



## WSRA POLICY No H1: Care & Conservation Policy

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### About the Charity

The WSRA is a Charity Number 1041901 and also a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital Number 02968284 formed in May 1994 from a previous unincorporated association of the same name which was originally formed in 1971.

### Objects of the Charity

The objects of the WSRA are to promote education in the heritage of the railway from Taunton to Minehead by:

1. Restoring, preserving and displaying railway locomotives, carriages, wagons and other artifacts (including documents, drawings, photographs, recordings and films) of historical interest and the buildings connected therewith.
2. Promoting the cultural, environmental and social heritage of the railway and delivering related events and activities for the public benefit.
3. Encouraging recreation, well-being or other leisure-time occupation connected with the railway, including voluntary work on the restoration and maintenance of the railway from Taunton to Minehead and enabling opportunities for social cohesion and inclusion.
4. Promoting individual learning and training in the skills required to maintain the heritage of the railway from Taunton to Minehead.

### Heritage Assets

The WSRA has a collection of locomotives (Appendix A), carriage stock (Appendix B) and other artefacts (Appendix C). The WSRA recognises that its collection is held in trust for the public benefit and for future generations and aims to ensure that items therein are cared for to the highest practicable standard retaining, as far as is possible, their heritage value.

The WSRA aims to balance the needs of the present with those of future generations:

1. The WSRA will carry out an assessment of the individual items in its collection under the supervision of the responsible Trustee and/or sub-committee developing a conservation management plan for each individual item or where appropriate groups of items in its care. Such management plans to detail the rationale for conservation interventions. Assessments will be carried out against the criteria specified in Schedule 1 attached to this policy.
2. Generally, conservation interventions will consist of restoration to operating condition for the larger items of rolling stock.
3. Smaller items will be subject to on-going conservation and where appropriate cataloguing.
4. The WSRA will record all conservation interventions to ensure that any changes made to the item in preservation are fully understood, and that no knowledge is lost as a result of such interventions. As a consequence, and as far as is possible, practical and proportionate, all replacement materials will either be original spares or accurate reproductions.
5. The WSRA will undertake or cause to be undertaken relevant research and technical

examinations to establish what, if any, material changes have been made prior to acquisition.

6. Items are often outside but were designed and built for this environment. Externally stored items will have their condition monitored and appropriate maintenance undertaken to prevent deterioration.
7. All conservation and restoration interventions will be accurately recorded and the process overseen by the General Manager.
8. In respect of items in the collection which are loaned or hired to third parties for use and display the WSRA will ensure that provision is made for the monitoring of the condition of such items and that all appropriate maintenance is undertaken to prevent deterioration.

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**Schedule 1 to WSRA Policy H1 – Care and Conservation Policy - Assessment Criteria**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Details</b>	<b>Actions and time frame</b>
<b>A</b>	Material evidence presented, including current condition,		
<b>B</b>	Intangible evidence represented		
<b>C</b>	Other available evidence		
<b>D</b>	Details of alteration to the item both in service and in preservation		
<b>E</b>	The historical significance of the item		
<b>F</b>	The rarity of the item		
<b>G</b>	The function of the item in the collection. What story it represents and how this can be interpreted for the public benefit.		
<b>H</b>	Safe operation of the item and compliance with current legislation		

**APPENDIX A to WSRA Policy H1 – Care and Conservation Policy**

**LOCOMOTIVES**

**4561**      Small Prairie                      Currently undergoing restoration at Williton

**7821**      Manor                                      On display at Swindon Designer Outlet

## APPENDIX B to WSRA Policy H1 – Care and Conservation Policy

### CARRIAGE STOCK

Number	Type	Name	Notes
W80976	Saloon		Hawksworth Inspection Saloon on loan to Blaenavon
W21174	BCK	Phoenix	In service on the West Somerset Railway (WSR)
3018	FO	Meteor	QB Set (WSR)
1909	RU	Orion	QB Set Kitchen Car (WSR)
1804	RMB	Aries	QB Set (WSR)
35408	BSK	Jupiter	QB Set Generator (WSR)
4911	TSO		(WSR)
4435	TSO		HCG (WSR)
4956	TSO		HCG (WSR)
5024	TSO		HCG (WSR)
4419	TSO		(WSR)
<del>BL3668</del>			Sold December 2022
BA9882			HCG Camping Coach at Blue Anchor
M94917	CCT		On loan to S&T
1587	PMV		At Williton
2823	CCT		At Dunster
8080	WGF		Warflat wagon at Minehead
5237	CXO		Gunpowder van

## APPENDIX C to WSRA Policy H1 – Care and Conservation Policy

### OTHER ARTEFACTS

Engineering drawings – currently at Williton

Moulds for sign castings

Items on display in Bishops Lydeard museum – these are listed separately and available on request.