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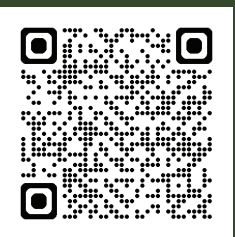
# ROMNEY, HYTHE & DYMCHURCH RAILWAY SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION



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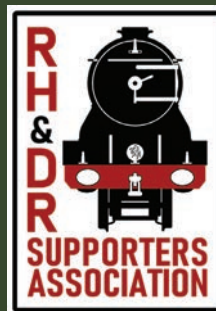
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# Legacies

Why should you leave a legacy to RH&DRSA?  
*It would be your lasting gift to ensure the railway is  
preserved for future generations*

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## EXAMPLES OF RAILWAY PROJECTS FUNDED BY RH&DRSA

- The Heritage Centre at New Romney
- Track re-lay
- Overhaul of No.11 "Black Prince"



## BUT SO MUCH MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED

TO ENSURE THE LONG TERM FUTURE OF THE RAILWAY INTO ITS NEXT CENTENARY THE SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MUCH MORE SUPPORT HENCE THE NEED FOR THE PRESENT GENERATION OF SUPPORTERS TO HELP ENSURE THROUGH LEGACIES THAT THE RAILWAY SURVIVES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY

## WHY LEGACIES ARE SO VITAL TO THE ROMNEY HYTHE AND DYMCHURCH RAILWAY SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Nearly 100 years ago Captain J E P Howey, with his friend, Count Louis Zborowski had the amazing idea of building a railway to link what were then the remote settlements of the Romney Marsh. A 15" gauge line was therefore built, initially in 1927 from Hythe to New Romney, extended in 1928 to Dungeness to achieve that aim. Sadly Zborowski was killed in a racing car accident (his passion) before the line opened but until his death in 1963 Howey, partly from his own resources, managed the 13.5 mile railway. The railway was designed to be run as a public railway and until the second world war was double track throughout. However, following the damage done by the military while the line was requisitioned during the war, the New Romney to Dungeness section was made into a single track.

Howey's death in 1963 left the railway without its principal benefactor and its financial state led to near closure in the late 1960s. To many closure was unthinkable, hence the formation in 1967 of the RH&DR Association to support the railway and to ensure that it remained open for future generations. This ambition to ensure the railway's survival was reinforced by Sir William McAlpine in the early 1970s who, supported by the Association, put into place a strategy for maintaining the railway and a management structure which ensured the railway's survival into the 21st century.

The railway's financial situation has never been exceptionally healthy and the increasing challenges caused by the costs of maintaining the track and buildings let alone its fleet of 11 steam locos and two diesel engines, ensuring safe running through measures like modern signalling and automated level crossing barriers and improving facilities for passengers, to which must be added the cost of the staff, is significantly more than the revenue generated through ticket, souvenir and catering sales. It should be said that the railway only survives today because of the large band of volunteers willing generously to give their time and labour.

Here the RH&DR Supporters Association is critical – through its resources created by membership and events and also generous legacies the Supporters Association has been able significantly to support the railway achieve projects that would not otherwise have been possible.

## WHY MAKE A WILL?

A will allows you to provide for your family and loved ones after you pass. It also allows you to decide where your assets will go upon your death. Surprisingly only 44% of adults have made a will. Without a will your estate will be distributed based on the law which may not reflect your wishes. By having a will your estate is distributed as you wish.

## HOW TO MAKE A WILL

Whilst it is possible to prepare your own will, it is very important that it is a valid document. Getting advice from a lawyer or a member of the Institute of Professional Will writers will help to ensure that your will is legal; this is especially important if it includes complicated or unusual provisions. They will be able to advise you if you wish to leave a legacy for a specific purpose or project.

## POSSIBLE TAXATION BENEFITS

Leaving a legacy to a UK charity in your will offers tax benefits such as exemption from Inheritance Tax on the donated amount. Moreover, if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity, the Inheritance Tax rate on the remaining estate is reduced from 40% to 36%. These benefits reduce the tax burden on your estate, allowing more assets to be passed to your beneficiaries.

\*this information is correct at the time of going to press, please seek independent advice.



The RH&DR can always put a smile on your face!

## SO LEGACIES CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE ... WHY?

They will help the Supporters Association support the railway in the future by:

- Enabling investment investment in future major projects
- Support running costs in specific areas taking the pressure off revenue.
- Encouraging the incredible volunteers without whose exceptional devotion the railway would not survive.
- Increasing knowledge of the Railway through its own publications and promotions
- Supporting Railway fund raising initiatives

A LEGACY MADE BY YOU, HOWEVER SMALL, COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT