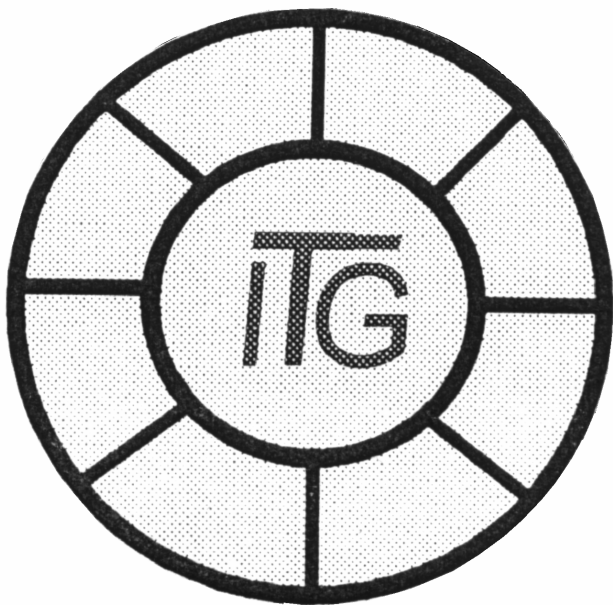


# THE IRISH TRACTION GROUP

## Membership Prospectus



The Irish Traction Group (ITG) was formed on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1989, with the objective of preserving at least one example of each class of diesel locomotive to have operated on the Irish railway system. The aim of the Group is to restore its collection of locomotives to full operational condition. The ITG specifically caters for the modern traction enthusiast, providing up to date news of events and workings via its quarterly journal, "The Irish Mail".

The Group's main source of income is derived from its trading company, ITG Railtours Limited, which operates special enthusiast railtours from the Dublin area. These trips feature a variety of motive power and destinations. ITG Railtours Limited also arranges tickets for ferry sailings from Holyhead to connect with the railtours.

In 1992, the ITG reached agreement with CIE to rent the former goods store at Carrick-On-Suir station, Co. Tipperary, as an operating base. This building has been renovated and converted into a small workshop in which several of the Group's locomotives are currently being restored.

The first locomotive purchased by the ITG was 201 "C" class locomotive No. 226, which was handed over to the Group at a ceremony in Inchicore Works, Dublin, on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1992. This locomotive had the distinction of being the first main line diesel locomotive to be preserved in Ireland. This locomotive is presently undergoing restoration at Carrick-On-Suir. Fellow 201 "C" class locomotive No. 231 was purchased shortly thereafter on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1992. This locomotive has now been restored to working order, and is normally based at Inchicore Works, Dublin.

The Group's next acquisition was Sulzer engined locomotive No. B103, the sole remaining example of twelve locomotives built by BRCW at Smethwick in 1956. The last examples of this type were withdrawn by CIE in 1977. No. B103 was purchased by the ITG on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1993, and is presently stored at Carrick-On-Suir awaiting restoration.

The Group is also the owner of two 001 "A" class locomotives, Nos. A3R and A39. Both locomotives were purchased from Iarnród Éireann in December 1995 in full working order. No. A3R is presently in CIE black & tan livery, whilst No. A39 has recently been repainted into black livery. Both locomotives are based at Inchicore Works, Dublin.

The ITG also owns five diesel shunting locomotives; these being Deutz "G" class locomotives Nos. G601, G611, G616 and G617, and former NIR "DH" locomotive No. 1. No. G601 is stored at Carrick-On-Suir awaiting restoration. No. G616 is presently undergoing restoration in the Goods Shed at Carrick-On-Suir. Nos. G611 and G617 are in working order, and are currently on long term loan to the Downpatrick & County Down Railway. The NIR "DH" locomotive is in long term storage at Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales.

Apart from the locomotives mentioned above, the ITG also owns Wickham Inspection Car No. 712. This vehicle is in full working order and is currently on long term loan to the Downpatrick & County Down Railway.

During 2007, the ITG hope to acquire at least two examples of the General Motors built 121 (B) class locomotives. The two locomotives earmarked for preservation by the ITG are Nos. 124 and 134, both of which are still currently in service with Iarnród Éireann. Their sale to the Group has already been agreed by Iarnród Éireann, and the necessary funds to secure their purchase have already been raised.

In addition, the ITG is also presently raising funds to preserve at least one example of the Iarnród Éireann 141 (B) and 181 (B) class locomotives as and when the last examples are finally withdrawn from service.

## LOCOMOTIVES PRESERVED BY THE IRISH TRACTION GROUP

### 1 (DH) class 0 – 6 – 0 locomotives

**Built:** by English Electric at Vulcan Foundry, Newton Le Willows.

**Engine:** Dorman 12QTV of 620 hp.

**Weight:** 42.5 tonnes.

**Maximum Speed:** 29 mph.

Loco No.	Works No.	Date to Traffic	Date Stopped
1	D1266	31.07.69	Circa 1986

### 601\*/611(G) class 0 – 4 – 0 locomotives

**Built:** by Motorenfabrik Deutz at Koln, Germany

**Engine:** Deutz F/A 8 L 714 of 130\*/160 hp.

**Weight:** 18\*/22 tonnes.

**Maximum Speed:** 20\*/26 mph.

Loco No.	Works No.	Date to Traffic	Date Stopped
601*	56119	01.06.56	22.07.72
611	57225	01.06.62	01.02.77
616	57227	04.06.62	02.05.77
617	57229	24.05.62	09.12.76

### 201 (C) class Bo – Bo locomotives

**Built:** by Metropolitan Vickers at Dukinfield Works, Manchester.

**Engine:** General Motors 8-B645E of 1100 hp.

**Weight:** 61.5 tonnes.

**Maximum Speed:** 80 mph.

Loco No.	Works No.	Date to Traffic	Date Stopped
226	972	21.08.57	05.05.84
231	977	01.01.58	09.07.83

### 101 (B) class A1A – A1A locomotive

**Built:** by Birmingham Railway Carriage & Wagon Company, Smethwick,

**Engine:** Sulzer 6LDA28 of 960 hp.

**Weight:** 75.45 tonnes.

**Maximum Speed:** 75 mph.

Loco No.	Works No.	Date to Traffic	Date Stopped
103	DEL22	13.08.56	17.11.77

### 001 (A) class Co – Co locomotives

**Built:** by Metropolitan Vickers at Dukinfield Works, Manchester.

**Engine:** General Motors 12-645E of 1325 hp.

**Weight:** 82 tonnes.

**Maximum Speed:** 75 mph.

Loco No.	Works No.	Date to Traffic	Date Stopped
003	889	27.09.55	05.04.95
039	925	14.05.56	23.09.95

### 001 (A), 121 (B) and 141/181 (B) Class Appeals

The ITG is presently running three separate fund-raising appeals. The first is to raise funds to cover the maintenance and operating costs of its two 001 (A) class locomotives, and the second and third appeals are to raise the necessary funds to purchase at least one example of each of the 121 (B) class, 141 (B) class, and 181 (B) class locomotives for preservation as and when they are eventually withdrawn from service.

Each person who contributes the sum of £ 10 or € 15 to either of the appeals will receive an individually numbered certificate, depicting a 001, 121 or 141/181 class locomotive as appropriate, which states that they have contributed to the appeal. A certificate will be issued for each £ 10 or € 15 donated. Donations should be sent to:

Irish Traction Group, 31 Hayfield Road, Bredbury, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 1DE.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS THROUGHOUT**  
I wish to apply for membership of the Irish Traction Group. If elected, I agree to abide by the rules and constitution of the Group. I also agree to my membership details being kept on a computer for mailing purposes.

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone Number.....

Date of birth, if under 18.....

Signature.....

(to be signed by parent or guardian if under 18)

Membership of the ITG runs to 30<sup>th</sup> June each year. Membership rates for the extended period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 are set out below. Membership includes 4 editions of the "Irish Mail" (issues numbered 73 to 76).

£ 20.00 / € 32.00      Individual membership  
£ 25.00 / € 40.00      Family membership

Subscription enclosed £.....

Optional donation enclosed £.....

Cheques/postal orders (£ Sterling or € Euro) should be made payable to "Irish Traction Group". This form, together with the full remittance, should be sent to:

Mark Charnley, Membership Secretary, ITG,  
4 Alma Street, Eccles, Manchester, M30 0EX