

“ROYAL PIONEER” 0-6-0 ST NO WD 150



Most of you will know Royal Pioneer was taken out of service nearly 10 years ago. This was to enable a complete overhaul. Progress has been slow despite volunteers giving a lot of their time to the work. To date the motion and brake equipment has been refurbished together with most of the body and tanks.

The next big item is a full overhaul of the boiler to obtain a 10-year ticket. It is estimated that this will cost £75,000. The earliest a specialist boiler company can start work is 18 months and we now need to commit to that timing. This gives us a window in which to find the monies.

This year Peak Rail plc and Peak Railway Association (PRA) are jointly running a new appeal. All money raised will be ring fenced for this specific project by the PRA and will not be spent on anything other than Royal Pioneer. Our first target is the purchase of 180 boiler tubes required. Presently these cost approximately £45 each, making £8,100 in total. If you would like to purchase one or more please send your donation to Peak Railway Association.

Peak Railway Association already has £2,500 in a ring-fenced account and approval has been given to release this for specialist welding on the boiler. This year Peak Rail plc will be allocating the £7,500 donated to them by the shareholders appeal in 2021. This makes a good start to the appeal.

You can donate in two ways; either send your single donation via bank transfer using the reference Royal Pioneer: -

Account Name: Peak Railway Association Ltd

Sort Code: 16-25-21

Account No: 10052935

Or by post with a cheque made out to Peak Railway Association and short letter stating “Royal Pioneer donation” to the Peak Railway Association Treasurer at: -

P. H. Waller, Fern Cottage, Main Road, Eyam, Hope Valley, S32 5QW.

Progress can be seen at www.peakrailwayassociation.co.uk or www.peakrail.co.uk

Any support you can give will be much appreciated.