

SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY

AN EARLY SPRING TRIP TO THE HEART OF ENGLAND TO VISIT ONE OF OUR TOP NARROW GAUGE STEAM VENUES

SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026

Join us on our first outing of 2026, a visit to Statfold Country Park, near Tamworth, home to the Statfold Barn Railway, housing one of the largest collections of narrow gauge steam and internal combustion locomotives to be seen in the UK.

We will visit on the first day of the museum's "Spring Steam Spectacular" when the venue will have as many locomotives as possible in use on its dual gauge field railway, with multiple opportunities to ride trains throughout the day, which runs from 0900 to 1700.

Photographers will also be well catered for since the publicity for the event states that trackside access will also be available for those wishing to capture pictures of the various locomotives and train consists in action.

Shropshire Railway Society is offering the outing on the basis that most of the group will travel by way of shared private cars (the driving time from Shrewsbury is around 90 minutes), with each participant making a contribution to cover the driver's fuel costs; accordingly it will be necessary for those who express interest to state whether they are able to offer seats in their car for other participants.

However, the venue can also be reached from the Shrewsbury area by train, and anyone who wishes to travel by train should indicate when booking, so that suggested timings can be provided; such travel is made easier on the occasion involved since the venue is arranging a free bus service to Statfold from Tamworth railway station, in association with Wythall Transport Museum.

Relevant train fares from Shrewsbury are: £21.80 adult, £14.50 with a Railcard.

Entry tickets for the event will be bought in advance for those joining the visit, the cost being £18.95 for adults, and £12.95 for senior participants (over 65)

Members interested in participating should advise Lionel Price by 27 February please, to allow time for ticket purchase before the event date.

Those doing so should also please indicate their postcode, so as to assist with planning of the car sharing to and from the event, and as mentioned above.

In addition anyone who wishes to take part who is also willing to use his/her private vehicle to transport other members of the group on the basis of shared petrol costs as referred to above should please so indicate.

Anyone wishing to join the group and travel by train should also please indicate.

Please contact Lionel Price via outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk or call on 07786 165101 (message may be left if necessary).

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