

# The Museum Trust

The principal objectives of the Trust are the collection, conservation and display of narrow gauge railway relics and material for the education of the public in an enjoyable way, in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 11 July 1994.



The aim of The Trust is to record and interpret the history of narrow gauge railways in the British Isles and beyond. While a number of passenger

carrying railways have been preserved and continue to operate, primarily now to satisfy the tourist market, many other passenger carrying lines, as well as numerous industrial and military ones, ceased to exist in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Thanks to the pioneering enthusiasts and collectors of those times, our collection enables us to tell the story of these railways, most of which never achieved the widespread following enjoyed by their main line neighbours.



# Visitor Information

## Opening Times & Admission:

Open at 10 am on the days the Talylyn Railway is running a public service, for closing times please see our website.

Admission is FREE. Donation boxes are available and all monies collected are put towards the development and conservation of our collection.

## Car Parking:

Car parking is available at the Talylyn Railway car park, a short walk from Tywyn Wharf station.

## Refreshments & Shop:

King's Licensed Café & the Railway Shop are located adjacent to the museum at Tywyn Wharf station. Full details of these, and their opening hours, are shown on the Talylyn Railway website.

## Toilets:

Toilets, including fully accessible ones, are available at Tywyn Wharf station.

## Lift:

The museum has two floors. A lift is available for those unable to easily manage the stairs

**Further information about our facilities and the full Disability Access Statement is available at [www.talylyn.co.uk](http://www.talylyn.co.uk).**

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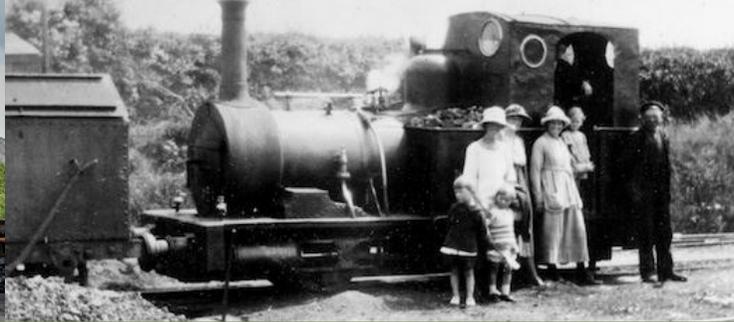
## The Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Trust



# NGRM

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## About the Museum

Situated at Wharf Station on the Tallyllyn Railway in Southern Snowdonia, the Narrow Gauge Railway Museum (NGRM) is home to locomotives, wagons, signs and signals from narrow gauge lines all over the British Isles.



Narrow gauge railways were the largely unseen and unsung workhorses of British Industry from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century; moving stone, slate and coal in quarries and mines, parts and goods inside many British factories. Where ever a standard gauge (4 foot 8 ½ inches) line was too big or too expensive to install, a narrow gauge railway got the job done on time and on budget. Even today in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century large scale civil engineering projects such as Crossrail make use of narrow gauge railways to move men and equipment when no other method is practical.

## Enjoy your visit, tell your friends and come back again soon

Our museum is open whenever trains are running on the Tallyllyn Railway, with volunteer attendants on hand to answer your questions and guide you through the fascinating history of Britain's little railways. Whether it be logging in the Welsh Mountains, quarrying slate to roof the Empire, moving bullets and shells around the Woolwich Arsenal or transporting gallons of stout inside Guinness Dublin brewery you can learn about it here.



Want to let your budding engine drivers build up a head of steam, then take them onto the footplate of William Finlay our Fletcher Jennings built limestone quarry loco; they can wind off the brake, put her into forward gear and open the throttle to get a flavour of driving a steam locomotive. For our younger visitors there are puzzles and hunt the object games up on the first floor (a lift is available), or maybe they would just prefer to sit back and listen to one of the Thomas the Tank Engine stories narrated by Jonny Morris.

While you are on the first floor be sure to look into the recreation of the Rev W.V. Awdry's study; complete with Ffarquhar Station, a part of his exhibition railway, and a relief map of Sodor above the fireplace it evokes the room where he wrote those memorable tales.



Our first floor balcony gives a unique view over Wharf yard and the running line below; while you are there spy out our collection of Tallyllyn, Corris and Ffestiniog wagons by the rebuilt Weighbridge House.



We welcome dogs into the museum; bring your pup in to pose beside our Rough Pup, a Dinorwic Quarry loco that spent its working life up on the levels out in all weathers.

The NGRM is an educational charity run and manned entirely by volunteers and we welcome donations to help us maintain and expand our collection. If you are a UK taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid form to enhance your donation by 25p in every £1. If you have a narrow gauge railway item that you would like to loan or donate to the museum please see the attendant.