

## JOINING THE BRPS

Pick up a membership application form or download one from our web site.

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"

The Society also organises an annual Christmas party, which has proved very popular.

A discount on insurance premiums quoted by a Montrose Insurance Broker.

Annual Subscriptions		
Adult	18 to 59 years	£18.00
Family	2 adults/3 junior	£30.00
Senior	60 years and over	£14.00
Junior	to 17 years	£6.00

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.

**Web site:** [www.brps.caledonianrailway.com](http://www.brps.caledonianrailway.com)  
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**B.R.P.S. Membership Secretary,  
The Station, Park Road,  
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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.



**BRECHIN RAILWAY**  
**PRESERVATION SOCIETY**  
Established 1979

## Membership Information



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## 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 and over sixty wagons.

The members of the Society are drawn from all walks of life, public service workers, professionals, ex-BR. employees and 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.

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During the past few years the Society's funds re-roof the main store Restore the Society's restore the Scammell Brechin; Buy engine parts for "Dewar Highlander" and generally maintain Bridge of Dun station.



## 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 services run on Sundays during the summer usually from the end of May until the middle of September. Heritage Diesel services operate from the middle of June until the middle of September. Check the web site for actual dates, [www.caledonianrailway.com](http://www.caledonianrailway.com) email to Railway at [enquiries@caledonianrailway.com](mailto:enquiries@caledonianrailway.com).

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 care to seek out the "National Trust for Scotland's" House of Dun, built by William Adam in 1730 or the Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre. Free Classic bus running days operate on selected Sundays, check web site for full details. 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.