

As Erlestoke Manor Fund approaches its 50th Anniversary, please help us build on our success with our two 'Manors' by supporting this Appeal.

# The BIG large prairie appeal

- Bring 5164 back to service, having been out of operation since 2014
- Enhance the GWR fleet of locomotives on the Severn Valley Railway
- Retain our current volunteer engineering skills on a new project
- Develop a new generation of volunteer engineers to maintain our industrial heritage.



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# The Story So Far

In 2021, Erlestoke Manor Fund ( EMF ) shareholders approved proposals to restore ex-GWR Large Prairie No 5164 to steam, after its acquisition from the 5164 Preservation Group.

**Bringing 5164 into the Fund's pool of 'active' locomotives forms part of the long-term EMF strategy to ensure that it remains strong and vibrant through the coming decade and beyond.**

With both EMF-owned Manors returning to traffic in the near future with fresh boiler certificates, restoring 5164 to service will provide an exciting and appropriate project for the coming years and, importantly, a locomotive that could be expected to be in traffic providing valuable steaming income during the mid-2030s period when both 7812 and 7802 will fall due for overhaul in quick succession. Overhauling 5164 will further the development of skills and experience within the volunteer team, particularly for the younger volunteers. This project will be a major factor in maintaining our industrial heritage.

**5164 is currently in store under cover in Barrow Hill Roundhouse, near Chesterfield.**





# What Now?

In order to bring 5164 back to service on the Severn Valley Railway by the mid-2020s, now is the time to commence the funding of the project, which, at today's prices, is expected to cost circa £ 400,000.

**Existing EMF funds plus expected steaming fee income from Manors 7812 and 7802 together with a contribution from SVR (Holdings) PLC will not be sufficient for the project and, therefore, EMF is seeking support through various fundraising channels to help finance the full project.**

## Support with a Donation...

# There are four ways in which you can donate:-

**Electronic Bank Transfer** – please pay into account **53-81-21** account number **08716153** in the name of **ErlestokeFD**. Please reference your donation **“your surname and initials 5164 Appeal”** so that we may record your donation. Please confirm your donation, whether one-off or by standing order, by email to [erlestokemanorfund@gmail.com](mailto:erlestokemanorfund@gmail.com) so that we may acknowledge.

**Website** – please visit [www.erlestokemanorfund.co.uk/want-to-help/donate](http://www.erlestokemanorfund.co.uk/want-to-help/donate). You may pay by debit/credit card or PayPal account. Please reference your donation **“5164 Appeal”** so that we may record your donation. Your donation, whether one-off or by standing order, will be acknowledged.

**Cheque** – please make your cheque payable to **“Erlestoke Manor Fund”** and post to **P Evans, EMF, c/o Iona, Chequers Lane, Wychbold, Droitwich Spa, Worcs WR9 7PH**. Please include your email or telephone number, if possible, to facilitate acknowledgement.

**In person** – if you visit the EMF Sales Coach at Bewdley Station on the Severn Valley Railway, you may donate by cash, cheque or card. The sales coach is open most Saturdays and Sundays when Severn Valley Railway is running.

As a registered charity, EMF can claim **Gift Aid**. So, if you are eligible for **Gift Aid**, the value of any donation can be increased at no extra cost to you. If you are not yet registered for **Gift Aid** with EMF and wish to do so, please contact us on [erlestokemanorfund@gmail.com](mailto:erlestokemanorfund@gmail.com) and we will be in touch.

## In Return

It is proposed to run a special charter train on the Severn Valley Railway from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth and back behind 5164, soon after its return to service. For donations of at least £125, EMF will provide a travel ticket for the event and two tickets for a donation in excess of £250. Please ensure that we have your contact details to enable us to register you for your tickets.

100% of your donation will go to the 5164 Appeal. Every donation over £50 will be recognised, upon completion of the Appeal, in a form to be determined. Every donation, regardless of size, will be very much appreciated.

### Note about EMF Shareholder status

If you are a current shareholder, the amount you donate will be added to your shareholding. If you are not already a shareholder, any donation of £50 or more, whether made singly or in multiple smaller sums, entitles you to become a shareholder, which gives you voting rights, the opportunity to volunteer with EMF and update newsletters on EMF matters.

If you wish to become a shareholder, please visit [www.erlestokemanorfund.co.uk/want-to-help/shareholders/](http://www.erlestokemanorfund.co.uk/want-to-help/shareholders/) or email [erlestokemanorfund@gmail.com](mailto:erlestokemanorfund@gmail.com) and we will be in touch.

**Thank you for reading this leaflet and please support this worthwhile project in whatever way and to whatever extent you can.**

**Please remember EMF with a gift in your Will to enable the good work of the charity to continue with Society’s aims.**



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