



“ACCESS FOR ALL” PROJECT

GWR WHEELCHAIR & BUFFET CAR 9581

AN INNOVATIVE RENOVATION & ADAPTATION

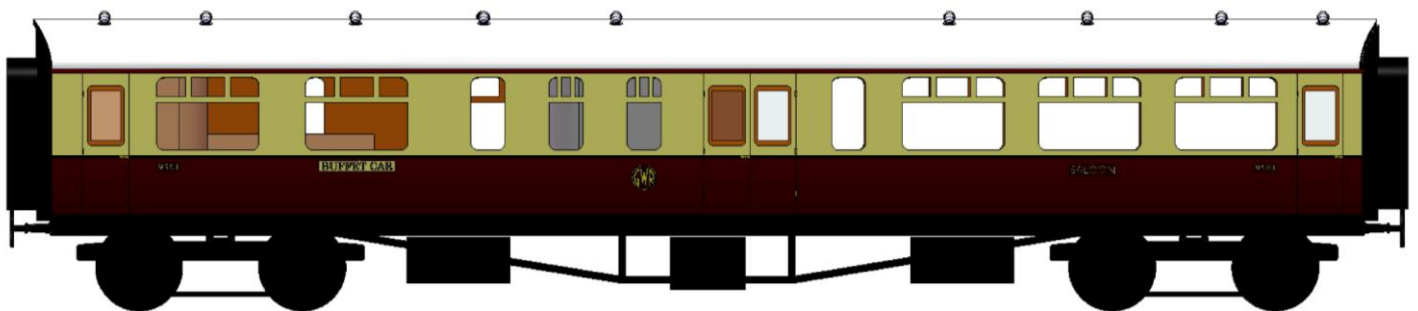


Severn Valley’s public service trains aim for a mix of first and third class seating along with a buffet car service and a comfortable travel experience for our passengers in wheelchairs. With the aid of some pioneering work by restorers and some Department for Transport grants, this is becoming the norm. But the Great Western set (‘GW2’) still lacks its own GW buffet car and decent accommodation for our visitors in wheelchairs. At last a suitable vehicle has been found for conversion. This is No.5043, built at Swindon in 1928 as a side corridor, eight compartment, third class coach with gangways and two toilets. Originally out-shopped in GWR chocolate and cream, it probably carried all the livery variants over the years. Nothing is known of 5043’s history, and most ex-GWR coaches were scrapped in the 1950s and early 1960s. A few survived as ‘departmental vehicles’, one being 5043, which was stripped out internally and the doors layout altered, becoming a workshop No.DW150301. Later it was bought from BR by the SVR’s ‘2857 Society’. The coach arrived at Bewdley in 1981 to serve as a workshop for that Society’s rebuilding of their GWR 2-8-0 heavy goods locomotive No.2857. With completion of 2857’s third overhaul in 2014, and after much modification and rebuilding with new timbers and steel panelling, 5043 became surplus to its owners’ needs. The SVR Charitable Trust’s *LNER Carriage Group* needed a workshop to complete its LNER Brake Third 24506, and it raised the money for the Great Western (SVR) Association (GWA) to buy the coach with the LNERCG being initially the main user.

The GWA had a long term aim of converting 5043 to a replica Diagram H33 GWR bow-ended dining car – a huge undertaking and possibly surplus to SVR’s traffic requirements. But at Kidderminster was another virtually complete bow-ended passenger third No.4786 of 1926 vintage that had survived to become an SVRH-owned dormitory coach familiar to visitors as the ‘Camp Coach’ that resided at Kidderminster for many years. This too the GWA wished to restore. Some imaginative thinking is allowing both vehicles to be given new lives on the SVR – 4786 to its original as-built design and the already much-altered 5043 to become a wheelchair-friendly coach and accessible buffet car for Set GW2. The ownership of both coaches has been exchanged, the GWA gaining 4786 and 5043 going to SVRH.

Restoration proposal: With their experience of major rebuilds (GNR 2701, LNER 24506) and wheelchair accessibility (LNER 24105) the Trust’s *LNER Carriage Group* has been asked to undertake the 5043 rebuild as part of SVR’s ‘*Access for All*’ project. The GWA will adopt 4786 as its next project, once its similar 6045 is completed. In the rebuilt 5043, central double doors will give access to a large vestibule leading one way to a well-appointed saloon with seats and space for wheelchairs. The other way will lead to a buffet counter with a specially lowered section for wheelchair users. There will also be a wheelchair accessible toilet opening from the central vestibule. The exterior will be steel-panelled with picture windows and sliding vents similar to how most GW catering vehicles were rebuilt in the 1938-52 period to extend their lives. Interior décor will follow that of the final 1938 series of GWR H55 buffet cars with teak veneer panelling to an *art deco* style. On completion 5043 will take the running number of one of the GWR’s H33 dining cars and become 9581 in the SVR fleet. As such it will be another interesting example of the SVR’s historically important and varied rolling stock collection.

This leaflet explains how to make donations to support this important addition to the Great Western coach set.



DONATIONS AND GIFT AID – GWR WHEELCHAIR & BUFFET CAR 9581

Please note. This form is only for donations for the Great Western Railway “ACCESS FOR ALL” project to convert GWR coach 5043 to become Wheelchair Access and Buffet Car No.9581 in the SVR’s ‘GW2’ public service train. The coach is owned by SVR (Holdings) PLC, and the project is being supported by gifted donations through the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Ltd (Registered Charity 1092723). These can be made towards specific fittings **and** for ‘inch-lengths’ or ‘part-inch-lengths’ of the coach towards the extensive but more general costs of the work.

The restoration and conversion work is being undertaken by the SVR Trust’s LNER Carriage Group.

NB. The Trust reserves the right to transfer any oversubscribed donations to an alternative project.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the following declaration to enhance your gift.

GIFT AID DECLARATION (Please see notes below **)

I am a UK taxpayer and want the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust to reclaim tax on all donations that I make on and after the date of this declaration until further notice. I confirm that I have paid or will pay enough tax to cover the donations made to each and every charity donated to in the tax year. I am also happy for the SVR and the Trust to communicate with me by post or email with updates on their work.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name

Address

Post Code Email

Signed Dated

Please complete below for your chosen method of donation:-

SINGLE DONATION:

I enclose: a cheque postal order money order (tick box) for £.....

(Please make cheques payable to ‘SVR Charitable Trust Ltd’ and write ‘ACCESS FOR ALL’ on the reverse)

TICK FOR A GENERAL DONATION whole inches (£100 per inch) (£50 per half inch) (£25 quarter inch)

TICK FOR DEDICATED DONATION to GWR No 9581 and insert Part Name:

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REGULAR PAYMENTS BY STANDING ORDER

I wish to donate to the Charitable Trust by standing order from my bank.

Please send me the standing order form for this purpose (tick box)

*** NOTES ON GIFT AID ***

1. You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Ltd (Registered Charity 1092723) reclaims on your donations in the tax year.
2. Remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to that being reclaimed by the Charitable Trust. Please also notify the Trust 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.
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 IR113 Gift Aid from your local tax office.

PAYROLL GIVING

This is another way to help the work of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust. This flexible scheme allows UK income tax payers to give regularly via any employer who runs such a scheme. Any employee of such a company can ask their payroll section for a form authorising deductions to be made before tax. Each £10.00 you give will cost you only £8; if you are a higher rate tax payer it will only cost you £6. The Trust would receive the full value before tax.

Please return completed form to:

LNER Carriage Group (via VLO), Platform 1, The Railway Station, BEWDLEY, DY12 1DP