

Joint Statement from the Mid-Hants Railway Limited, Mid-Hants Railway Preservation Society Limited and the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust Limited

The Mid-Hants Railway has offered to help house a part of the collection of vehicles and artefacts belonging to the Somerset and Dorset Railway Trust, which has been asked to leave the current site at Washford in Somerset, while a permanent location for its collection is sought.

Additional information from the S&DRT

With the required movement of all items belonging to the S&DRT at Washford, we appeal to people from the wider heritage railway movement for donations to accomplish this move. Although the Trust has some funds to begin the huge task of transporting some stock, it will be a very costly exercise to complete the whole operation within the next few months. The Trust has the largest collection of artefacts from the Somerset & Dorset Railway and this will have to be carefully removed and possibly stored for the immediate future.

Our membership has been extremely generous so far with over £15,000 raised through our 'Safeguarding Our Future' Appeal of earlier this year. We have now launched an extension to that appeal under the banner 'Progressing Our Future' to enable our site at Washford, home of the Trust for over 40 years, to be removed and located elsewhere.

Our membership has increased substantially over the past year and we send out a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us in an exciting future for the Trust which will develop the story of, and memories of, the S&D.

[Order membership](#) and [make donations](#) via our web site www.sdrt.org.

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