

4253 Locomotive Company Limited

Share Application Form

Name

Address

Post Code

Telephone

Email

I hereby make an application for share(s) in
The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited for the
purchase and restoration of **No. 4253**.

I enclose:

☐ A cheque made payable to 'The 4253 Locomotive
Company Limited' (£250 per share)

☐ A completed Bankers Standing Order
(please tick as appropriate)

Signed

Print Name

Date

Send to: **The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited,**
25 Winsor Road, Rolvenden Layne,
Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4NL
www.4253.co.uk

Astonishing Progress

However, since then, progress has been extraordinary! 4253 supporters have responded to the challenge, already raising tens of thousands of pounds and committing their time to getting work underway.

The locomotive has been completely dismantled and component parts are being refurbished. The replacement of many of the missing parts removed during the locomotive's long years languishing at Barry Scrap Yard have been sourced and restoration work is now running about two years ahead of schedule. The aim is to return 4253 to steam in time for its centenary in 2017. But – and this is where you come in – more money and labour are needed if this momentum is to be maintained!

It'll cost around £300,000 to put 4253 back into working order and you can assist by buying a share in this piece of railway history. The number of shares issued is limited to 1200, but there's no limit to the number that can be held by any one individual. Shares cost £250 and the purchase may be spread over up to 25 months at £10 per month, by Standing Order. You'll find an application form attached.

It's not only financial help we need: join us on our regular working parties or assist with our fund-raising, administration or publicity.

**So please, help us return this
magnificent locomotive back in steam
and hauling trains between Tenterden
and Bodiam and ultimately,
all the way to Robertsbridge.**

Follow our progress on
 www.4253.co.uk



4253 Old Tank Water

As part of our fundraising effort, Rother Valley Brewery Ltd has created a special beer, which they are marketing on our behalf. Visit our website for details.

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4253

Locomotive Company Limited



4253 arrives...



Restoration well underway...

Become a Shareholder

www.4253.co.uk

4253 spent its working life moving coal trains in South Wales - with help, this locomotive in the future, will be hauling passenger trains on the K&ESR.



Piston removal...



Flue tube removal...



Component machining...

4253 is the latest addition to the Kent & East Sussex Railway's heritage locomotive fleet and is the property of the 4253 Locomotive Company Limited.

After nearly 50 years deteriorating in the sea air at Barry Docks and stored in the Brecon Hills awaiting restoration, work is now proceeding apace. Come and see for yourself!

The Kent & East Sussex Railway has been looking out for additional and much-needed larger motive power to operate the ten mile Tenterden to Bodiam line and to support the plan to extend services to Robertsbridge, the junction with the London and Hastings main line.



New bunker nearing completion...

4253 is ideal and will handle with ease the challenging line with its steep gradients.

A Fascinating History

4253 was built by the Great Western Railway at its famous Swindon Works in March 1917 to haul 1000-ton coal trains from the many collieries in South Wales.

Steam finally gave way to diesel in the Welsh Valleys and, after 46 years of service, 4253 was withdrawn in April 1963, being sold to Woodham's Scrap Yard at Barry. Here it remained for 24 years until rescued privately and moved to the Pontypool and Blaenavon Railway.

A lack of resources and other priorities hindered restoration and in 2011 4253 was offered for sale.

It was purchased by 4253 Locomotive Company Ltd and moved to its new home on the Kent & East Sussex Railway. Out of service longer than it was originally in steam, No. 4253 presented a sorry sight when it arrived at Rolvenden.

Bankers Standing Order

To The Manager
(Your Bank)

Bank Address

Post Code

Please pay the sum of **£**

On the day of every month

commencing on to

The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited

National Westminster Bank Plc,
20 High Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8SH
Account Number **47817011** • Sort Code **60-01-21**

Your Name

Your Address

Post Code

Account Number

Please quote Reference Number
in all payments

**Send to: The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited,
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Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4NL**

Stop press... wheels away to the South Devon Railway for turning!