



Guidance Notes for Cab Passes for the Western Memorial Obbo Tour on Thursday, 10th September 2026

1. Introduction

- 1.1 To celebrate the lives of Western Locomotive Association (WLA) members who made significant contributions to the WLA in recent years - namely the late Greg Heathcliffe, Henry Coates and Chris Shields - we are delighted to be able to run a very special Western Memorial Observation Saloon Tour.
- 1.2 Working with the Severn Valley Railway (SVR), the WLA has booked D1062 Western Courier to haul a single GWR Observation Saloon for three round trips (96 miles), creating an exclusive opportunity for a day out behind a "Thousand", with no more than 23 guests.
- 1.3 The tour will begin and end at Kidderminster, with plans for each guest to have the opportunity to enjoy a cab ride with a Cab Pass, during the day but these are subject to SVR & WLA approval, age restrictions and accessibility requirements, which are outlined below in these Guidance Notes:

2. Cab Pass Restrictions

- 2.1 Whilst we want everyone to have an enjoyable day out, safety is of paramount importance with locomotive operations and therefore, there are a number of restrictions in place to outline whether or not a Cab Pass can be granted and made available.
- 2.2 Any Cab Passes are subject to authorisation by the SVR and may be granted or withdrawn at the SVR's discretion. The WLA will act on behalf of the SVR to ensure that the restrictions are implemented.
- 2.3 The Driver has the ultimate discretion and has the right to refuse any person access to the Cab, regardless of whether a valid Cab Pass has been authorised.
- 2.4 Cab Passes are only permitted for guests over the age of 18 years, who must be physically fit to climb a six-foot ladder, with widely spaced rungs – in other words they should be able to climb up and down between ground level and the locomotive cab.
- 2.5 Under no circumstances will guests be permitted access to the locomotive cabs under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 2.6 When getting on or off the locomotive, guests must hold the handrails and maintain three points of contact and not jump on to the platform or ballast from any height.
- 2.7 Guests must not stand by any open doors or lean out of any open windows whilst the locomotive is in operation.

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- 2.8 Please note that the cab doors are extremely heavy and that great care must be taken to avoid the possibility of trapped or lost fingers!
- 2.9 Under no circumstances are guests allowed to touch or operate any of the controls.
- 2.10 Mobile phones must not be used within the cabs, must be on “silent” or preferably switched off.
- 2.11 Guests must not distract the Driver or Secondman from their duties.
- 2.12 At all times, guests must adhere to any instructions given by the footplate crew and /or the WLA officer in charge.
- 2.13 Only one person is permitted to have a Cab Pass at any one time.
- 2.14 Access to the rear cab can only be permitted with a WLA Officer in charge for no more than two guests at any one time, subject to the same restrictions detailed above.
- 2.15 In all cases, Cab Passes are issued on the basis that these visits are made at your own risk, with no liability to the SVR and the WLA.

3. Cab Pass Opportunities

- 3.1 Opportunities for a Cab Pass will be managed by a WLA Officer on the day, and are expected to be as follows:

TRIP 1: 09.30 Kidderminster to Bridgnorth

Kidderminster to Bewdley

Bewdley to Arley

Arley to Highley

Highley to Hampton Loade

Hampton Loade to Bridgnorth

TRIP 2: 11.30 Bridgnorth to Kidderminster

Bridgnorth to Hampton Loade

Hampton Loade to Highley

Highley to Arley

Arley to Bewdley

Bewdley to Kidderminster

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TRIP 3: 13.30 Kidderminster to Bridgnorth

Kidderminster to Bewdley

Bewdley to Arley

Arley to Highley

Highley to Hampton Loade

Hampton Loade to Bridgnorth

TRIP 4: 15.35 Bridgnorth to Kidderminster

Bridgnorth to Hampton Loade

Hampton Loade to Highley

Highley to Arley

Arley to Bewdley

Bewdley to Kidderminster

TRIP 5: 17.00 Kidderminster to Bridgnorth

Kidderminster to Bewdley

Bewdley to Arley

Arley to Highley

Highley to Hampton Loade

Hampton Loade to Bridgnorth

TRIP 6: 18.30 Bridgnorth to Kidderminster

Bridgnorth to Hampton Loade

Hampton Loade to Highley

Highley to Arley

Arley to Bewdley

Bewdley to Kidderminster

I agree to the above restrictions in these Guidance Notes:

Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....