



**West Somerset Railway Heritage Trust**  
**Registered Charity No. 265564**



**Grants to Other Bodies**

**Context.**

- 1) The Trust has the power to make grants to other bodies where this is consistent with its objects and is for the public benefit.
- 2) To promote education by furthering interest in and appreciation of railway lines, equipment, buildings, and construction and steam or other traction engines of historical engineering or scientific importance particularly by preserving and displaying the same.

**Policy.**

- 1) The Trust may consider making a grant to another body (the 'receiving body') where it has funds available and considers that this is a better way of delivering the Trust's objects than incurring expenditure directly.
- 2) Before making a grant, the Trust will consider a range of factors including:
  - Railway Heritage: the grant should support the preservation or display of railway assets of historical, engineering, or scientific importance, and should therefore generally be for capital items;
  - Additionality: if the receiving body would deliver the same railway heritage benefits even without a grant, then a grant is less likely to be appropriate;
  - Public Benefit: the railway assets should be available to view by as wide a group of the public as possible, for example visible from station platforms;
  - Availability of Resources: before making a grant, the Trust will need to be satisfied that this is of a sufficiently high priority compared with other Trust activities. This is likely to be the case where the Trust has benefited from work done by the receiving body in anticipation of a grant, or where it has received a donation restricted to a project being undertaken by the receiving body;
  - Donor Restrictions: if a donor has specified that a donation should be used for a specific project, or for the preservation or display of railway assets on a particular railway, the Trust must treat that the donation as restricted to that project or railway but still needs to consider Railway Heritage and Public Benefits.
  - The liability of the members is limited to a sum not exceeding £10, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of its being wound up while he, she or it is a member or within one year after he, she or it ceases to be a member

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