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The Middleton Railway Trust Ltd,
The Station, Moor Road, Hunslet,
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ask one of our volunteer team or, best of all, become a member of the Trust.

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If you require further information about membership, you are welcome to contact the membership secretary by email at

membership@middletonrailway.org.uk



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RAISING STEAM IN NO. 6



Help us bring
Hawthorne Leslie 3860 of 1935
back to steam

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'No. 6' is a steam locomotive built in 1935 by the pioneering locomotive builder R & W Hawthorn Leslie for the Swanscombe Cement Works of APCM Ltd. In the company of six similar locomotives it spent its entire working life hauling chalk from quarry face to factory and moving finished product to main line railway sidings and to APCM'S wharf for loading to ship. By the late 1960s 'No. 6' and its companions were the largest working fleet of steam engines in the South of England and attracted much attention from railway enthusiasts.



When APCM dieselised the Swanscombe Works' railway in 1971 they recognised the interest shown in their locomotives and generously gifted 'No. 6' to the Middleton Railway for safe keeping and in recognition of the pioneering role of Leeds in the development of cement. Joseph Aspdin of Leeds invented Portland cement in 1824 and his son William built in 1848 a factory on the banks of the Thames at Northfleet, near Swanscombe, which helped launch the modern Portland Cement Industry.

'No.6' enjoyed a few years of useful retirement on the Middleton Railway hauling passengers but eventually had to be withdrawn for overhaul. For a variety of reasons this did not start until 2001. The rolling chassis has now been restored and attention has focused on the boiler. This needs extensive repairs to the firebox as well as retubing and even with volunteers from the Middleton Railway doing as much work as possible it is conservatively estimated that £60,000 will be required to complete the overhaul of 'No. 6'.

This appeal has been launched to raise the money to enable steam to be raised in 'No. 6' by 2020 - 85 years after it was built. Once again 'No. 6' will be a living link to a great industry pioneered in Leeds. Then the people of Leeds and railway enthusiasts from all over the country will be able to enjoy the sight and sound of one of the Swanscombe locos at work in a setting reminiscent of its working environment.

Please help make this vision come true by contributing to this appeal via the attached Donation Form which should be returned to one of the shop volunteers or mailed to the Trust.

As illustrations of the costs: **£2.50** will cover the cost of one of the rivets for refitting the plates, **£40** will covers the cost of installing one of the **153** new stays needed to repair the fire box, **£45** will covers the cost of installing one of the **170** tubes needed to retube the boiler and further large sums will be required for the specialist work required to replace the fire box side plates.

