

WESTERN LOCOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION

Access Policy for Members of the Public

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Members of the public are welcome to view the workshop facilities and locomotives owned by the Western Locomotive Association (WLA) at Bridgnorth and the following information sets out the Access Policy for the WLA:-

1. Severn Valley Railway

The two locomotives owned by the WLA are operated regularly on public services trains on the Severn Valley Railway (SVR). The SVR is committed to compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 – Codes of Practice; Rights of Access; Goods, Facilities, Services and Premises. The SVR is progressively improving and modifying its facilities, seeking professional advice, where necessary.

2. Western Locomotive Association

2.1 The principal public “access” to the locomotives occurs when they are in use, when the public are able to experience these machines fulfilling their design purpose - hauling trains. The policy of the WLA and the practise of its staff, is to encourage the public to have close contact with the locomotives whilst at stations by invitation to visit the driving cabs and even, when the engines are shut down, the opportunity to view the engine rooms. Such visits are not always possible for persons with physical disabilities due to safety issues and the very restricted space available. However, whenever possible, every assistance is given to such persons to enjoy access as fully as may be possible.

2.2 When the locomotives are not in use, the WLA is pleased to provided access, normally by pre-arrangement, to its locomotives and workshop facilities, for guided visits for members of the public. Although safety considerations dictate that such visits must be accompanied by a member of WLA staff, such visits are actively encouraged.
