

# Rail Aid launches its fourth year with iconic Midland Pullman tour by steam

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This September, Midland Pullman's tour by steam will travel through some of Gloucestershire's most breathtaking scenery while those on board enjoy luxury dining and entertainment.

The epic journey is one of a series of events put on exclusively for **Rail Aid** to raise vital funds for the rail industry's key charity, Railway Children.

Rail Aid, now in its fourth year, was launched during COVID-19 when many fundraising events had to be cancelled just as Railway Children's work with vulnerable young people was needed most. Today, Rail Aid has grown to become an annual and much-loved series of events in the railway industry's calendar, helping support the work of Railway Children while also bringing the rail community – and members of the public – together.

Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill, CBE, Chair of Network Rail, said: "Railways have always been at the heart of our society, and Rail Aid is at the heart of the UK railway's fundraising. The money it raises through events such as the Midland Pullman Experience ensures that Railway Children's life-changing work can continue to help children at risk and alone across the UK rail network and across the world.

“I urge everyone to get involved in the events of Rail Aid 2023: they are great fun, raise vital funds, and also help unite the whole railway family across the UK.”

The Rail Aid Midland Pullman Experience is one of a series of events – including the Metropolitan line Rail Trail which celebrates London Underground Metropolitan line’s 160th anniversary this year by walking a stretch of its line, incorporating its original stations. Other events include an eagerly anticipated annual golf day at Ryder Cup venue, Celtic Manor, in Wales, and the much-loved Santa trains that have become a favourite among rail staff and their families.

Leading rail bodies that have already signed-up to support Rail Aid include Network Rail, Transport for London, the Rail Delivery Group, Advance TRS, Worldline, Locomotive Services Limited and a host of individual businesses – all committed to celebrating the best of Britain’s railway community while raising essential funds for the UK railway’s favourite charity.

With only 192 seats available in the fine dining carriages of the Midland Pullman and offers available on seats for 12 passengers or more, tickets are selling out fast. Rail companies wanting to thank their staff or treat clients are advised to act quickly to secure their tickets. For more information and to book, visit [www.railaid.co.uk](http://www.railaid.co.uk)

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