



Press Release

Flying Scotsman visit to the West Somerset Railway 23rd to 26th May 2017

The world famous Flying Scotsman locomotive will be touching base at Bishops Lydeard on the West Somerset Railway on Tuesday 23rd May, and Friday 26th May 2017 hauling a charter train. The charter train has been organised and promoted by Steam Dreams. Tickets for the excursion have already sold out. The charter is scheduled to go from Bishops Lydeard on a round trip via Bristol, Bath and Westbury. Please note, Flying Scotsman will not be travelling to or from Minehead on these dates.

Over the past few weeks we have been running checks on the track between Bishops Lydeard and Minehead. The checks that need to be done to ensure that Flying Scotsman can run along the line, have unfortunately not yet been completed, so we are unable to allow the locomotive to come all the way down the line at this time. The checks needed will, however, be carried out before the Flying Scotsman's second visit to us in September

Due to the nature of the visit, Bishops Lydeard station will only be accessible to fare-paying passengers on the day and views of the Flying Scotsman will be very limited.

We ask any spectators to be respectful of local land owners and roads if trying to view the locomotive without a ticket.

There will be much better opportunities to view the locomotive on the West Somerset Railway later this year, when it visits again from 5th to 12th September (inclusive), and will make several journeys between Bishops Lydeard and Minehead. Further information on this visit can be found on our website (www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk).

To make sure you are first to know about what is happening on the railway including information about the Flying Scotsman's visit to the West Somerset Railway in September please sign up to receive our monthly newsletter which can be done through the front page on our website. www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk