



SPA VALLEY

RAILWAY

A DESTINATION AT EVERY STATION!

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

TUNBRIDGE WELLS & ERIDGE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY



**JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED TO
KEEP OUR TRAINS RUNNING!**

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Join our railway!

The Spa Valley Railway, although not what it was to be known as until later life, was born after the line from Tunbridge Wells West to Eridge was closed by British Rail on 6th July 1985.

The aim was clear, to preserve and operate trains on the former line between Tunbridge Wells West & Eridge.

So what happened?

On 7th May 1987 the Tunbridge Wells & Eridge Railway Preservation Society was born. Following a merger with the North Downs Steam Railway the first steam hauled services were operated in December 1996 and the following August the line opened to Groombridge.

The Extension to Eridge

The society's aim was always to restore services to Eridge. This dream became a reality in March 2011 when Class 37 37254 complete with our 101 trailer car made its way into Eridge station.

On Friday 25th March 2011 the first passenger trains returned to Eridge. The honour falling to resident steam locomotive No. 62 'Ugly' hauling this rather special train.

The Future

Since opening to Eridge we have grown in visitor numbers and expanded our operation to run bigger events and more trains.

Groombridge Signal Box was brought into action for the first time in August 2014 with further enhancements taking place 2 years later. The commissioning of the signalling at Groombridge has provided us with a passing place for trains half way along the line. The benefits being that private charter trains and driver experiences can run on our normal operating days.

The future of the Spa Valley Railway is certainly an exciting one, whilst we have reached our ultimate goal of re-opening the line to Eridge we are still developing our railway to enhance the visitor experience.

In the 20yrs we have been running trains we've grown from strength to strength. Now is probably one of the most exciting times to get involved so join us today and keep us running for future generations!

Membership Application Form

Please fill in the relevant details and hand in at any Ticket Office, or post your application to the address shown below.

I wish to apply for membership of the Tunbridge Wells and Eridge Railway Preservation Society. I agree that my details may be stored electronically for the Society's and Railway's internal use only. See the Railway's website www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk for a full Privacy Policy.

I enclose an ANNUAL/LIFE* subscription of:

SUBSCRIPTION £ _____

DONATION £ _____

TOTAL £ _____

Please make cheques payable to T.W. & E.R.P.S

Gift AID? YES/NO

Title/Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone(s) _____

Email _____

Date of Birth (for Student or Junior Members) _____

Signed _____

Current Membership Rates

Annual		Life	
Joint/family	£30	Joint	£560
Adult	£20	Single	£400
Student (16-18)	£12	Senior (60+)	£200
Junior (under 16)	£6	Joint Senior	£300
Senior (60+)	£13	Partner of existing life member	£175
Joint Senior	£20		
Corporate	£100		

Volunteer with us!

Our railway is run by a team of dedicated volunteers with ages ranging from 14 to 90. Why not become part of our fantastic railway and start volunteering with us today!

Over 30 years ago the railway from Tunbridge Wells to Eridge closed. Since then, dedicated volunteers have worked around the clock to restore services along the line.

Now for over 20 years we have been operating trains through the glorious High Weald countryside, all undertaken by our ever growing family of volunteers. We are proud of every single person who has volunteered their time to make our railway what it is today and who continue to build on the successes of previous years.

They may be driving the train, clipping your ticket or fixing the track. Without these hard working individuals we would simply not exist.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Locomotive Crews, Guards, Signalmen, Crossing Attendants & Responsible Officers

Commercial Department

Station Masters, Ticket Inspectors, Booking Office Clerks & Shop Staff

Catering Department

Kate, Tunbridge Wells Buffet, Eridge Buffet & Groombridge Kiosk

Dining Trains Department

Dining in the Weald Experiences

Locomotive/Engineering Department

Overhauling & routine maintenance of our historic steam & diesel locomotives

CARRIAGE & WAGON DEPARTMENT

Restoring our carriages and wagons and their routine maintenance

Infrastructure Department

Signalling & Telecoms, Permanent Way, Civil Engineering, Lineside & Gardens

Back Office Administration Department

Processing bookings, handling phone calls and liaising with our customers.

Tick the relevant box (or boxes) above and hand in with our membership form. Our volunteer liaison officer will be in touch with you in due course using the details you've provided, go on you know you want to!

Alternatively please email us at volunteering@spavalleyrailway.co.uk