

Caring for Gresley coaches 2701, 24068, 24105, 43600 and 70759 on the Severn Valley Railway  
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## LNERCF NEWSLETTER No.1

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR OUR SPONSOR SUPPORTERS

### POSITION ON THE PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE INTERIOR OF TTO 43600

We had hoped by now to be able to give you some positive news about our attempts to obtain grant for this project to improve the interior of TOURIST THIRD OPEN 43600. We remain hopeful but are still mired in the bureaucracy with the grant providers. The LNERCF Trustees are meeting early in March to consider the best way forward, and thereafter we hope that there will be something more positive to tell you.

Meanwhile, since grant is not paid for any work already done, we need to bide our time with the project work. You may be assured that the scheme will go ahead, and your support for it is much appreciated.



### MAJOR AWARD FOR GNR 2701



There is however some great news to pass on to you. This is that the Coach Fund has won a major national award from the Heritage Railway Association for our restoration of Great Northern Railway Composite No. 2701. The carriage is not just 'best restored coach' – it has done even better. It is the overall winner of the HRA carriage and wagon contest as the best restoration of any rolling stock (coach, wagon, powered rolling stock).

Our President, David Williams, collected the award on our behalf earlier

this month at a ceremony in York. The trophy is an historic lamp (see illustration) which is on loan for two years. But we keep the associated plaque, which hopefully can be fitted to 2701. We are investigating where best to put the trophy on display. Watch out for reports about the award in the railway journals – the latest *Heritage Railway* (No 134) has a good article about the carriage and its history.



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