

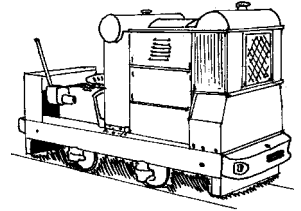


Moseley Railway Trust

PRESERVING OUR INDUSTRIAL NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY HERITAGE

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OPEN DAYS 12th & 13th SEPTEMBER 2009

This is likely to be the only opportunity which the general public will have to visit the site this year and view the extensive collection of narrow gauge locomotives and other artefacts which the Trust has collected on site.

Although it is unlikely that we can offer passenger train rides in September, the railway on site has been extended significantly since the events in 2008. It is planned to use the new sections to provide some exclusive and unrepeatabe photo opportunities for enthusiasts - unrepeatabe because the areas to be used and the scenes to be created will be out of bounds once passenger trains are in operation. It is hoped that the weekend may produce one or more "surprise" guest locomotives. The MRT collection will be on display and it is planned to operate demonstration industrial trains, potentially including active displays with visiting exhibits.

It is planned to have a range of exhibitors and trade stands, plus model and miniature railways. Further details will be announced in due course, but for now this event should be noted as one not to be missed. The Moseley Railway Trust would be pleased to hear from potential exhibitors, especially vintage and veteran commercial vehicles. The Trust can be contacted via its website or below.

The MRT has been working on the Apedale site since 2006 and significant progress has been made. The most notable achievements have included laying a significant amount of 2'0" gauge railway track, and the construction of a large storage building. This has allowed the movement of the MRT's collection of rolling stock and other artefacts to the Apedale site. Most of the MRT's rolling stock has been in store since the MRT left its previous site, at a school in Cheadle near Stockport, in 1998. The collection is one of the largest in the UK, if not the world, numbering more than 50 locomotives. These locomotives include steam*, diesel, petrol and battery power, and were used on the industrial narrow gauge systems which once thrived in the UK, and contributed so much to develop the world in which we live today. Sadly, these systems are now almost extinct.

The site will be open from 11.00 to 17.00 on both days. There will be sales stands, and refreshments will be available in the café run by the Apedale Heritage Centre, the MRT's partner in the Apedale development. The Heritage Centre Museum will be open, and trips down the Apedale Drift Mine will also be available at a small extra cost. The Apedale site is at the end of Loomer Road (**Sat-Nav Post Code: ST5 7QB**), close to the village of Chesterton in Newcastle under Lyme, North Staffordshire. It is easily accessed from the M6 (junction 16) and many other major roads. There is public transport access using an infrequent bus service to Chesterton village. Full details can be found on the MRT's website at www.mrt.org.uk.

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