Railway Museum for one year. This supports over 250 volunteers who work across all departments at the museum.

£30,000 has funded the external restoration of our treasured Queen Victoria Carriage for future visitors to enjoy.



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY

Become a Patron

We would be delighted to welcome you as a Patron of the National Railway Museum.

Please complete the joining form and send it to the Patrons Office, or alternatively email it to Katherine Ronayne.

katherine.ronayne@railwaymuseum.org.uk

Gift Patronage

We are pleased to offer the gift of Patronage. Please complete the relevant part of the joining form or contact us if you would like further information.

Maximise your donation

If you are a UK taxpayer you can maximise your support to the National Railway Museum by making a Gift Aid declaration. For every £1 you donate, we can claim 25p from HM Revenue & Customs. If you are a higher-rate taxpayer you can also benefit by claiming higher-rate tax relief on your donation in your self-assessment tax return.

Your Patrons' benefits

To enable us to claim gift aid we are required to make explicit the commercial value of any benefits we may offer to Patrons. The benefit portion for Hackworth Patrons is £120. The benefit portion for Gresley Patrons is £339 and the benefit portion for Stephenson Patrons is £981. These are treated as a subscription fee and are not eligible for Gift Aid or tax relief. According to HMRC guidelines, we advertise these benefit packages as available for purchase without making any donation to the Museum.

US Patrons

If you reside in the USA, you can support the National Railway Museum by donating via the US Friends of the Science Museum, an independent charity that supports the work of the National Railway Museum and the Science Museum Group. US Friends of the Science Museum receives full tax exempt status from the IRS under section 501 (c) (3) allowing US taxpayers to receive tax deductions on gifts. Please contact the Development Office for further information or:

katherine.ronayne@railwaymuseum.org.uk

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Celebrating your philanthropy

We wish to celebrate the transformational support we receive from our Patrons. To ensure you enjoy your experience as a Patron of the National Railway Museum we will always aim to provide you with an extra special relationship with the museum as a way to say thank you for your donation.

Your support will go towards the National Railway Museum's greatest need at the time of your giving. We will keep you informed of the progress that Patron donations are enabling and celebrate these achievements with you.

We will endeavour to provide you with an exclusive experience of the museum and its collection, ensuring you get to see how your support makes a difference first hand.

Keeping in touch and storing your data

The Science Museum Group are members of the Fundraising Regulator and follow its Code of Fundraising. We are dedicated to providing a transparent and honest relationship with our Patrons.

We understand that everyone prefers to be communicated with in different ways, therefore we will only contact you using the preferred methods you outline to us.

We will keep you up to date with activities at the National Railway Museum and the wider Science Museum Group, so you can keep up to date with what is going on and we can tell you how your support is making a difference.

Your information will be processed for administration, marketing and charitable purposes in accordance with our Privacy Policy, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and any related data protection laws applicable in the UK. We will not share your personal details without your consent nor email you about our events, fundraising and activities unless you choose to hear from us. If you have any questions regarding the use of your data, please read our Privacy Policy at group.sciencemuseum.org.uk/privacy or contact us at: data.protection@sciencemuseum.ac.uk.



‘The National Railway Museum is
best placed to showcase both
the historical and contemporary
advances in railways’

Sir Peter Hendy, Chairman of Network Rail





GIFT AID

I want to Gift Aid this donation, any donations I make in the future and any I have made in the past 4 years.

Gift Aid allows the National Railway Museum, with your consent, to claim basic-rate tax relief, increasing the value of your donation at no additional cost to you. If you are a higher-rate taxpayer, you can claim higher-rate tax relief on your donation in your self-assessment tax return.

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. Please notify us if you: want to cancel this declaration; change your name or home address; no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. 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 & Customs to adjust your tax code.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Or: ☐ I am not eligible as a UK taxpayer/do not consent

Please note: for Gift Aid purposes, we are required to indicate the commercial value of any benefit we may offer to Patrons. The benefit portion for Hackworth Patrons is £192. The benefit portion for Gresley Patrons is £465 and the benefit portion for Stephenson Patrons is £1332. Any donation voluntarily given above the agreed values of benefits will be eligible for Gift Aid.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. I would like to pay by credit/debit card

Please charge to my:

CVV code:

 VisaStart date:

Switch/Maestro

Expiry date:

Card number:

Issue no:

Name on card:

Billing address:
(if different to home address)

2. I would like to pay by bank transfer

Please use the reference PATRON followed by your surname (e.g. PATRON Smith) and forward payment to:

Science Museum Group Current Account, Account number: 60910465, Sort code: 20-06-05

3. I would like to pay by cheque/CAF voucher

Please make cheques payable to the National Railway Museum.

CAF, charitable trust or foundation payments can only be accepted for your donation. Please settle the benefit package personally.

4. I am a US taxpayer resident in the UK and would like to make my donation through the UK Friends of the Science Museum

Please use the reference PATRON followed by your surname (e.g. PATRON Smith) and forward payment to:

UK Friends of the Science Museum Limited. Account number: 50427470. Sort code: 20-06-05

5. I would like to pay by Direct Debit

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Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debit



I would like to pay ☐ monthly
☐ quarterly
☐ annually

Name(s) of Account Holder(s): _____

Address: _____

Bank/Building Society: _____

Account Number: Sort Code:

Service User Number: 4 3 3 1 5 1

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit: Please pay the Science Museum Group Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with the Science Museum Group and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



This Guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer



The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit, the Science Museum Group will notify you within 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.
- If you request the Science Museum Group to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by the Science Museum Group or your Bank or Building Society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your Bank or Building Society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the Science Museum Group asks you to. You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your Bank or Building Society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify the Science Museum Group.

Please note: Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account.

JOIN US

☐ I/We would like to join the Patrons Programme

☐ I/We would like to give a gift Patronage

The development team will be in touch regarding your gift of Patronage.

YOUR DETAILS

Title: _____ E-mail: _____

First name: _____ Phone: _____

Surname: _____ Mobile: _____

Address: _____

_____ Gift purchased by: _____

Postcode: _____

☐ I am happy for the National Railway Museum to contact me via email

YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Inclusive of suggested donation:

☐ **Hackworth**
£1000
(benefit £120
suggested donation £880)

☐ **Gresley**
£5000
(benefit £339
suggested donation £4,661)

☐ **Stephenson**
£10,000
(benefit £981
suggested donation £9,019)

Or:

☐ I wish to opt out of the suggested donation and pay for Hackworth £120/
Gresley £339/ Stephenson £981 Circle benefit package only (delete as appropriate)


☐ I/We would like to make a donation of £ _____

ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR SUPPORT AS A PATRON

Please specify the name(s) by which you wish to be credited in the Science Museum
Group Annual Review and on the Donor Wall: _____

Or:

☐ I/We would like to remain anonymous

A close-up photograph of a metallic railway component, likely a bogie or chassis part, featuring five prominent hexagonal bolts arranged in a circular pattern. The metal surface is weathered and shows signs of rust and wear. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other parts of the railway vehicle.

Join our thriving Patrons community

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