

LNER (SVR) Coach Fund

In association with the Severn Valley Railway Apprentices

ELEVENTH BIENNIAL SPONSORED WALK

Saturday 13th October 2007

On 19th June 2007 exceptional storms and flooding caused major damage to the SVR. Further torrential rain on 20th/21st July, equivalent to two-months' normal rainfall, caused yet further significant damage and undid some of the repair work already done.

Repairs costing £2m-£3m are in hand. Some grant aid will assist, but a substantial sum still needs to be raised through the SVR Flood Damage Appeal.

In these exceptional circumstances the LNER Coach Fund has decided to donate 75% of the Walk proceeds to the Flood Appeal, with the 25% balance going towards a commercial contract with the SVR Company for mechanical work on Coach 2701.

Progress with Great Northern Railway composite carriage No.2701

This major £180k Heritage Lottery Fund-assisted restoration is almost complete.

BUT OUR 'MATCH FUNDING' IS NOT!

LNER (SVR) Coach Fund Volunteers have refurbished the bogies, brake gear and drawgear. New couplings, gangways, heating and lighting have been fitted. The compartments and corridor have been reinstated and equipped with panelling, fittings, mirrors and view panels. Seats have been made, upholstered and fitted. Painting and varnishing is now under way, to be followed by lining-out and lettering in Great Northern Railway livery.

Still outstanding is the mechanical work to put the coach in running order. This will be done by a contract with the SVR. Part of that contract work will be funded by 25% of our Walk proceeds.

Our aim is to launch 2701 into traffic next spring as part of the LNER teak train.

The project has been made possible by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, matched and supplemented by other fundraising, including donations from enthusiasts, SVR volunteers and members of the public. Our sponsored walks are an important part of our fund-raising, and previous walks have already contributed several thousand pounds to the project.

The Walk Arrangements

The current indications are that the Railway will not now have reopened to Arley or Highley by the date of the Walk. **Nevertheless the Walk WILL take place on the date and time advertised, with a start and finish at Bewdley Station.**

The route to be taken will be settled nearer the time, being Bewdley-Arley if possible (walking both ways if necessary) or, if Arley is inaccessible, Bewdley to somewhere interesting.

Walkers will be advised details when they check-in on the day at the Bewdley Station start-point.

Walkers have a free SVR travel concession to and from the Walk starting point, on presentation of a completed copy of this form to the Ticket Inspector.

Please check the LNER Fund website for the latest information: –

www.lner-svr-coachfund.org.uk

Barbeque. This year we are walking in association with the Severn Valley Railway Apprentices, who will be joining us from Arley. They are also arranging a barbecue at Bewdley to greet walkers at the end of the Walk.

All walkers are welcome to join this after signing out. The cost will be £2.50 a head.

Please make every effort to join us on the walk, which promises to be as enjoyable as previous events. The proceeds are to go towards the Severn Valley Railway Flood Damage Appeal and the contract mechanical work on 2701.



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In the current exceptional situation the LNER Coach Fund are focussing their walk on helping the SVR's recovery programme. So the walk proceeds will be used as follows:

- 75% to the Severn Valley Railway Flood Damage Appeal.
- 25% towards a contract with the SVR to carry out mechanical work on our 1922-built Great Northern Railway carriage No.2701 (now nearing completion).

Name of Walker (Block Capitals).....

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Walk completed _____ Total raised for the SVR Flood Appeal and 2701. £ _____

Signed on behalf of the LNER (SVR) Coach Fund

On completion of the walk and receipt of sponsor monies, please return this form with remittance to the Sponsored Walk Organiser:

Mr. D. Massey, 72 Shakespeare Drive, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 3QY.

Cheques and postal orders should be payable to "LNER (SVR) Coach Fund". Please enclose an s.a.e. if a receipt is required. Donations to the Fund may also be sent to the same address.