

**4253**  
Supporter

# Newsletter

*Keeping Shareholders Informed*



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# It's Come Home!

**A tremendous *thank you* to everyone, past and present, who has bought shares, merchandise, contributed financially or volunteered their time.**

**We are here because of you . . . and the final hurdle begins now!**

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*It's Come Home*

**A delighted Chairman, Charlie Masterson, poses with 4253's boiler as it arrives from HBSS Liverpool.**

# 4253 It's Come Home! *continued*



**Utilising the HIAB of our transport company, the boiler is lifted across the yard to be mated with the smokebox on 4253.**



**As the boiler is slowly lowered into the frames, everyone is holding their breath that it will fit into the smokebox.**



**Henry guides the boiler barrel carefully into the smokebox. With the boiler and smokebox once again reunited, we were able to drill locating holes for temporary bolts, and there was never any doubt . . . it fitted perfectly!**



**Above: Dick and TV Star Dave, use the air drill for the locating holes.**



**Left: Jerry is obviously relieved it all fitted, as he bolts the smokebox to the boiler barrel.**

# 4253 It's Come Home! *continued*



After the smokebox had been secured to the boiler, the complete unit was lifted out of the frames so that it could be placed in the yard for the next stage.

Fitting the smokebox to the boiler whilst in the frames, ensures that everything will fit once it is again placed back into the loco.



As the boiler is lifted back out, these pictures give some idea of how big it is!



*To those who said it couldn't be done!*



## GWR 2-8-0T Locomotive No. 4253 Share Application Form

Please complete the form below in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to:  
The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited, 28 Archer Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5RZ

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make an application for \_\_\_\_\_ share(s) in The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited.  
I enclose a cheque made payable to The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited (£250 per share) / a completed Bankers Standing Order (*please delete as appropriate*).

I am a member of The Kent and East Sussex Railway: Yes / No (*please delete as appropriate*).

I consent to being contacted by 4253 Locomotive Co. via email/post for information updates about 4253 progress and activities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Bankers Standing Order Form (if you wish to pay by monthly Standing Order)

To the Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your) Bank

Your Bank Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please pay £ \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of every month commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to:  
The 4253 Locomotive Company Limited, Account Number 47817011 National Westminster Bank Plc.  
20 High Street, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8SH. Sort Code 60-01-21.

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please quote Reference Number in all payments \_\_\_\_\_ \* to be entered by 4253 Project Staff.

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