

TOP LINK AND LEGACIES

"Helping preserve the future of the Trust and Steam on the Main Line "



" Securing the Work of the Trust for Future Generations "

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust is unrivalled and unmatched in its mission to recreate lost steam locomotives and return them to the main line railway. Beloved locomotive classes that were lost to Beeching and the mid-century modernisation plan are returning, with improved designs, equipped to run on the modern network, thanks to the tireless efforts of the Trust. The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust remains the only organisation to have successfully built a new standard gauge steam locomotive for main line use, and has only been able to do so due to the generous donations of our supporters.

First steaming in 2008, No. 60163 *Tornado*, has paved the way, breaking records, and enthralling both passengers and those at the lineside ever since! Following the same funding model of a small amount donated regularly by a large group of people, we are now building our second locomotive No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*, a P2 class locomotive which is set to be the most powerful steam locomotive in the UK. As we look to the future, and our third undertaking, we set our sights on a V4 Class locomotive to enable us to visit more of the UK network than ever before, to the delight of even more people from Fort William in Scotland to branch lines in Devon and Cornwall.

The scale of the Trust has grown since its inception in 1990 with the sole ambition of building an A1 Class steam locomotive. As the scope of activity has grown, our supporter numbers have expanded too. However, as we face the challenges of the future, larger, individual donations will help us to make strategic decisions to benefit our long-term operations, for years to come. For example, a £10,000 donation pays for an apprentice for a whole year, teaching the heritage skills needed for building and maintaining these incredible machines. By signing up to our Top Link, your generous donations will help to secure a brighter future for the Trust.



Ed Laxton, 29, Machinist Apprentice.

JOIN OUR TOP LINK

Gold Member

An Annual Donation of £10,000 or more. Top Link Gold Members will be invited to an annual lunch as well as the silver event, with the Supporters name / company name listed in appropriate Trust Publications and Honours' Board at Darlington Locomotive Works. A Gold pin will be presented by the Chairman.

Silver Member

An Annual Donation of £5,000-£9,999 Top Link Silver Members will be invited to an annual reception. The Supporters name / company name listed in appropriate Trust Publications and Honours' Board at Darlington Locomotive Works. A Silver pin will be presented by the Chairman.

Bronze Member

An Annual Donation of £2,000-£4,999 Top Link Bronze Members will be presented with a Bronze pin by the Chairman of the Trust.



Leave a Living Legacy

Instead of choosing to leave a legacy in their Will, many people prefer to make a large donation to causes close to their heart whilst they can enjoy seeing the impact that their generosity has made. Top Link provides a route for establishing these 'living legacies'. Unlike gifts in your Will, living legacies also allow us to claim gift aid, increasing the value of your donation by 25% at no additional cost to yourself. Furthermore, such donations to charity can reduce the total amount of inheritance tax due on your estate.

Leaving a Legacy in your Will

Leaving a legacy in your Will to the Trust can make a huge difference to our future.

There are three main types of gift you can leave in your Will:

- A residuary legacy: a part or the whole of your estate after all pecuniary legacies and specific bequests have been made, and after deducting any tax and expenses.
- A pecuniary legacy: a gift of a specific sum of money. This may devalue with inflation unless you ask your solicitor to index-link your gift.
- A specific bequest: a gift of specific items, for example, property, land, art, or shares etc

Your donation can be hypothecated to an individual locomotive, or you may choose to donate to the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust as a whole. Large donations such as legacies and living legacies are not intended for the day to day running of the Trust, but help us to make larger purchases and investments to further the great work of the Trust.

Leaving a legacy to the Trust not only helps to ensure that future generations can enjoy steam on the UK main line, but it may also reduce the rate of Inheritance Tax across your estate from 40% to 36%.

We recommend contacting a legal professional when creating or amending your Will.

If you decide to leave a gift to the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, the suggested wording is:

"I give to The AI Steam Locomotive Trust, Darlington Locomotive Works, 9 Bonomi Way, Darlington, County Durham DL3 0PY (Registered charity number 1022834), a

_____ % of my estate / OR the sum

of £_____/ OR specific item(s)

to be applied to the

general purposes of the charity / OR specific locomotive.

I direct that a receipt from the Company Secretary or other authorised officer for the time being of the Charity shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors for the receipt of this bequest."

Please let us know in confidence if you have included a gift in your Will so we can acknowledge our thanks.

For further information please contact: legacy.coordinator@alsteam.com

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CHARITABLE DONATION & LEGACY FORM		
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