



# BAHAMAS LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY Ltd

Website: [www.bahamas45596.co.uk](http://www.bahamas45596.co.uk)  
Email: [info@ingrowloco.co.uk](mailto:info@ingrowloco.co.uk)

Patrons: Lady J McAlpine  
President: Dr B S Bryant

10 February 2019

The Bahamas Locomotive Society is delighted that our locomotive is back where it belongs working on the main line.

Saturday 9th February, 2019, saw *Bahamas* haul its first main line steam special for the first time in over 25 years, following an exhaustive five-year overhaul that was completed at Tyseley Locomotive Works. Despite the challenging weather conditions on the day, crowds turned out to welcome the loco's return to the main line.

For those of us who have looked after the loco throughout the years it has been quite an emotional occasion, for we also remember those who are no longer with us, especially from our days at the Dinting Railway Centre near Glossop.

We are now looking forward to seeing *Bahamas* out and about again and, with much demand from railtour operators and preserved railways willing to work with us, I expect there are more memorable occasions to come.

I would especially like to thank the following for their contribution to the overhaul of *Bahamas*: the Heritage Lottery Fund, with whom John Hillier liaised to ensure the success of a partnership, without which the whole *Bahamas* project would not have been possible; to Bob and Alistair Meanley and the team at the Tyseley Locomotive Works for their work in helping to bring the loco back into operation; to David Smith, James Shuttleworth and all at West Coast Railway Company for their constant help and support; to our partners at the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway for not only working with us on our first two tours but for the continuous encouragement they give; and finally to Steve Allsop, our Chief Engineer. Steve's dedication during the loco's five-year overhaul has no doubt caused him one or two sleepless nights, but he has continued to lead our magnificent loco team during their significant contribution to the successful outcome we can now enjoy.

An important feature of the project is the educational role achieved through the creation of the Learning Coach and also the financial acumen necessary to ensure all the components were funded when required. To those who contributed in any way to the Bahamas project, we must be grateful, for they have created a fine and lasting legacy of which we should all be proud.

Keith Whitmore,  
Chairman



The Bahamas Locomotive Society Limited is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England, number 956100. Its Registered Office is at: The Shippen, 8 The Old Hall Courtyard, Heath, Wakefield, WF1 5ST. VAT No. 892 2008 29.

It is registered as a Charity, as number 259626; operates the Ingrow Loco Museum, registered number 1883 under the Arts Council Accreditation Scheme; is affiliated to the Transport Trust, and is a member of the Heritage Railways Association.

