

Mission Statement

4253, when restored, is intended as an addition to the Kent & East Sussex Railway's heritage locomotive fleet, to support the future planned extension to Robertsbridge.

After nearly 50 years deteriorating in the sea air at Barry Docks and exposed to the elements in the Brecon Hills awaiting restoration, work is now proceeding rapidly.

Come and see for yourself!

What Can You Do To Help?

Become a Shareholder in 4253 by completing the enclosed Share Application form, or simply sponsor a specific component. For full details of this scheme visit www.4253.co.uk/how_you_can_help

Your Chance to Help Finish the Boiler

2019 saw major inroads into our boiler restoration. However, as the year progressed we realised that we had an opportunity to accelerate the refurbishment work on our locomotive to an earlier conclusion than originally envisaged.

We had the financial resilience; we had the confidence in our own decision making ability and we knew our team could cope with and close the already diminishing funding gap.

So, with the blessing of our shareholders present at the 2020 AGM, we immediately arranged for our boiler to be despatched to Heritage Boiler Steam Services of Liverpool, where work has already commenced.

Help us finish the job by joining our team.

As a Shareholder You Can

- Choose to involve yourself as little or as much as you wish - you will receive regular updates on progress
- Participate in the restoration at our regular working parties, even if unskilled. Full training is given in a variety of tasks
- Assist with administration, fundraising or just lend a pair of hands
- Attend meetings and help make decisions about the future of 4253
- Assist the Sales Team out and about at various events



Day 1 in the HBSS Boiler Shop



First operation - boiler life-expired platework removed, awaiting trial fitting of new backhead and outer firebox wrappers



2020 VISION - BOILER CONTRACT UNDERWAY

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4253 · THE FINAL PUSH BOILER APPEAL



Throat plate riveting in progress



Throat plate riveting completed



The riveting team - a job well done!

We're Going For It!

January saw the UK's largest HIAB crane attending at Rolvenden and our Swindon No. 4 boiler being whisked away for completion at Heritage Boiler Steam Services in Liverpool.

Their current contracts include new build boilers for the Patriot and County Class locomotives. As a matter of interest the No. 4 boiler of Quanton Road's 72xx joined ours on the same articulated trailer northbound.

As well as making massive inroads into our boiler refurbishment, other substantial mechanical components have been arriving at the 4253 workshop. These include brand new pistons and piston rods as well as completely reconditioned cross heads and new gudgeon pins.

Also included in our current funding requirements are the projected costs of the forgings needed for our missing side rods, superheater flues and elements, manifold and mounting bracket and a new gauge frame.

As we often say - 'watch this space' - please visit our website at www.4253.co.uk for up to date information on progress.



Boiler lift at Rolvenden

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1965 - 2020**



Palm stays, temporary bolted for riveting



Brand new steam manifold