

ONE-OFF DONATION

Membership number: (if applicable)
Name:
Address
Post Code

Amount donated

Cheque Cash
(Payable to Corris Railway)

Gift Aid Declaration

If you pay U.K. income tax and, or, capital gains tax you can increase the value of your donations to the Fund by signing a Gift Aid declaration. The Corris Railway Society as a registered charity will reclaim this for the "Falcon" Project Fund from the Inland Revenue.

"I want the The Corris Railway Society to treat all donations I make to the fund from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations, until I notify you otherwise".

Signature:

Date:

Notes

- a) Please notify the The Corris Railway Society if you change your name and address.
- b) You may cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the Society
- c) You must pay an amount of U.K. income tax and, or, capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Society reclaims on your donations in the tax year.
- d) If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and, or, capital gains equal to the tax that the Society reclaims, you must cancel this declaration.
- e) If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your self-assessment tax return.

Please post this form to:

Mr P. Guest, 38 Underwood Close, Callow Hill, Redditch, Worcs. B97 5YS, or hand it to a member of the Society.

Thank You.



Registered Charity No. 506908

STANDING ORDER MANDATE THE "FALCON" PROJECT APPEAL FUND

(Use this form to make regular contributions to the fund through a standing order.)

To The Manager

Name of Bank:.....

Sort Code:-.....-.....

Address of Bank

Please pay to The Corris Railway Society the sum of £
(amount in words also please)

Starting on: day of
and then monthly/annually* thereafter until further notice.
* delete as appropriate

From: (Name of Account)

Account number

Signed

Dated : day of

Pay to: HSBC Bank plc - Machynlleth

Sort code: 40-31-03

Account number: 61395440

Account Name : CRS Falcon Appeal

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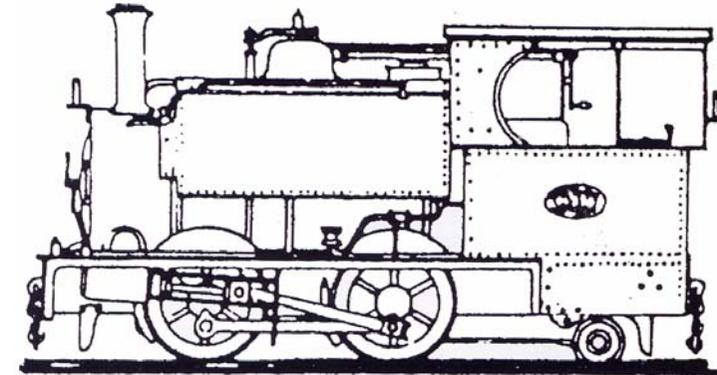
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BACKGROUND

The Corris Railway was originally opened in 1859 as a horse and gravity worked line taking slate and other products between the Dulas Valley and the navigable waters of the River Dovey. However in 1878 the residents of the Valley began to get used to the sound of steam whistles as three small saddle tank locomotives, built by Hughes Locomotive and Tramway Engine Works Ltd of the Falcon Works in Loughborough, took over freight train workings with steam passenger trains following on in 1883.

The “Falcons” were delivered with an 0-4-0 wheel arrangement but this proved to make for a bouncy ride on the sharp curves of the Corris and they were fairly soon converted to 0-4-2's by the addition of a small set of trailing wheels under the cabs. Unusually for narrow gauge engines that hauled passenger services they never carried names but for the next forty years Corris numbers 1, 2 and 3 gave excellent service as the CR became one of the most enterprising and successful small railways in Britain.

However by the First World War age was beginning to tell. Number 1 was set aside in 1913 and Number 2 operating irregularly in the 1920's but being finally set aside in 1928 with parts from the pair going to keep number 3 in action.

It was a tribute to the original design that when thoughts turned to a new engine it was hoped to order “another one” but Hughes had become part of Brush Engineering who no longer made steam engines and so Number 4 was another 0-4-2 saddle tank but of a different design and from Kerr Stuart of Stoke on Trent.

In 1930 the Corris was purchased by the Great Western Railway and a gentle decline in traffic continued. Passenger services ended almost immediately and eventually the line was served by a thrice-weekly goods train. This ran on into British Railways first year of 1948 but in August flooding eroded the banks of the Dyfi to the point where the line was in danger of being washed away and the services ended abruptly. The last services were worked by number 3 as 4's firebox was worn out.

Numbers 3 and 4 were sheeted over to protect them and spent two years in the yard at Machynlleth from which all logic suggested they should go to the scrapyards. However they were purchased by the Talyllyn Railway and delivered in 1951 (for the combined sum of £50) to begin a new life which has seen them working on the TR for over half-a-century. By one of those quirks of locomotive history Corris Railway 3 and 4 became Great Western 3 and 4 and are now Talyllyn 3 and 4 although now number 3 is named “Sir Haydn” and 4 “Edward Thomas”. Falcon number 3 is still working for a living at the age of 130 in a tribute to the quality of the original design.

THE “FALCON” APPEAL

One of the difficulties which the current Corris Railway has faced since it began to bring the line back to life is its track gauge. 2 feet and 3 inches is unusual and now only shared with our Talyllyn neighbours. So when it comes to locomotives and rolling stock we are limited in what we can use or hire in. We have important historical vehicles and have built a new carriage shed at a cost of over £120,000 to keep them under cover. We have also spent £100,000 on steam locomotive number 7 which joined the ongoing story of the Corris in 2005.

Number 7 is an updated replica of the original

number 4 and has proved an excellent machine. However as the line expands in length and number of visitors more steam power will be needed, especially as number 7 will fall due for the statutory “ten year” overhaul in 2014/5.

And so the Corris Railway is going to build another “Falcon” after a modest gap of a century and a quarter. Based on experience with number 7 we will be looking to raise £100,000 plus. For a small Society such as ourselves this will be another major effort and we would very much appreciate your help. One off donations, small or large, will be most gratefully received, as will be the steady cash flow represented by standing order payments. Both can be helped further by the Gift Aid provisions if you are a UK tax payer. If we can get 400 subscribers paying £5 a month by Standing Order (that's less than 2 pints of beer) and reclaim the Gift Aid we are looking at £25,000 per annum.

THANKS

For anyone subscribing £500 to the Appeal the following benefits are on offer:-

A ticket for a journey on the first day of operation of the new locomotive; 3 years membership of the Corris Railway Society; a framed picture of the locomotive; your name on a commemorative Donors' Board.

For anyone subscribing £1000 to the Appeal the following will be offered:-

A ticket for a journey on the first day of operation of the new locomotive; 5 years membership of the Corris Railway Society; a framed picture of the locomotive; your name on a commemorative Donors Board;

For anyone subscribing £2500 to the Appeal the following will be offered:-

A ticket for a journey on the first day of operation of the new locomotive; Life Membership of the Corris Railway Society; a “Falcon” polo or sweat shirt; a framed picture of the locomotive; your name on the commemorative Donors Board.