

# GB Railfreight raises more than £147,000 for Prostate Cancer UK

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Following the success of its charity railtour, 'GBRf 2021', GB Railfreight (GBRf) has raised more than £147,000 for its charity partner, Prostate Cancer UK.

The four-day charity charter departed from London Victoria on Thursday 2 September and travelled across different parts of the UK rail network, finishing at London Paddington on Sunday 5 September 2021.

'GBRf 2021' was the company's third four-day railtour, having raised over a quarter of a million pounds from its previous two marathon charity charters. The fundraiser was organised by GBRf's charity railtour team, Paul Taylor, Ian Grey and Dale Williams,

The success of this railtour was underpinned by the support of the wider rail industry and 50 volunteers from within GBRf who gave up their own time to work as train drivers and stewards.

Overall, 'GBRf 2021' raised £147,215. The money will support Prostate Cancer UK's mission to stop the disease limiting lives.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, with one in eight affected by the disease. This year, GBRf unveiled a specially painted locomotive featuring the charity's iconic 'Man of Men' logo, which it said sparked conversations about the disease. Funds raised will go into lifesaving research to make prostate cancer a disease men and their families no longer fear.

John Smith, CEO GB Railfreight, said: "Yet again, our team have delivered another highly successful railtour that has raised an amazing amount for our chosen charity partner, Prostate Cancer UK. More now than ever, funds are needed to support vital research into better tests and treatments for people affected by prostate cancer, and we're proud to contribute to this great cause.

"My thanks go to our charity railtour team and the GBRf volunteers who gave up their own time to make this fundraising feat possible and provide much-needed assistance behind the scenes."

Paul Taylor, Contract Manager GB Railfreight, said: "I'm amazed at what we've achieved as a team to raise over £147,000 for Prostate Cancer UK, a charity very close to my heart following my diagnosis with the disease a few years ago. The crucial funds raised by this railtour will help in the fight against prostate cancer, which is credit to the huge contribution made by our team of volunteers and support shown by the railway family."

Nicola Tallett, Director of Fundraising & Supporter Engagement Prostate Cancer UK, said: "We're delighted and hugely grateful to be on this lifesaving journey with GB Railfreight, and are thrilled to learn that more than £147,000 has been raised from the brilliant railtour and other fundraising activity. That amazing sum will help fund lifesaving research into the most common cancer in men as we go full steam ahead to do vital research into better tests and treatments. It's also allowed us to continue to have hugely important conversations about prostate cancer – a disease affecting one in eight men in the UK and one in four black men.

"We're so thankful for the tireless support of John Smith and Paul and Tracy Taylor, who were huge driving forces in this project after Paul's diagnosis with prostate cancer. On behalf of Prostate Cancer UK and all the men and families affected by this disease we thank everyone for getting on board."