

Queen Mary Brake Van



The iconic 25 Ton Queen Mary Brake Van was introduced by the Southern Railway in 1936. The new builds were built on a shortened version of the carriage underframes from the LB&SCR motor luggage vans made, which were made redundant when the LB&SCR converted from overhead power to third rail. The cabin of these smooth riding Bogie Brake Vans was spacious and comfortable and considered by the guards who used them as being “fit for a queen.” King George V was the monarch at the time, his Queen being Mary of Teck, hence the nickname that stuck.

One of these uniquely Southern vehicles has been on the MHR ‘wish list’ for many years. They don’t become available very often but the opportunity has arisen to purchase a good condition, fully restored and operational Queen Mary.

We need to move quickly to secure this vehicle for the MHR. Our Wagon Group have already raised two thirds of the purchase price, and we have agreed to bridge the difference from existing funds so the opportunity is not lost.

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of a Queen Mary for the Watercress Line it would be appreciated.

Queen Mary Brake Van Donation Form

I enclose £ _____

Cheques to be made payable to the Mid Hants Railway Preservation Society.

Please send your donations to the following address:

Mid Hants Railway ‘Watercress Line’

The Railway Station

Alresford

Hants

SO24 9JG

Your name _____

Address _____

MHRPS membership no. _____

I am a UK taxpayer and would like this amount to be Gift Aided.

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Date _____

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