

# Canadian Pacific – Ashpan Appeal Donation Form



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Name of Charity: **Mid Hants Railway Preservation Society**

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## Canadian Pacific – Ashpan Appeal

We are looking to raise £4,500 in order to purchase the ashpan for Merchant Navy class locomotive, Canadian Pacific. Unfortunately, Canadian Pacific's ashpan had to be unbolted and cut out in order to



remove it in 2014, when the locomotive was being dismantled for assessment. This meant that we were unable to remove it attached and a new one is required. The ashpan was badly rusted and distorted due to CP's accident in 2002, when stopped on the mainline at Paddock Wood. A boiler tube failed and released superheated steam back into the cab. Subsequently the fire had to be dropped into the ashpan causing damage. Not only did this cause damage to the ashpan but transferred heat to the frame extension causing the plates to become separated. This required the separated plate to be cut out and new plate made and

welded into place. This repair was completed in 2015 at Eastleigh Works.



**What is an ashpan?** The ashpan is a steel receptacle mounted underneath the firebox and below the grates. It catches and collects hot embers, ashes and other solid combustion waste as it falls through the grates. It is usually fitted with dampers to adjust the airflow through the fire.

Canadian Pacific may seem a long way off from needing her ashpan but we are close to starting the construction of our inner firebox. Once this is underway the boiler overhaul will progress

fast. The ashpan will be purchased as a kit of parts to be put together at our engineering workshops at Ropley. The task will be undertaken by one of our apprentices working on the Canadian Pacific Project. This will be a project which will allow them to show a range of skills and form part of their coursework for college. Working from plans they will need to construct the ashpan and then weld the plates together. It will be a shame that the work will eventually be hidden from the public's gaze.

Help us to purchase Canadian Pacific's ashpan by donating to the **Ashpan Appeal!**

**Sponsor the full amount of £4,500** for the ashpan and you will get a 20-mile round footplate ride on Canadian Pacific when it returns to service.

We would really appreciate your donations to help ensure that we can complete the restoration work and see our flagship loco, Merchant Navy class no. 35005 Canadian Pacific back in service. Canadian Pacific, or CanPac as she is affectionately known, will become the flagship steam locomotive on the Watercress Line. Part of a National Lottery Heritage Fund supported project centring on the restoration of Canadian Pacific, two wooden bodied carriages and a large outreach/educational programme.

Please complete the form on the back and return as detailed. Please note if your donation is under £50, we are not able to acknowledge receipt but if you want to check they have safely arrived you can do so by emailing: [canpac@watercressline.co.uk](mailto:canpac@watercressline.co.uk).