



Newsletter

RBF Attends “The Greatest Gathering”



We had the incredible privilege of attending, ‘The Greatest Gathering’, an event that will go down in history. Billed as “the world’s largest-ever collection of historic and modern rolling stock,” the event took place at Alstom’s Litchurch Lane Works, which opened its doors to the public for the first time in nearly 50 years.



Over three days, more than 40,000 people from all over the world came to see over 140 locomotives and railway vehicles on display. It was an unforgettable experience and a resounding success.

We want to extend a huge thank you to the team of organisers for creating such a memorable and historic event as part of the Railway 200 celebrations.



We also want to give a special shout-out to everyone who supported us at our stand. We spoke with so many people about our charity’s mission of supporting railway people and their families through life’s toughest moments, whether they’re facing financial hardship, injury, or illness.

Your Small Step for a Greener Planet

We understand not everyone is ready to go digital, but to better contribute to a greener planet, we’re gently asking you to consider receiving our newsletter via email.

This small step helps us reduce our environmental impact and allows us to share far more frequent, timely news and updates with you all year long. Let’s work together to secure a cleaner world for the next generation.

Make your positive impact today.
Email fundraising@railwaybenefitfund.org.uk



Hardships Can Be Invisible



Hardships can be invisible is a Railway Benefit Fund campaign highlighting the unexpected challenges faced by many railway workers. Despite their dedication, these individuals often struggle silently.

We understand that appearances can be deceiving. Sometimes, even when people seem to have it all together, they may be struggling behind the scenes. Pride and stigma can often prevent people from asking for help.

As a charity who supports railway workers and their families across the UK, we hope to encourage open conversations and provide financial support to those who need it most.

That's why regular giving is so important. It provides a consistent source of funding that allows us to offer vital support to railway workers and their families facing hardship. Your regular donation can help us:

- Cover essential costs like food, heating, and rent
- Provide free debt and legal advice through a partnership with expert advisors, offering additional helpful information and support services
- Support initiatives that promote financial wellbeing and resilience

Together, we can empower our friends and colleagues to keep pushing forward, full steam ahead, and keep our railways moving.



See what you can do by giving today.

Scan here to set up your regular giving - it's quick and easy. For as little as £5 a month, you can support our railway family and make a difference.

Wellbeing Days

The RBF team has been busy attending wellbeing days, and it's been a great experience. We're seeing more companies prioritise these events, and it's easy to see why. Wellbeing days are a powerful way to reinforce a positive workplace culture and show employees that their health and happiness matter.

Although our team is small, we've travelled the country to attend these events, all in the name of supporting railway people. As a charity, being able to share what we do and offer a helping hand means the world to us.

If you would like us to be part of your company's wellbeing day, please get in touch with Nica at nreyes@railwaybenefitfund.org.uk



Together We've Raised

Thank you. Your incredible generosity means that, just from our three key calendar events, you have helped us raise an incredible £71,058. Every single pound makes a life changing difference.

Auction of Rail Experiences



£41,080

This amazing total was all thanks to your generous bids. We also want to give a huge thank you to the rail industry for donating such unique prizes and making the auction possible.

Annual Charity Golf Day



£19,690

The day was a huge success, bringing together teams from across the rail industry for a day of friendly competition. Every shot taken made a real difference in the lives of railway people.

Rail Dinners and Awards



£10,288

We were fortunate to be invited as the chosen charity for so many prestigious industry dinners and awards this season. Thanks to the amazing generosity of everyone who participated and donated prizes.

Chester Cathedral Exhibition



We were honoured to host an exhibition at Chester Cathedral, highlighting the crucial work we do for railway people and their families.

This display was a true journey through time, showcasing over 165 years of support, including our long and distinguished history with the Royal Family and past patrons like the Queen Mother.

Celebrating the bicentenary of the modern railway, the exhibition explored our historical roots, our evolution, and the critical impact we continue to have today.

Spot the RBF Train & Win

Avanti West Coast named one of their iconic Pendolino trains (390155) after us. We're giving an RBF pin badge to the first 5 people who spot it.

To Win: Email your photo, the date, and the location to fundraising@railwaybenefitfund.org.uk. Happy spotting!



Calling all our Retired Rail Colleagues

We believe that talking is good, and we know our retired rail colleagues especially have a treasure trove of memories. There's nothing quite like the community of the railway, and every person has a unique and valuable experience to share. That's why we're inviting you to join our Check in and Chat service.

We have several dedicated volunteers who are ready and waiting to connect with you every week to listen to and enjoy your experiences on the railway.

You'll be paired with the same volunteer for your weekly call, allowing you to build a meaningful, long-lasting relationship. Some of our chats have been going strong for over two years.

Take a moment to reconnect with the wider rail community. Your stories matter, and we can't wait to hear them!

Ready to start chatting? Contact us today to learn more and sign up by emailing: support@railwaybenefitfund.org.uk



Beyond the Tracks Project

**Celebrating
200 years of
community in rail**



#BeyondTheTracks200

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of community

For 200 years, the rail industry has been a leader in both industrial innovation and social progress. It's not just about trains; it's about the people who have shaped communities and improved lives.

#BeyondTheTracks200 will celebrate the positive impact of our industry on UK public life.

If you or your organisation have stories to share about how you've helped shape society for the better, we'd love for you to get involved by sharing your content to #BeyondTheTracks200.

If you need help, advice or want to get involved, there are many ways to contact us.

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