



## IMPROVEMENTS TO GRESLEY CARRIAGES 43600 & 52255



Ex-LNER Gresley Tourist Third Opens (TTO) 43600 and the then privately-owned 52255 arrived on the SVR in 1980. Exterior restoration of both vehicles to 1935 livery was undertaken by the LNER (SVR) Coach Fund in the mid-1980s. Along with buffet car 643, these three carriages provided the Gresley presence on the SVR for many years.

The interiors of both carriages are very much a compromise with their British Railways seating. Now both owned by the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company, the Trust's LNER Carriage Group is to complete the Coach Fund projects to give them the 'Gresley touch'. For 43600, this will include new tables, mirrors, coat hooks and luggage racks. Some more authentic upholstery is also planned. These improvements will bring the carriage into keeping with other recent restorations. For 52255, similar changes are in hand, initially adding mirrors, luggage racks, replacement LNER tables and the missing coathooks. When finance allows, 52255 will receive replacement upholstery. Its current seating, though still serviceable, is an inappropriate Great Western moquette.

TTO 43600 has a place in history as one of the first LNER vehicles with a welded chassis - which made it one ton lighter than 52255's fabricated chassis. Both 43600 and 52255 also served in the 1960s as part of the BR Eastern Region Mobile Control Office train - which was intended for use in the event of nuclear war.

### THE FACELIFTS WILL COST AROUND £15K

The Trust Company intends to complete these improvements over the next year or two.

The Trust's LNER Carriage Group is also starting on the next major project to complete an eight-carriage Gresley teak train for the SVR. This is to restore 1943 Gresley pigeon van 70759 - see our separate appeal leaflet.

Please join us in these projects with your financial support so that we can make this all a reality!

### HELP US BY SPONSORING A PART

**Sponsorship:** You have seen what can be done with the Coach Fund's GNR 2701 - this restoration has been recognised nationally as the Heritage Railway Association's top award winner in their 2009 competition. Now help us give the interiors of 43600 and 52255 the "Gresley touch" by sponsoring a part.

Items marked \*\*\* include those parts available for sponsorship in 52255.

Parts range in price to suit all pockets, and we have the following to offer for sponsorship:-

|                         |                |                              |                                 |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 52 Coat hooks ***       | £20 each       | 10 LNER-style wall lamps     | <i>Sorry, all now sponsored</i> |
| 28 Mirrors ***          | £75 each       | 16 LNER-pattern tables       | £100 each                       |
| 32 Bench seats moquette | £100 per bench | 94 Luggage rack brackets *** | £10 each                        |

In return, sponsors will receive a certificate of appreciation identifying the part sponsored, along with free membership of the 'Friends of the SVR Teak Train' (run jointly with the Coach Fund).

**Covenants:** We also particularly need regular monthly income. Supporters covenanting £5 or more monthly will receive a certificate and automatic membership of the "Friends of the SVR Teak Train" scheme.

All supporters will have our profound thanks and the appreciation of future generations. Sponsors and covenantors can see progress via the Carriage Group's website and the occasional email newsletter.

A sponsorship form and application to become a 'Friend of the SVR Teak Train' is overleaf. Extra copies from:

<http://lner.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk/>

Alternatively visit Bewdley Station Shop OR write to the Trust's LNER Carriage Group at Bewdley Station.

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**Enhancement of LNER Open Carriages 43600 & 52255 – Dedicated Donations**

The LNER Carriage Group is a department of the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company (Reg. Charity 1092723). This Group is continuing the work of the LNER (SVR) Coach Fund to enhance the rather austere interior of 43600 with the addition of 14 authentic LNER-design oval mirrors, 32 coat hooks, 10 correct-pattern wall lamps, 16 LNER-style tables and correct pattern luggage racks. Additionally the seating is to be modified and reupholstered in authentic LNER pattern moquette. The total 43600 project cost is around £8k, and sponsorship is urgently sought for these various items.

Similar improvements are also in hand for 52255.

Sponsor items for both vehicles are listed overleaf.

Fuller details are available on request or at: <http://lner.svr-rollingstocktrust.org.uk>

The Trust Company invites you to become a 'Friend of the SVR Teak Train' – a scheme run jointly with the Coach Fund – by sponsoring individual parts in your own name or, as a gift suggestion, in the name of a friend or relative.

All donations are most welcome, including regular donations by standing order and sponsorship by groups.

**I wish to become a 'Friend of the SVR Teak Train' and to sponsor the following parts for Gresley**

**LNER Tourist Third Carriage 43600**  **LNER Tourist Third Carriage 52255**  (Tick box ✓)

|   | (Item reference number) | ITEM NAME | Cost - £ |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 |                         |           |          |
| 2 |                         |           |          |
| 3 |                         |           |          |

**SINGLE DONATION:**

I enclose:- a cheque  postal order  money order  (Tick box ✓) for £.....  
 (Make payable to **'SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd'**. Also, please write **'LNERCG'** on the reverse)

**REGULAR PAYMENTS BY STANDING ORDER**

I wish to donate to the Trust Company by standing order from my bank.  
 Please send me the standing order form for this purpose  (tick box)

**GIFT AID DECLARATION** (See notes below \*\*)

I am a UK taxpayer and want the SVR Rolling Stock Trust Co Ltd to reclaim the tax on all donations that I make on and after the date of this declaration until further notice.

Full Name .....  
 Address .....  
 Post Code ..... Email .....  
 Signed ..... Date .....

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**\*\* NOTES \*\***

- GIFT AID:** 1. You must pay income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the SVR Rolling Stock Trust reclaims on your donations in the tax year.
- 2. Remember to notify us if you no longer pay income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to that being reclaimed by the Trust Company. Please also notify the Trust Company if you change your name or address whilst the declaration is in force. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the Trust Company.
- 3. If you pay tax at a higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
- 4. Unsure if your donations qualify? Ask the charity; or obtain Leaflet *IR 113 Gift Aid* from your local tax office.

**Please return completed form with your donation to:**

**Bewdley Station Shop (Dept. LNER), The Railway Station, BEWDLEY, Worcs. DY12 1BG**

**NB.** If you would like your sponsorship of a part registered *in the name of another person*, then please write below the words that you wish to appear on the certificate of recognition.