

MEMBERSHIP FORM

RVP can only function through the efforts of its membership. Whether you wish to join our volunteer work parties, or simply support our aims from a distance please consider joining the group. Two membership options are available:

- 1) Annual membership—£15—please fill in this form.
- 2) Regular donation by standing order. Any amount as often as you like. Anyone donation at least £5 / month automatically becomes a member. Please request a form or download one from our website and present it to your bank, let us know that you have done this.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

NAME

ADDRESS

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EMAIL (Optional).....

DATE SIGNED

As RVP is able to claim tax back on membership fees. If you are a UK taxpayer also tick the declaration below:

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.

To comply with the GDPR Act we need your permission to store your details within our records in order to maintain your membership. Tick this box to state you are happy for us to do this. Our full privacy policy is available on our website or on request.

Send this form to: Membership Secretary, 28 Shepherds Walk, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3ND

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within the year afterwards, for payment of debts and liabilities of the company, contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and the costs charges and expenses of the winding up of the same and for the adjustments of the rights of the contributors amongst themselves., such amount as may be required, not exceeding two pounds.

BACKGROUND

RVP was started in 1968 as the “Lea Valley Railway Carriage and Wagon Society”.

As such it began collecting historic railway vehicles and industrial steam engines. Over the intervening 50 years the group has evolved and moved home.

Today RVP is the major carriage owning group on the Great Central Railway, which currently runs between Loughborough and Leicester. Our aims have become more focused and we now aim to preserve and restore carriages from the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER) and items of railway postal history.

We have acquired a collection of historic LNER vehicles and for more than 35 years have operated Travelling Post Office (TPO) demonstration trains on the Great Central Railway.

RVP has always been an entirely volunteer organisation and relies heavily on its membership to restore and maintain our vehicles. We have no regular external funding and rely on the generosity of our own membership and the public to fund our restoration programme.



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LNER TEAK TRAIN



The main aim of the group is to restore its collection of London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) vehicles. These vehicles date from the 1920's through to the 1950's and includes a surviving carriage from the 1924 Flying Scotsman train.

So far, two of the collection have been fully restored, these being a pigeon van and buffet car, with a third being actively restored to provide more passenger accommodation.

TRAVELLING POST OFFICE



RVP own the only set of LNER TPO coaches, with both a sorting and stowage vehicle in the collection.

RVP also have the largest collection of former British Railways (BR) Mark 1 TPO coaches that were built between 1959 and 1977, these are operated at Galas throughout the year to demonstrate how mail was operated during the night to ensure you received your mail first thing in the morning before you left for work.

VOLUNTEERING



Our main activity is the restoration and maintenance of the vehicles in our care. We are based in the carriage shed at Rothley and we normally have at least one vehicle undergoing restoration at a time.

Work parties take place on Saturdays and Mondays between 10am and 4pm. Everyone can be found a job, skilled or unskilled. If you are interested then please enquire at the shed during these times. You will make new friends and maybe learn a new skill.

LNER BEAVERTAILS



In 1937 the LNER built two luxury trains to mark the coronation of King George VI. These would include a vehicle that would become known as a "Beavertail", which would be attached to the end of the train and allow passengers a view from the rear of the train. The service was interrupted by World War 2 and never returned. The two vehicles found a new use in Scotland and were rebuilt to give a better view.

Both vehicles survive and are in the custody of RVP. one has been rebuilt to its original condition, whilst the other has been restored to its rebuilt condition.

DIESEL BRAKE TENDER



British Railways built these vehicles using redundant carriage underframes to give the new diesels extra brake force to overcome a problem the early diesels had in stopping unfitted trains.

None were preserved, so RVP set about creating a new one using the same principles that BR had used in the 1960's.

The vehicle will become a very useful education tool in showing how BR overcame a problem during the transition from steam to diesel and from hauling goods trains that were unfitted to ones that had full braking.

SWITHLAND SHED



RVP has been able to construct a shed at Swithland sidings that is able to hold 12 coaches and keep them in the dry while they await restoration or between duties once they have been restored. This facility not only slows down the rate of deterioration before a vehicle is restored, it also allows restored vehicles to last longer after restoration before requiring works attention again.

This vital building cost RVP around £250,000 and was only possible by donations from our membership and external grant giving institutions.