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AWAKE 'THE GIANT'

March 2022



2 years have gone by since we launched the fundraising campaign to Awake our Giant once again! In some sense not much has changed. 92240 is still rusting away out in the open at Horsted Keynes. But all is not quite the same. We now have a growing active team of people helping fundraise to get this fantastic locomotive rust free again and much more...

On the move

Things are now moving in the right direction. Locomotive engineering director, Paul Russell has confirmed 92240 will be the next large locomotive to enter the works. All being well and dependent on things running smoothly over the summer, 92240 will be heading south to Sheffield Park at some point in September 2022. We will be towing the engine to the main locomotive yard where we will hold a stripping event (not that kind!). Once at the Park, the locomotive will have scaffold erected around it and the external sheet cladding removed along with the old fibreglass insulation. We will also take out the brick arch. This will give a chance to fully assess the condition of the boiler and will also give a better idea of cost for the work needed

A detailed planning and costing document is currently being worked on for this. We would hope and pray the boiler is still in a reasonable condition!.

We will advertise the move date well in advance and if anybody is interested in helping at the stripping event please contact Martin Payne. Due to the size of the locomotive, currently it is proposed it will go back to Horsted over the winter until workshop space permits its return south.

The restoration

This will be lead by the workshop team but with Martin Payne heading up the volunteer side of things so we can assist the workshop as much as possible. We hope to do many of the smaller jobs and encourage further volunteers to help once started.

Where are we currently?

Money

Currently on average we have just over £800 coming in monthly this consists of both regular and one off donations. This is an amazing amount but we need to increase this a fair bit yet, so get in contact if you can help even a little. andy.taylor@bluebell-railway.com

Offical Awake the Giant logo

Some of you may have seen this super retro looking logo designed inhouse by Liz Groom. We are thankful for Liz's hard work in producing such an iconic logo.



Merchandise

The new logo has given the team an opportunity of creating a small range of merchandise. Ken Upton has been instrumental in designing these high quality products (thanks Ken). These are now on sale through our very own section in the Bluebell shop at Sheffield Park.



Calendar



T-Shirt S-XXL



Mug

We hope to expand this range further with other exciting products being worked on including baseball caps, hoodies, a strong Awake the Giant beer and discussions are being held with Hornby.

Fundraising stall

This has been held at both the '60+1' event and also the 'Giants of Steam' along with a smaller stall in Steamworks on most weekends and lastly a pop up stall at Horsted. Thank you to all the team who have helped make this happen.



Photo competition

Run by Tom Newble (thanks Tom) for the first time in 2021 and hopefully will return in 2022. All proceeds went towards 92240.

We are on Facebook!

Jared Johnson kindly set up a Facebook page - this will come into its own once the restoration starts. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/231962145391847>

Let's get things moving!

How can people make things happen?

- Between £250,000 and £500,000 is needed. Money is currently coming in at a steady rate but, as always, more is needed.
- The fastest way to getting the locomotive back in steam is donating a little on a regular basis. Please get in contact with me at the below address and sign up to donate as little as £3.75 a week.
- We would welcome further active team members to help man a small stall at key events or who would be willing to get stuck into the physical work of the restoration.
- If you think you can help in any other way, drop me a line.

Please visit <https://www.bluebell-railway.com/brps/awake-the-giant/> or contact myself, Andy Taylor, at andy.taylor@bluebell-railway.com for further information.

Thank you for all your support.

Let's Awake this Giant Again!



No. 92240, waiting patiently for its overhaul (Chris Rose, 20 March 2022)