



**RAILWAY
MUSEUM**

**A GIFT IN IT
YOUR**



“Scientists discover the world that exists; Engineers create the world that never was.”

Theodore von Karman

BE A PART OF OUR NATION'S STORY

Railways are the most important and influential invention of our modern world – 1.7 billion journeys are made on Britain's railways each year. Their story is everyone's story and since 1975 the National Railway Museum has been its biographer.

Our collection tells tales of adventurous travel across the country, tireless commuting into city centres, family holidays to the seaside and the lives of dedicated inventors, engineers and enthusiasts. Sparking the imagination of our visitors and inspiring curiosity in future generations to explore the past and engineer the future of rail and travel.

By leaving a gift to the National Railway Museum you become a part of the story, safeguarding a precious collection and ensuring the history of the nation's railways are kept for future generations.

As we approach our 50th birthday in 2025, we are transforming our site, celebrating our heritage and displaying more extraordinary objects than we ever have before. It is only with your support that we can continue to bring the world's great railway stories to life.

Judith McNicol
Director, National Railway Museum



HOW YOUR GIFT WILL HELP

The National Railway Museum has been the proud caretaker of our national collection for nearly half a century. However, caring for and displaying our collection requires significant funds. From our rolling stock to the 1.75 million photographs in our archive, we rely on donations from passionate individuals to ensure future generations can enjoy it. We wouldn't be able to do it without the gifts our supporters leave us.

As a charity we rely on gifts in Wills as an essential form of funding. These generous gifts from our supporters have achieved so much. Gifts in Wills have helped restore the world-famous Flying Scotsman to the mainline, funded essential conservation work on historic objects, and contributed to welcoming 40,000 school children a year to the museum. Without your gift we would not be able to achieve our ambitions.

A gift of any size in your Will can safeguard our country's railway heritage for the future.



"I have lived and breathed railways since I was small. Railways became my passion as I travelled up and down the country as a spotter. The National Railway Museum has always given me enjoyment. It is a place where I can continue my passion. Every time I visit, I see so many young people amazed at the engines, just like I was at their age. Therefore, it felt like a natural fit to remember the museum in my Will. My gift will mean many more people can enjoy their visits to the museum and discover their passion too."

Francis, Legacy Donor

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Whether you wish to update an existing Will, or you are planning to write your first, remembering a charity is easy to do. An up-to-date Will ensures your wishes for your loved ones and any charities you support will be clearly understood.

There are a few options you might consider. Once you have looked after those closest to you, you may wish to arrange for us to receive:

- A residuary gift made from whatever is left over once gifts of money and specific items have been distributed. You may choose to give the whole residue or a portion of it, to an individual or a charity.
- A pecuniary gift, which is a specific sum of money.
- A specific item, such as property, shares or personal items.

Many of our supporters choose to leave a small share of whatever is left after they have looked after those closest to them. This will ensure that the value of the gift is protected by inflation and that your loved ones will still receive what you intended.

If you would like to leave a gift in this way, the following wording can be adapted by your solicitor:

'I give to the Board of Trustees, the Science Museum Group of Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD, on behalf of the National Railway Museum, Leeman Road, York, YO26 4XJ, [proportion of residue] for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.'

If you wish to make a gift in any other way, please refer to us in your Will as:

National Railway Museum, Leeman Road, York, YO26 4XJ

We always advise that you seek independent professional advice when writing your Will, to ensure that your estate will be distributed in accordance with your wishes.

If there is anything specific you are considering, please talk to us as we can offer you advice and support on how you can arrange your gift.



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

YOUR LEGACY TO THE NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM

Your legacy will go towards the National Railway Museum's greatest need at the time of your gift, unless specified in your Will. We will use your gift intelligently and effectively.

We understand that your loved ones come first. We will always respect your family and friends and strive to involve them with the museum as much as they wish.

We will never pressure you or your loved ones regarding your gift or decisions. We will always aim to honour your wishes.

CELEBRATING YOUR GIFT

We wish to celebrate the transformational support we receive from our donors; we understand that your decision is very personal and that you may not want to tell us of your intention. Many of our supporters like to talk to us and explore what it means to leave the National Railway Museum a gift in their Will. If you would like to talk to us about leaving a gift in your Will, we would love to hear from you and show you how your gift could make a difference to the museum.

You can contact Katherine Ronayne on +44 (0)1904 809 648 or katherine.ronayne@railwaymuseum.org.uk

KEEPING IN TOUCH AND STORING YOUR DATA

The Science Museum Group are members of the Fundraising Regulator and follow its Code of Fundraising. We are dedicated to providing a transparent and honest relationship with our supporters.

We understand that everyone prefers to be communicated with in different ways, therefore we will only contact you using the preferred methods you tell us.

We will keep you up to date with activities at the National Railway Museum and the wider Science Museum Group, so you can keep up to date with what is going on and how donations make a difference to our work.

Your information will be processed for administration, marketing and charitable purposes in accordance with our Privacy Policy, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and any related data protection laws applicable in the UK. We will not share your personal details without your consent nor email you about our events, fundraising and activities unless you choose to hear from us. If you have any questions regarding the use of your data, please read our Privacy Policy at group.sciencemuseum.org.uk/privacy or contact us at data.protection@sciencemuseum.ac.uk



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