

Dinmore Manor Locomotive Ltd – Goodbye and Thank You

Later this month our resident Great Western Heavy Freight No. 3850 comes to the end of its boiler ticket and after around 80,000 miles and nearly 1200 days in steam the loco will be leaving the WSR for a well-deserved heavy overhaul.

The loco arrived here in 1985 and then spent 20 years under restoration before entering revenue-earning service in March 2006 where it has worked ever since (with the exception of two short visits to the Great Central Railway and the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire).

We would like to thank the WSR crews and shed staff who have looked after the loco so well over all these years – and all those many thousands of passengers who have experienced the power of this lovely old machine. It was great to see some lovely photos and video clips of the old girl performing so well hauling the incoming Charters in August this year.

The loco is due to leave the line on 17th September and will be running for a few days on the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire – one of its very last jobs will be hauling a Dinmore Manor Shareholders Special on the evening of 25th September – we know we have many shareholders and friends from this area and all are welcome to join us for “a final run” (for full details see our website at www.dinmoremanor.co.uk).

We intend to complete the heavy overhaul as quickly as possible and return 3850 to steam - the loco will then be available for hire to any Heritage Railway that requires a reliable and economical performer. We would be delighted if the loco were able to return to West Somerset metals in the future.