

GROUP VISITS TO THE



We welcome group visits to the West Shed, where you can enjoy:

- Guided tours of the museum.
- Access inside vehicles normally closed to general visitors.
- A trip onto the footplate of a static locomotive.
- Behind the scenes tours around the workshop facilities.
- Refreshments provided in our meeting room.

What can we see at the WEST SHED?

The 'West Shed Experience' is the home of The Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust and houses our collection of historic steam locomotives and railway coaches. The history of our exhibits is told through display boards, audio commentary domes, animatronic figures and a mini-cinema with short films to watch. Visitors can also view the active workshop where our locomotives are maintained from the safety of the viewing gallery above.

Some of the exhibits you can see at the West Shed include:

6233 'Duchess of Sutherland'

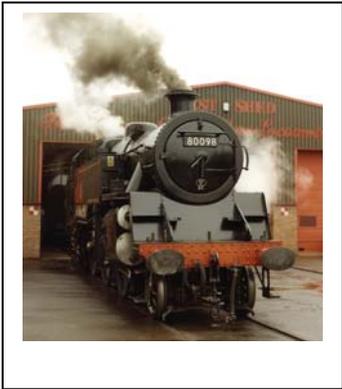


This Princess Coronation Class locomotive was built at Crewe in 1938 and worked express passenger services for the London, Midland & Scottish Railway. It was restored by the PRCLT with a Heritage Lottery Fund grant and steamed again in 2001. It is now regularly used to haul rail tours on the national rail network.

46203 'Princess Margaret Rose'

Built at Crewe in 1935, this Princess Royal Class locomotive worked express passenger services for the London, Midland & Scottish Railway. It was restored to working order by the PRCLT in 1990 but is currently on static display awaiting funds for a major overhaul.





British Railways Standard Tank Locomotives

Built in 1954, these versatile locomotives were widely used over the national rail network. No.s 80080 and 80098 were both later saved from the scrap yard and restored by a group of enthusiasts in the 1980s-90s. When not on display in the museum these locomotives can be found working at other heritage railway sites.

Dynamometer Car 45050



Built in 1912 by the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Company, this important vehicle was used to test the performance of locomotives. It was restored with Heritage Lottery funding between 2008 and 2010.

Ex-Butlins miniature locomotives:

Built in 1938, these two 21-inch gauge locomotives were used in Mr Billy Butlins' holiday camps. After being saved from a scrap yard they were restored by the PRCLT and occasionally run on a demonstration track outside the West Shed.



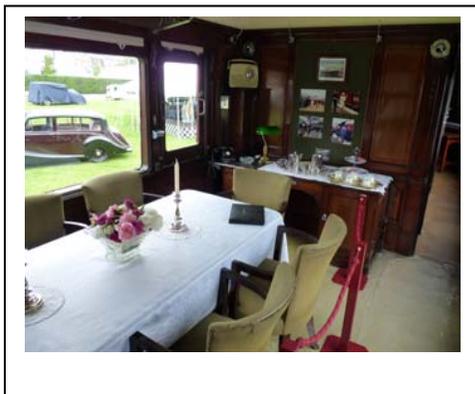
Stanier Gallery

Meet LMS Chief Mechanical Engineer Sir William Stanier in his office and view the displays of paintings, models, train headboards and number plates.



Royal/ Special Saloon 45000

This Saloon was built in 1920 by the London & North Western Railway Company and has been used during its working life by various members of the Royal Family and dignitaries including Sir Winston Churchill. It has been restored over the last few years.



Meeting Room

We have a comfortable meeting room available for use by groups. This room also holds our library reference collection.

VISITING INFORMATION

Group size: Minimum 10 people, maximum 30 people.

Visit length: Minimum 1 hour; usually 2-3 hours depending on your requirements and interests.

Facilities: The West Shed has toilets and a small shop. There is no café at the West Shed but refreshments can be provided – see below.

Opening times: The West Shed is generally open every day 10am – 4.30pm. However, the best time for a group visit is a Wednesday or Saturday. Please contact us to discuss out-of-hours requirements.

Access Facilities: The West Shed is fully accessible with a lift to upper floors and hearing loops in the cinema. Certain exhibits are not wheelchair accessible, e.g. locomotive footplates. Please discuss your requirements with us.

Parking: There is limited parking at the West Shed so large groups and coaches are required to park at the entrance to the Swanwick Junction site and walk up to the West Shed (approx. 5 minutes walk). Disabled parking spaces are available outside the West Shed if required.

Cost: Whilst general admission to the West Shed is free, for group visits requiring a guided tour and access into vehicles on display we ask for a **minimum donation of £3.50 per person**, which includes tea/ coffee and biscuits during your visit. If you require more substantial catering, such as a buffet, this can be provided for an additional charge of £5.00 per person.

As a Charitable Trust run largely by volunteers, all income generated by the PRCLT goes towards the maintenance and restoration of our steam locomotives and railway coaches and the development of the 'West Shed Experience' for visitors.

Location: The West Shed is owned by The Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust. We are based on the Swanwick Junction site of the Midland Railway – Butterley but we are a separate organisation from the Midland Railway Trust.

To support the Midland Railway we would encourage groups to travel to the Swanwick site by train from Butterley Station if visiting on a day when trains are running. Separate train fares would be payable to the Midland Railway (group rates available). However, it is possible to drive directly to the Swanwick Junction Site and West Shed by arrangement - if this is preferred we will send you directions prior to your visit.

There are many other attractions on the Swanwick site that you would be free to explore at your leisure during your visit, including the Midland Railway's main exhibition hall. Please see their website for further details: www.midlandrailway-butterley.co.uk

Please note: some locomotives go out on mainline tours or on hire to preserved railways so we cannot guarantee that all exhibits will be present when you visit.

Plan of the Swanwick Junction Museum Site showing the location of the West Shed in relation to other attractions operated by the Midland Railway:





CONTACT US

For further information or to book a visit please contact our
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You can send the booking enquiry form below by email or post to:

PRCLT – THE WEST SHED,

c/o: The Midland Railway-Butterley Station,

Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 3QZ



REQUEST FOR A VISIT TO THE WEST SHED MUSEUM

Name of group/ society: _____

CONTACT DETAILS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Date of visit: _____
(please suggest several options if possible)

Expected time of arrival: _____

Approximate number in party: _____

REFRESHMENTS & CATERING

* Tea and coffee will be provided as part of your visit.

Do you require a buffet (charged at £5.00 per person)?

YES

NO

If you require a buffet the total cost/ number of people needs to be confirmed at least 10 days before your visit. This is the price that will be charged, regardless of whether the number of people attending on the day is subsequently fewer.

Any special access or dietary requirements?:

Following receipt of this form we will contact you to discuss details and then send you confirmation of your booking.



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