

SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY

A SPRING OUTING TO TWO HERITAGE RAIL ENGINEERING SITES NOT NORMALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2025

After some negotiation, agreement has been reached for a Society group to make a private visit to two of the Severn Valley Railway's engineering facilities at Kidderminster, the purpose-built diesel motive power depot, and the carriage works which is housed in the former GWR goods depot.

Shropshire Railway Society has an invitation to visit on Saturday 12 April with a group of up to 24 people, and it is planned that the participants will divide into two groups of up to 12 people, with one group visiting the carriage works in the morning, and the diesel depot in the afternoon, and vice versa.

We will assemble on the station concourse at about 1000, with the visit to each location being estimated to take around 1.5 to 2 hours, with a lunch break from about 1230-1330, and afterwards we will disperse at about 1645.

The SVR's pub at Kidderminster, the King and Castle, and the station refreshment room, the Valley Suite, will both be open for our lunch break.

The railway is not making a charge for our visit, but SRS has arranged the visit on the basis that a donation will be expected from each participant, and it is suggested that this should be a minimum of £10; the total amount collected will be passed to the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust.

The outing is offered on the basis that members will be expected to make their own way to Kidderminster, and suggested train times from Shrewsbury will be given in the pre-visit circular which will be sent to those participating. Members can travel by road if they wish of course, and there is ample parking provision adjacent to Kidderminster station.

Prospective participants should note that the railway requires that those taking part should be reasonably fit, and should wear fairly sturdy footwear for the visit, since there is some distance to walk from Kidderminster station to the diesel depot in particular, and there is some rough ground to be covered, and steps to access the carriage works.

The visit is now open for bookings, and **all those who would like to join the group are asked to advise Lionel Price as soon as possible**, giving their name, membership number, telephone number(s), and e-mail address (if applicable), **together with an indication whether they would intend to travel to the visit by train or car.**

It should be noted that as with all SRS outings, non-members can participate, but due to the limit on the size of the group in this instance (24), priority will be given to members of SRS; however, if any non-members are interested, they should make contact as below, and their place will be confirmed or otherwise in due course.

Lionel Price may be contacted via outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk or you can call on 01691 654488 (message may be left if necessary).

We are grateful to SRS member Paul Fathers for his assistance in arranging this outing.

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