



## Waverley's COVID-19 Relief Appeal

Dear PSPS Member,

Despite the delays caused by the coronavirus lockdown, Paddle Steamer Waverley made her triumphant return to service following her boiler refit on 22nd August to a warm reception from passengers and the local communities she visited.

Waverley's return was highly symbolic, demonstrating she was back in steam with new boilers. The short season gave an opportunity for those who supported the Boiler Refit Appeal to step aboard a rejuvenated paddler!

However, with ongoing COVID-19 restrictions passenger numbers were reduced to less than 30% of her normal capacity. Despite most sailings being "sold out" sailing revenue just covered fuel and crew costs. There was no surplus generated to meet any costs for the coming winter period.

Waverley is now critically short of funds to survive this winter. Without further support she can't return to service in 2021. We are therefore asking for your help. A Waverley COVID-19 Relief Appeal is now open. By donating now, you will allow essential winter survey work to begin. All donations received by post or online can be recognised on a Virtual Donor Wall on the Waverley Excursions website. Donations can be made and recorded on behalf of someone else.

Your support will make a massive difference to Waverley now and help make sure she sails in 2021.

*Thank you*

*We appreciate every donation to keep the World's last seagoing paddle steamer sailing.*

Postal Donation Form Overleaf

**#KeepWaverleySteaming**  
**paddlesteamers.org**

**Donate online at [paddlesteamers.org](https://paddlesteamers.org) or call 0141 243 2224  
or Text STEAM followed by £10 or £20 to 70085**

## Waverley's Return to Service

Waverley's return to service was a hard-won victory against the odds given the delays caused by the coronavirus lockdown. In late-July the fires were lit for the first time in the new boilers, steam pressure was raised, the engine was warmed through and finally the paddles turned for the first time in 22 months.

All this was achieved thanks to the support of so many individuals and organisations including the **Paddle Steamer Preservation Society**, whose members contributed a staggering £350,000 to the Waverley Boiler Refit Appeal.

Following sea trials in mid-August, bookings opened and in a matter of days several sailings were sold out; such is the attraction and allure of Waverley which demands our continued support.



## Winter Refit 2020-21

Despite new boilers and electrical systems, work is required on Waverley this winter to allow her to carry passengers next summer. Annual survey items must be completed, including dry docking, hull painting, the servicing of fire fighting and navigation equipment, as well as numerous other tasks.

Cyclical work is required on the main engine and steel work is needed in the paddleboxes. The anticipated cost of essential work on the ship will be in the region of £400,000. Funding this and other winter costs is of immediate concern. Without support now, work can't begin on Waverley.

## COVID-19 Relief Appeal

Waverley needs essential funds to survive the winter period. The COVID-19 Relief Appeal is now open to raise the money to get Waverley back in steam in 2021.

All donations will be very gratefully received and will help ensure Waverley operates next summer.

## Postal Donation Form

Please fill in the details below and send to:

**PSPS Waverley COVID-19 Relief Appeal, Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, Dorking, RH5 6RS.**

All postal and online donations received will be recorded on Waverley's Online Donor Wall.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: £20  £50  £100  £250  Other £ \_\_\_\_\_

Insert the name in the box below that you would like to appear on the Online Donor Wall.

**Payment by Cheque:** I enclose a cheque made payable to **P.S.P.S.**

**Payment by BACS:** Co-operative Bank, Kingston Branch, Sort Code 08-90-34, Account No. 50629826

Or donate online at [paddlesteamers.org](http://paddlesteamers.org)

**Gift Aid Declaration** - Add 25p to every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you - tick here

I would like PSPS to reclaim the tax on this donation from me. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or CASC's that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I would also like to Gift Aid all donations I have made to PSPS in the last four years and all donations in the future until I notify you otherwise.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you**

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