



# Kent & East Sussex Railway

## Gifts and Legacies



### Find Out More

We'd be happy to meet with you to explain how your valuable gift can help to preserve the Kent & East Sussex Railway. Contact us on 01580 766988 and ask to speak to the Fundraising Manager.

Alternatively, enter your details below and we'll contact you. If you just wish to make a donation, please see overleaf and discover how Gift Aid will make your gift even more valuable to the K&ESR.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | The K&ESR is already a beneficiary of my Will.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am considering making the K&ESR a beneficiary of my Will.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I would like to speak to someone about this.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Please send me a Legacy Information Pack.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am making a donation and have completed the Gift Aid form. |

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Post Code:

### Direct Debit



Instruction to your Bank or Building Society.

Originator's Identification Number: 6 9 3 5 2 4

1. Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society.

Bank/Building Society:

Address:

2. Name(s) of account holder(s).

Postcode:

3. Branch sort code

4. Bank or Building Society account number.

Signed: Date:

#### 5. Instruction to your Bank or Building Society.

Please pay The Kent & East Sussex Railway Co. Ltd Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by The Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with The Kent & East Sussex Railway Co. Ltd and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank or Building Society.

Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.

#### THE DIRECT DEBIT GUARANTEE

This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits. If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit The Kent & East Sussex Railway Co. Ltd will notify you by at least ten working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request The Kent & East Sussex Railway Co. Ltd to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request. If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by The Kent & East Sussex Railway Co. Ltd or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The Kent & East Sussex Railway Co. Ltd asks you to. You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

Send this form to:  
**The Fundraising Manager, Kent & East Sussex Railway,**  
**Tenterden Town Station, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6HE**

### The K&ESR Memorial Garden



**In 2011 we created our Memorial Garden. It's in a peaceful location adjacent to the track at Northiam Station and provides a special way for loved ones to be remembered.**

We understand there is much for friends and family to think about at a time of loss but please be assured our staff are always prepared to help you plan your visit. We can cater for large parties on the trains with a range of refreshment options, or simply guide you to the Memorial Garden for a few private moments.

For a donation, the ashes of your loved one can be scattered in our Memorial Garden, a unique resting place. You may also wish to purchase a commemorative plaque\* as a permanent feature which will be fixed to the wall within the garden made from railway sleepers.

If you feel you would like to find out more about what we can offer please contact our full-time office staff on 01580 765155.

\*The plaques (as illustrated) are made of very robust rigid plastic which will be engraved with the wording of your choice.

They measure approximately 8" x 6".



### Kent & East Sussex Railway Company

Tenterden Town Station, Station Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6HE  
 tel: 01580 765155 (day) tel: 01580 762943 (24-hour timetable)  
 email: enquiries@kesr.org.uk web: www.kesr.org.uk

England's finest rural light railway

## An important part of railway history

### The Kent & East Sussex Railway is widely regarded as England's finest rural light railway.

Built by Colonel H F Stephens, the line originally ran between Headcorn and Robertsbridge.

Its closure in 1961 coincided with the formation of a fledgling preservation society that has grown into the heritage railway we are proud of today.

The current line runs from the Wealden market town of Tenterden through the Rother Valley to Bodiam brushing

## Legacies

### Leave a legacy - the gift of a lifetime

#### We realise that Will writing can be difficult and sensitive. Determining what gift is right for you is just as important as making the gift.

There are many options from which you can choose. A number of these are listed within this leaflet. The correct gift for you balances what you wish to accomplish for yourself, your family, and your charitable interests.

However, whilst completing this task we would be pleased if you could kindly consider including K&ESR among your wishes. The decision to leave a gift to charity is a big one. Here we outline three methods of gifting a legacy.

**A Residuary Legacy:** this is a percentage or all of what remains after your expenses and other legacies have been paid. A residuary legacy is the best way to benefit the Railway because it's unlikely to be affected by inflation. For example, if your estate's residue is worth £10,000, a 5% residuary gift to the Railway will be £500. By using this method, you can be sure that your gift is always within your means, whatever your financial circumstances in later life.

**A Pecuniary Legacy:** this is a gift of a specific sum of money. For example, £1000 will fund the repainting of a signalbox; £5k will provide a forklift truck for workshop use. For £10k we will re-upholster a complete carriage and £40k will enable us to provide and equip a coach as a state-of-the-art education facility.

A gift of £75k will fund the restoration of a coach and £100k will fund a 10 year overhaul of a locomotive.

**A Specific Legacy:** this is an item of value, such as a house or shares.

Any gift, irrespective of size is vitally important to the K&ESR. It will be wisely used to ensure the K&ESR's long-term future. This is our commitment to you.

## Inheritance Tax

### As the Kent & East Sussex Railway is a registered charity, legacy gifts will be free of inheritance tax.

Briefly, inheritance tax is the tax paid on your 'estate'. This is all you own at the time of your death, less what you owe. Assets include property, possessions, money and investments. Tax is payable at the rate(s) set by the

past the villages of Rolvenden, Wittersham and Northiam.

We are the current custodians of the Railway, ensuring that it is maintained and improved, so that future generations can both enjoy it and ensure that it remains into perpetuity.

An extremely important part of our income sources are generated from donations and legacies. These are vital to our future financial well being and allow us to fund improvements to the Railway that would otherwise be difficult to achieve.

## Donations

### A donation in memory

#### Making a donation to the Kent & East Sussex Railway in memory of someone who was special to you is a unique way to ensure that their memory lives on, whilst paying tribute to the interests that were important to them.

At your request, the K&ESR can set-up a 'Living Memory Fund' in your loved one's name. Friends and family members may then make contributions to this fund. A great comfort at a time of loss, a Living Memory Fund celebrates a life, whilst helping to ensure the future of the Railway.

### Regular donation by direct debit

#### A regular donation using the attached form provides invaluable help in meeting the day-to-day costs of running the railway.

Donating a regular monthly sum is a manageable method of giving. Whatever sum you are able to donate, please be assured every single penny enables us to care for the railway today and into the future. If you are eligible to gift-aid your donation the railway can do even more from your generosity. Please use the detachable form within this leaflet.

### One-off donation

#### A one-off donation may be your chosen method.

A gift of whatever size makes a difference. If you are eligible to gift-aid your donation the railway can do even more from your generosity. Please use the detachable form within this leaflet. For an on-the-go method of giving you may like to consider using **JustTextGiving** Text **KESR01** and any amount to **70070** e.g. **KESR01 £5**



Government on the amount above the inheritance tax threshold. Not everyone pays inheritance tax. It only applies if the taxable value of your estate when you die is above a certain amount.

**For guidance on inheritance tax and legacy gifts, you are advised to speak to your solicitor or financial advisor.**

## Gift Aid Declaration

### Make even more of a difference with Gift Aid.

If you are a UK taxpayer, we are able to claim extra money from the government on top of your donation - it will not cost you a penny. All you have to do is sign this declaration.

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Post Code:

\* I want the Kent & East Sussex Railway Company Ltd. to treat the enclosed remittance as a Gift Aid donation.

Amount of donation: £

Signed:

Date:

\* All subscriptions and donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise.

#### NOTE

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at the least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year.

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity.

If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity. Alternatively, refer to Help Sheet IR65 on the HMRC web site.

Please notify the charity if you change your name or address



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