# **Application for Membership**

(This form can be used to make donations only if preferred.)

I/we\* wish to apply for membership for the current year.

I/we\* enclose the sum of £. for adult/joint adult/life/joint life/ student/OAP\* membership.

I would also like to make a donation (Please tick as appropriate)

 $\Box$  to the general restoration fund of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

$\Box$ to the restoration fund of £	towards 650/6045/7325*
*Delete as necessary	

Addross			

Post Code

Email address:

Please tick if you are willing to receive the GW(SVR)A Newsletter by email

## **Membership Rates:**

Adult Member £4.00 Joint Adult Membership Life Member £40.00 Student/OAP £2.00

£6.00 Joint Life Membership £50.00

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope and forward to Rob Massey, Secretary, 9 Shandon Close, Harborne, Birmingham B32 3XB

## Gift Aid Declaration

Please treat all donations and subscriptions that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations. (Please tick box as appropriate.)

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 GW(SVR)A will claim from HM Revenue & Customs on your Gift Aid donation(s).

Signature:



Date:

Please notify the GW(SVR)A if you: I. Want to cancel this declaration.

2. Change your name or home address.

3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

### Tax claimed by the GW(SVR)A:

The GW(SVR)A will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give. If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.



Our Vehicles (owned or in our care)

#### Type No. Built Acquired Status Locomotive 9303/ 2-6-0 Tender 1932 1974 Exhibited at Engine House, Highley 7325 Carriages 650 Open Brake Third 1940 1988 Under restoration 829 Full Third 1948 1968 Restored 1938 1086 Full Third 1969 Restored 1087 1938 Full Third 1969 Restored 1938 1116 Full Third 1969 Restored 1145 Passenger Brake 1922 1973 Restored 1257 1927 Siphon G 1976 Restored 1399 Milk Brake 1921 1967 Restored (sales vehicle) 1949 2119 Full Third 1968 Restored (awaiting repairs) 2426 **Toplight Full Third** 1910 1972 In use as accommodation 3930 **Toplight Full Third** 1915 1967 Restored 5883 Brake Third 1934 1973 Restored 6045 Bow End Composite 1928 1973 Restoration at early stage 6562 Brake Composite 1938 1967 Restored 6913 Brake Composite 1934 1974 Restored Corridor Composite 7284 1941 1969 Restored 9055 Nondescript Saloon 1912 1972 Restored 9103 Nondescript Saloon 1929 1972 Restored 9369 Nondescript Saloon 1923 1972 Restored Wagon 107291 **Bogie Bolster** 1935 1971 Restored



# GREAT WESTERN (SVR) ASSOCIATION



# Preserving the GWR heritage on the Severn Valley Railway

## www.gw-svr-a.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1078718

The Severn Valley Railway was a Great Western Branch Line. The Great Western (SVR) Association exists to ensure that typical Great Western train services from the 1920s to the 1940s can continue to run on the line complementing the scenes already evident in the restored stations.



The Great Western (SVR) Association exists to preserve and restore items of rolling stock, particularly carriages, as built by the Great Western Railway (GWR) for service on the Severn Valley Railway (SVR) which was a GWR cross country branch line. The primary aim is to tell the developing story of the Great Western carriage from the turn of the 20th century right up to the production of the last Great Western designed vehicles in the early 1950s focussing on the heyday of services in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s.

# Background

The wake-up call for this endeavour was in 1967 when there was a general withdrawal of pre-nationalisation stock. A quick whip-round of Severn Valley members of the day produced sufficient cash to purchase two Hawksworth carriages from the long lines of condemned coaches at Didcot. Seeing so many carriages going for scrap, the volunteer restoration team at Bewdley resolved to set up a 'Great Western Rolling Stock Fund' with the initial target an outside framed Siphon G. Over the next three years no less than eight carriages were purchased by the Fund and its members and moved to the Severn Valley Railway.

In 1972 the Great Western Locomotive and Carriage Society was formed to help save the only Collett Mogul (9303/7325) from Barry scrapyard. As the two groups had similar aims and common members they were merged in 1973 to form the Great Western (SVR) Association. The purchase price for the mogul of  $\pounds$ 4,125 was paid in 1974 and the movement took place in August 1975. Further passenger vehicles were acquired in the 1970s (including the Siphon G) mostly from redundant Departmental Stock requiring more substantial work in restoration as the original interiors were missing. All but three of our vehicles have been returned to working order with locomotive 7325 working on the national network in the 1990s as well as the SVR. The last vehicle to be acquired was Brake Open Third 650 which did not arrive on the SVR until 1989. It is our current main restoration project in Bewdley yard to be followed by Corridor Composite 6045.



## How you can help

You can join the Association (see attached membership form), participate in working parties at Bewdley (usually held on Wednesdays and Saturdays) and help with or donate to our sales stand in the Cattle Dock at Bewdley which is open most weekends and some weekdays.

You will receive our illustrated newsletter twice a year and have the opportunity to travel on our occasional special trains.

We need financial help with the costs of restoration. For example, cloth for the upholstery can amount to  $\pm 5,000$  per carriage and replacement timber in the region of  $\pm 10,000$ . Restoration of Mogul 7325 is projected to be  $\pm 100,000$  (although this will be partly met by the SVR). Donations are welcome via regular standing order or the JustGiving website. We are a registered charity (No. 1078718).

By supporting the valuable work of the Association you will help us to keep services running and preserve an important part of our railway heritage.

Top and below: The recently restored Nondescript Saloon 9103.



## Standing Order Form

(This form to be sent to your own bank.)

Please pay from date until further notice
$\pounds$ per month in favour of the Great Western (SVR) Association.
c/o The HSBC Bank, Load Street, Bewdley, Worcestershire DY12 2AD
Sort Code: 40-10-13
Account Number: 61000217

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