



## **SOUTH DEVON RAILWAY SOS APPEAL**

In line with government advice for the current Coronavirus pandemic the South Devon Railway (SDR) has had to suspend all of its services and close its shop and refreshment rooms.

It is unlikely that we will be able to open again until at least halfway through our usual operating season, meaning a potential loss of £500,000 of revenue for our railway.

This couldn't have come at a worse time for the charity, with services stopping only a few days after they began, following our closed winter maintenance period.

We urgently need your help to allow us to keep steaming into the future. Please watch our appeal video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/wEuiTYBJeFM> and donate as generously as you can – we realise these are difficult times for everyone but without your help, we may not have a railway for people of all ages to enjoy again.

Despite having our services suspended, there are still bills to be paid and vital work required to protect our railway to keep it alive for generations to come.

We are reliant upon the income generated by running trains and special events to build to up our cash reserves to allow us to invest in the maintenance of our track, structures, buildings as well as our locomotives and carriages.

Over the past winter closed season, we have also suffered damage to two of our bridges, including the iconic Nursery Pool Bridge which takes the railway over the River Dart near Buckfastleigh. This bridge suffered damage to one of its piers during the storms in February this year and needs urgent repair work to protect it from deteriorating further. This was an unexpected cost and now with our loss of income we urgently need your help to allow this work to take place.

Donations can be made online at <https://www.southdevonrailway.co.uk/> or you can fill in the form overleaf and send us a cheque. If you are a UK tax payer and able to add gift aid, that will be even better as it will allow us to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you donate.

If you can contribute we thank you for your generous support – big or small, every single donation will help us to preserve our wonderful GWR branch line for many years to come.

Thank you from **The Chairman and Trustees of the South Devon Railway Trust**

**Please return the form with your cheque to:**

South Devon Railway SOS Appeal  
The Station  
Buckfastleigh, Devon  
TQ11 0DZ



I would like to donate £\_\_\_\_\_ to the SDR SOS Appeal and enclose a cheque payable to the "South Devon Railway Trust".

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

If you have an email address and would like to receive regular updates from us, please tick \_\_\_\_ and enter it here:

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If you are already a member of the South Devon Railway Association, please insert your membership number here:

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### **Gift Aid Declaration Form**

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick here: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ to the South Devon Railway Trust.

I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details (Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer):

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the South Devon Railway Trust if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.