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AWAKE ‘THE GIANT’

SPRING 2020 UPDATE

In the bleak mid winter! 92240 on the 15th February just before the banner was ripped off by the winds.

Much has been happening behind the scenes since the appeal was started in the autumn. We have had some great press in both steam railway and Heritage railway magazines along with Bluebell News. Much web publicity too with articles in Points & crossings, rail advert and various twitter/ facebook photos with positive remarks.
All this publicity has been free and shows how important marketing is to any project.
A full briefing was also given at the annual Locomotive meeting. Enthusiastic support from across the department was given to get this great locomotive running again.

Over the last couple of months I have been asked many questions so I have summarised these below with answers.

Your questions answered:

What work is needed?

Very early indications of what restoration work is needed have been discussed:
Boiler lift (The boiler has not been off the frames since BR)
New front tube plate Re staying New outer cladding
New front boiler barrel May need new tyres New smokebox
New foundation ring Tender in good condition! New ashpan

How much will it cost?

Early estimates for the cost of this work are looking likely to be around £500,000 but it must be stressed this is a stab in the dark until the engine has been stripped down.
We will be working to raise £500,000- from our fundraising £250,000 from regular donations

How much has been raised?

So far we can predict with the current rate of funding we will have £54,000 after 5 years. A great start but a little way to go yet!!

How long are we looking until we see it running?

This will all depend on how many people sign up to regular monthly donations.

How can people make this happen?

Please get in contact with me at the below address and sign up to donate monthly
We would also welcome anyone who could man a stall at Horsted advertising and signing people up to regular donations.

Please contact myself Andy Taylor at **andytay@hotmail.co.uk** for further information - please title the mail 9F