



Brechin Railway Preservation Society



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Preserve and Operate the Branch Line
between Brechin and Bridge of Dun.



Membership Application & Information

www.brps.caledonianrailway.com

Memberships start in January and July, we will calculate the renewal from the date of joining.

Name
Address
Post Code
Telephone
Email

Newsletters are sent out by email but if you require these to be posted please tick box.

Please note that this applies to UK addresses only, overseas by email only.

If you are interested in volunteering for work, please indicate below. Operational tasks are subject to training, which will be given as

Locomotive Crew	
Guard / Ticket Collector	
Track Maintenance	
Coach / Stock Restoration	
Steam / Diesel Loco Restoration	
Station Restoration	
Shop / Buffet Staff	

BRECHIN RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The B.R.P.S. was formed in February 1979 by local railway enthusiasts, when the Kinnaber Jcn. - Brechin line was still in use by B.R. for freight traffic. It was felt that the four mile section between Brechin and Bridge of Dun had all the makings of a *Classic* preserved railway, which, after thirteen years of hard work, proved to be true.

The first locomotive arrived in June 1979, building up over the years to no less than five steam locos, ten diesels, fifteen coaches and over sixty wagons.

The members of the Society are drawn from all walks of life, tradesmen, public service workers, professionals, ex-BR. employees and privatised railway employees, and, lastly if not least, retired members of society. Indeed the major part of the coach restoration gang are, *senior citizens*. All working on a voluntary basis for the good of the Caledonian Railway.

Being a member does not mean that you have to come down and get your hands dirty, you can support us from home. Most Preservation Societies have only around 10% of their membership

involved in running their railway, for ourselves at Brechin we have about 15% [roughly 30 volunteers] involved.

Membership of the B.R.P.S. entitles the holder to three Free journeys per year, on normal services on the Caledonian Railway on production of a valid Membership card. This concession does not apply on any Special Event services. You will also receive our Newsletter "Caley Lines" and the Society also organises an annual Christmas party, which has proved very popular.

During the past few years the Society's funds have been used to re-roof the main store building at Brechin; Restore the Society's BSK coach; Paint and restore the Scammell 'Mechanical Horse' at Brechin; Buy engine parts for "Dewar Highlander" and generally maintain Bridge of Dun station.



A busy day

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CALEDONIAN RAILWAY Brechin Ltd.

The Caledonian Railway is a preserved steam railway entirely run by volunteers, operating over the last remaining section of the Caledonian Railway branch line in Angus, from Brechin to Bridge of Dun, which is situated on the former Caledonian "Strathmore" main line, between Perth and Aberdeen.

Steam and Diesel hauled trains run every Sunday from the end of May to the middle of September with a Diesel service on Saturdays during August.

Various special events are also held throughout the year, including "Thomas the Tank Engine" weekends, Easter weekend and Santa Specials in the run up to Christmas.

Time permitting during the summer season, visitors may



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care to seek out the "National Trust for Scotland's" House of Dun, built by William Adam in 1730. Alternatively, it is easy for visitors to access interesting walks on both sides of the River South Esk and the bird sanctuary on Montrose Basin from Bridge of Dun.

An interesting selection of the railway's rolling stock is stored at Bridge of Dun station, which is open all year round as a static

display and is also the site of considerable coach restoration and maintenance at the weekends. Free car parking and a small picnic area are available here.

Brechin station, at the other end of the line, is the only original Caledonian Railway terminus station in preservation. Again there is ample free parking along with a Souvenir shop, small museum in the station buildings on platform 1.

Brechin station is normally open on service days only. The working steam locomotives are stabled here in the former Co-op coal shed, this was the original Goods shed when the line first opened and was replaced when traffic expanded in the late 1890's. Viewing of the locos in the sheds, is not allowed due to safety and security reasons and is also a working environment.

JOINING THE BRPS

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Memberships are due in January & July of each year. If joining at other times of the year then the first period of membership will be more than one year. Thereafter, the renewal will be for 12 months.

Annual memberships.		
Adult	18 to 59 years	£15.00
Family	2 adults/2 junior	£25.00
Senior	60 years and over	£12.00
Junior	to 17 years	£6.00

LIFE MEMBERS

These are available at any time of the year with an one off payment.

Life memberships.		
Adult	18 years and over	£225.00

Please make cheque payable to “ Brechin Railway Preservation Society” and enclose with a DL sized envelope. Please ensure this has been self-addressed and with postage stamp for the return of your membership card. Payment can also be made by BACS or standing order, email for bank details to treasurer@brps.caledonianrailway.com

Membership matters, email
memberships@brps.caledonianrailway.com

The railway currently has two working steam and four diesel locomotives, with restoration work ongoing on a further two steam and four diesels.

During the summer season very little work can be done, apart from some in mid-week, and the trackwork has it's heavy maintenance during the closed season, weekly trackwalking is done prior to services in the operating season. So you can see that we need all the help we can get.



We have sufficient seating in the normal trainset for 150 passengers and have spare stock on standby.

For further information the Company and Society web sites are invaluable, giving details of all services, including Special Events, Fares and interesting items.

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If you are interested in the work that we are doing at Brechin and wish to join the Society, please fill in the form overleaf and send it, together with your subscription, to

**B.R.P.S. Membership Secretary,
The Station, Park Road,
Brechin DD9 7AF.**

Please make cheques /postal orders
payable to

“Brechin Railway Preservation Society”

Do Not send cash in the post.

Please include an SAE for prompt return of your
membership card.



Left: Brake van restoration team. Right: completed van.