

The Narrow Gauge Railway Museum

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William Finlay Appeal Update



Volunteers will be aware that the Narrow Gauge Railway Museum has purchased the Fletcher Jennings Locomotive "William Finlay", works number 173L of 1880. This loco, together with its twin "Townsend Hook" (no 172L), was purchased from new by the Dorking Greystone Lime Company, based near Dorking in Surrey. It was built to the unusual gauge of 3ft 2¼ in used within the quarry.

It is our intention now the locomotive has been cosmetically restored to display it in the museum, replacing "Jubilee 1897", which will move to the Penrhyn Quarry Railway at Bethesda, its former home, where part of railway is currently being rebuilt. While the cost of purchase of the locomotive has been covered by museum funds and a loan from the Talyllyn Railway Preservation Society, we need to repay the loan and fully fund its restoration and display. Total costs have been estimated at £60,000. The fund currently stands at £18,000, thanks to the donations received.

Following the completion of the mechanical repairs which were undertaken by Ian Howitt and the repainting by Heritage Painting, "William Finlay" made a star appearance in Tywyn at the Gala at the beginning of July. The total cost of this element of the work was approximately £26,000 including transport.

We need to raise this money in the next few months, and are we asking for donations from members, friends, and the public. If you are a UK tax payer, you can increase the value of your donation by 25p in every pound by gift aiding it. Donations may be made using this form, which can also be downloaded from the Museum web site at www.ngrm.org.uk. You can also donate through the web site using Paypal.

We do hope that you will give generously to help bring this historic piece of Fletcher Jennings history to the museum.

Please make cheques payable to The Narrow Gauge Railway Museum and indicate if you require a receipt YES NO

Thank you for your donation Keith Theobald, Chairman of Trustees,
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