



THE WD554

SIR WILLIAM MCALPINE

APPEAL



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10/19

Scottish Railway
Preservation Society

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Photo Ian Lothian



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The Challenge

The Scottish Railway Preservation Society (SRPS) with your help is preserving a hugely important piece of Scotland's war time history JOIN US AND HELP US PLEASE.

The SRPS is raising funds to restore a Glasgow built, LMS designed Stanier 8F steam locomotive. This type of locomotive was used extensively throughout Scotland and the rest of the UK and is a shining example of Scotland's proud export history. The locomotive has been named in honour of the legendary railway preservationist Sir William McAlpine and will carry the number WD554.

The History

Built by the North British Locomotive Company in Glasgow this locomotive was first steamed on 28th February 1942 at the peak of WW2. Under the ownership of the Ministry of Supply (War Department) the engine carried the number WD554. It was converted to right hand drive and shipped to Turkey in 1943 as part of a step to ensure Turkey's ongoing assistance to the allies in the war effort. Locally known in Turkey as the 'Churchill's' she saw service under the Turkish number 45170. She was saved from the cutters torch in 2010 and returned to the UK.

Late in her operating life she underwent a major overhaul so is a superb candidate for full restoration to operational standards.

More information on the 8F class, and this locomotive in particular, is available at www.srpssteam.com

The Appeal

This appeal is your opportunity to help us to restore WD554 'Sir William McAlpine' for future generations. Now is the time to join us by making a 'one off' donation or better still, become a 'regular monthly donator / Covenantor'. We are targeting a total fund of £250,000 which would account for her full restoration. This is not an insurmountable amount as we have seen by the hugely generous donations received to date that have already secured the outright purchase of the locomotive in a little over two years! Now we need to keep the momentum going and secure the rest of the fund to carry out the restoration. When compared to new build projects, that run into millions of pounds, this is a small amount to pay to see one of the strongest locomotives ever to grace the rails return to traffic for the SRPS. This is a long-term commitment by the SRPS to restore this loco for the core collection. This restoration can and will happen with your help!

You can donate in a number of ways.

- A one-off cash donation
- Make regular monthly payments and become a supporter – a Covenantor. As a Covenantor you will receive regular updates on the fund and a certificate confirming your regular payments. You will also receive updates on the locomotive and the chance to attend various events planned to support the locomotive's restoration.
- Donate online to this project through the website <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/>
- To donate to the appeal go to www.srps.org.uk/donate and click on the button "Make a secure donation to the SRPS" then click on "Campaigns". You can GiftAid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer and fulfill the necessary criteria, which adds 25% to your donation at no cost to you.



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SRPS WD554 Appeal

You can make a single donation by completing the form below and enclosing a cheque payable to the Scottish Railway Preservation Society. If you would prefer to donate by regular standing order please complete, sign and date the standing order form overleaf. You can do either, or both. In either case send the form and, if appropriate, a single donation cheque to:

SRPS WD554 Appeal
c/o 4 Baberton Mains Avenue
Edinburgh
EH14 3EQ

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Email address: _____

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Enter the Name & Address of your bank or Building Society

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Please pay the Scottish Railway Preservation Society at
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. 23 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. G2 3AD
(Sort Code: 83-52-00 A/C No. 00675411)

(Enter your bank details) from my account Account No. _____ Sort code: _____

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