

Cymdeithas Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid

Bala Lake Railway Society



Yr Orsaf, Llanuwchllyn, Bala, Gwynedd. LL23 7DD

The Bala Lake Railway was founded in 1972. It was built on the track bed of the former Bala and Dolgellay Railway, which later became part of the Great Western Railway. This company bought up several local concerns in its battle with the Cambrian Railways, with which it had an end-on junction at Dolgellau. The line was closed by British Railways in the 1960s.

The first trains on the newly constructed Bala Lake Railway ran in 1972 and the supporting Society was formed the following year. It aimed to give people the chance to help and support the Railway and throughout its years of existence this has continued to be its principal remit.

Membership allows those not active a chance to support and be part of the Railway. Those who wish to be active are encouraged, and help to play an important part in the running of the line, with training being given as required.

Volunteers can undertake many varied tasks to suit themselves all vital to keeping a successful railway running: these vary from footplate duties, guarding and signal box duties to track, loco and rolling stock maintenance. For those wanting something more, relaxing tasks such as gardening, painting and general care for the railway are also vitally important. Regular working parties are held, along with social events.

You don't have to regularly attend the railway to show your support. Vital help is always needed that can be provided from your own home helping with membership matters, marketing and administration. Setting up regional support groups is always needed.

Members' benefits are:

- The Society's full-colour quarterly magazine, the Llanuwchllyn Express, which keeps members in touch with the Railway and related matters
- Free travel on the railway
- A voice and vote at the Annual General Meeting
- Involvement with a new and friendly group of like minded people
- Being part of THE BALA LAKE RAILWAY

If you want to fulfil your childhood dream of being an engine driver, wield a paint brush or blow the whistle and wave a green flag come and join us you will be assured the warmest of welcomes and make many new friends.

But above all else you will be supporting the continued success of part of this country's railway heritage which after all was our gift to the World.

All you have to do is complete and send us the form below with your first year's subscription, or set up an annual standing order alongside sending us your form.

Our annual membership rates are:

Adult:	£18.00
Associate (spouse/partner)	£12.00
Family	£36.00
Senior (over 65)	£13.50
Junior (under 18)	£12.00

Our Membership applications are managed by the following Committee Members:

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