

The Locomotive spent 32 years of its working life on branch lines in Devon and Cornwall, being finally withdrawn from service at Laira shed, Plymouth, in May 1962, having run close to a million miles in service for the GWR and latterly British Railways Western Region.

Sent for scrap in July 1962, No.4561 spent the next thirteen years waiting to be cut up before being rescued from Woodham Brothers' scrap yard at Barry by the West Somerset Railway Association, steaming for the first time in preservation on 15th August 1989 following a lengthy restoration.

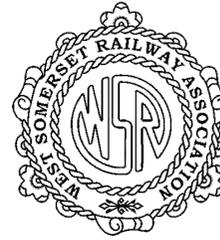
Having run over 43,000 miles in preservation, No.4561 was withdrawn in 1998 pending a major overhaul. A number of factors, not least the huge amount of work required before the locomotive could re-enter traffic, saw the restoration sidelined for a number of years but we are now able to restart this project.

Much of the boiler work was contracted out for repair and earlier this year the boiler was returned to Williton for completion. The Williton team will next turn their attention to the cylinders and wheels.

When complete, hopefully by late 2019, we will have a locomotive to be proud of once again, fully capable of working trains on its home West Somerset Railway and also visiting other heritage lines to make guest appearances.

Rest assured, should we raise any surplus funds above and beyond those required for 4561, these will be invested in the restoration, preservation and display of other locos or heritage artefacts to further the charity's objectives. We estimate the overhaul will cost at least a further £250,000 but the return to steam of the locomotive is now a tangible goal and well within our grasp.

Please be as generous as you can in helping us with the 'final push' in fundraising to return No.4561 to steam so that we can all see the locomotive once more at the head of passenger trains on the West Somerset Railway.

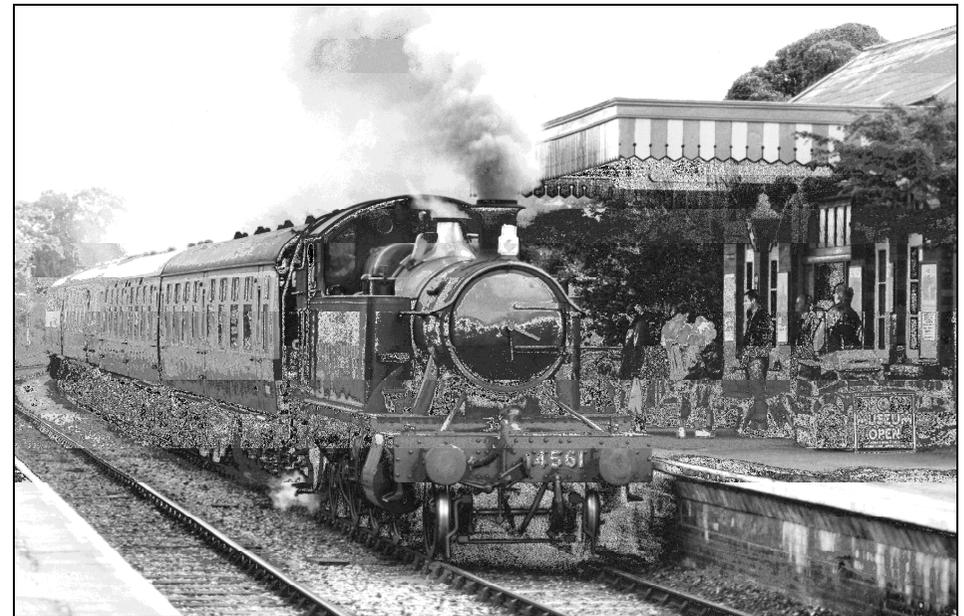


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RESTORING LOCOMOTIVE GWR 2-6-2T 4561

During 2017 we will be raising funds to restore our Great Western Railway branch line locomotive No.4561.



Typical of the steam locomotives that would have run in the West Country and beyond between the 1920s and mid-1960s, Locomotive GWR No.4561 was built at the famous Swindon Works of the Great Western Railway in October 1924.

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