

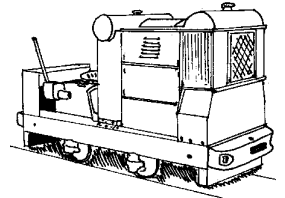


Moseley Railway Trust

PRESERVING OUR INDUSTRIAL NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY HERITAGE

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OPEN DAY 13TH & 14TH SEPTEMBER 2008

First chance to see Moseley collection in 10 years.

The Moseley Railway Trust (MRT) will hold Open Days at its new Apedale site on 13/14 September 2008. This will be the public's first opportunity to visit the site and see the MRT's large and varied collection of industrial narrow gauge locomotives for 10 years.

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 weekend will see the operation of the first steam-hauled trains at Apedale, using the MRT's Kerr Stuart locomotive "Stanhope" (Kerr Stuart number 2395 of 1917). Although it will not be possible to offer passenger train rides in September, the MRT collection will be on display and it is planned to operate demonstration goods and works trains. It is hoped that the weekend may produce one or more "surprise" guest locomotives.

The MRT would also like to invite the participation of fellow enthusiasts whose interest lies with Road Transport. Space is limited so applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Space for camping will be available on Friday and Saturday nights (12th and 13th September), and there will be a barbeque on the Saturday night after the public have left.

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, 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 a frequent bus service to Chesterton village. Full details can be found on the MRT's website at www.mrt.org.uk.

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