



SOMERSET & DORSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

92207 'MORNING STAR' APPEAL



Photo: Ivo Peters - courtesy Julian Peters

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE TRUST PURCHASE AND FINALISE THE RESTORATION OF BR STANDARD CLASS 9F No. 92207 'Morning Star'

When 92220 'Evening Star' hauled the last Pines Express in 1962, no one could have foreseen that a 9F might again steam on Somerset & Dorset metals. You now have that opportunity to help make the dream come to fruition and for the Trust to own a BR Standard Class 9F 2-10-0 locomotive.

92207 'Morning Star' spent just over 5 years working for British Railways before its untimely withdrawal from service. Purchased in 1986 by Keith Bottomley, she left Barry Scrapyard and has been under steady restoration since then. Now a running chassis, Keith has offered her for sale to the Trust for £150,000.

Included in the sale is the boiler and 80% of the parts required to complete the restoration to working order. It is estimated that the total cost to restore the locomotive will be in the region of £500,000, which will include the fabrication of a new tender and the overhaul of the boiler, both of which will cost over £130,000 and £200,000 respectively. The magnitude of the task in hand is not to be underestimated and this is very much viewed as a long-term project which will potentially take 10+ years to complete, dependant on success of appeals.

The Trust however considers this a unique opportunity to cement our long term desires to recreate the Somerset & Dorset Railway at Midsomer Norton as it would have been during the early 1960's.

This initial appeal is to cover the purchase of the locomotive safeguarding its future to the Trust.

In due course the Trust will produce and publish a project plan of work outlining the specific tasks and costs of the restoration, allowing donators to hone their donations to specific elements of the restoration. Additionally, those who make substantial donations and regular monthly contributions by standing order will be open to a number of benefits at Midsomer Norton to show our gratitude to their commitment to the project.

Further information regarding the project will be available via our [website: www.sdjr.co.uk](http://www.sdjr.co.uk)

All donations will be gratefully received, and if donors are able to Gift Aid their donation, we will be able to claim an additional 25% at current levels

92207 PURCHASE DONATION FORM

Please complete the form below, including signing the Gift Aid declaration. If you are eligible for Gift Aid for every £10 donation we receive back from His Majesty's Customs & Excise £2.50. Return this form with donation or standing order mandate to:
Malcolm Barton. 1 Manor Gardens, Witham Friary, Frome BA11 5HN

GIFT AID DECLARATION: I would like the Trust to treat all eligible donations from the date below until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations and I agree that the following statement is correct – I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income tax/Capital Gains Tax in the current and future tax year than the amount of Gift Aid the Trust claims on my donations, it is my responsibility to pay HMRC the difference.

Signed..... Date.....

Option A. I wish to make a once off donation of £ . I enclose a cheque made payable to S&DRHT. (Please write 92207 on the reverse of the cheque.)

Option B. For a regular monthly donation, with a maximum duration of 48 months, please complete the details below and return to Malcolm Barton (NOT direct to your bank) to the address above.

TO THE MANAGER **Bank/Building Society**

Address

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Postcode

My Sort Code **My Account Number**

Please credit the SOMERSET & DORSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST FOR 48 MONTHS BEGINNING ON 1st 2022/2023 * Delete as applicable

with the sum of £10 £25 £50 £75 £100 or the sum of £

Please insert a figure above £100 or ring the amount you wish to pay.

Our sort code: 40-09-19

Our account reference: 21865706

To Bank – please use the reference DON/92207/

Please insert you name in capitals after 92207

Your full title and name:

Your address.....

..... **Postcode**

We will only use your name and address details to claim back Gift Aid annually and to inform you of progress on 92207's restoration.