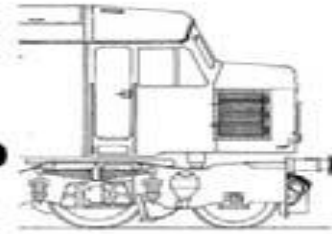


# Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group



**PLEASE HELP US TO MAINTAIN OUR LOCOS IN FULL  
OPERATIONAL CONDITION**



## Class 45

45149 was originally numbered D135, built at Crewe works and entering traffic in December 1961 painted in lined BR green livery with small yellow warning panels. Initially allocated to Derby shed, it was transferred to Cricklewood in June 1964 and Toton from May 1966 where it spent much of its time on Midland Main Line duties.

When electrically heated coaches were introduced to the St Pancras – Sheffield services D135 became the penultimate of 50 class 45s to have the steam heating boiler replaced with a Brush Electric Train Heat auxiliary generator. By now painted in standard BR blue livery, it emerged from works during January 1975 carrying the TOPS number 45149.

45149 ended its days allocated to Tinsley depot and carrying the unofficial name 'Phaeton'. It was withdrawn on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1987 with a traction motor defect and spent long periods of storage at Cricklewood and Leicester before being sold in 1993 to Pete Waterman. No restoration work was completed before it was re-offered for sale and was purchased by the Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group and moved to the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway in April 1997.

## Class 26

D5343 was one of a class of 47 locomotives built by the Birmingham Railway & Carriage Works in Smethwick, entering service in October 1959 painted in all over BR green livery with white waist level stripe and white window surrounds. The loco weighs 75 tons and its Sulzer 6 cylinder 6LDA28 power unit develops 1160hp. An erstwhile Scottish locomotive, initially it was allocated to Haymarket depot and during its career spent periods at Dundee and Eastfield. However for the largest part of its working life it was allocated to Inverness depot, operating passenger and freight services over the far north lines to Wick, Thurso and Kyle of Lochalsh.

In January 1974, D5343, by now painted in BR blue livery, was renumbered 26043 under the TOPS scheme. Then in May 1985 it received a Heavy General Overhaul and lost its steam heating boiler and water tanks in favour of air brakes and associated equipment. When 26043 suffered a power earth fault in late 1992, repairs were not authorised and it was withdrawn on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1993. The loco was then purchased by the Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group in late 1993 and it arrived at Toddington in April 1994.

Both locomotives have been comprehensively restored since then, including overhaul of the power units and electrical machines, repairs to under floor equipment and traction motors, extensive cab refurbishment and bodywork repairs. Both locos were first launched into service in preservation in 2013. To maintain the locos in operational condition, funds are always required for the purchase of spares and other materials.

**Please help by joining the group and purchasing shares in the CMDG  
(see form overleaf).**

## SHARE APPLICATION FORM

You can become a member of the Group and contribute towards the restoration and maintenance of the locomotives by purchasing shares in the Company (with the funds directed to your chosen locomotive). Each share costs £250 and can be purchased by one of two methods:

- (i) A monthly Standing Order or Direct Debit to the **Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group Ltd**. The minimum monthly contribution should be £5 but the exact cost can be any amount of your choosing – every penny helps! When contributions reach a total of £250 this will be converted into a full share in the Company with certificated being issued at year end. All contributions will be directed to your chosen locomotive, so please be sure to let us know which locomotive you wish to support.

You can set up a Standing Order through your internet banking app by making payments to:

**Account Name: Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group Ltd**  
**Sort Code: 40-16-15**  
**Account Number: 04352610**

*Please note: if you stop your payments before you reach a total of £250 you will not receive a share in the Company and your contributions will be treated as a donation to the locomotive fund.*

If you wish to instruct your bank to make regular payments by Direct Debit, please fill in the slip below and forward it to your bank.

- (ii) A lump sum of £250 (or any multiples thereof) by Bank Transfer payment (using the details above) or by cheque made payable to **Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group Ltd**. Each £250 will purchase a full share in the Company (with the funds directed to your chosen locomotive) and you will receive a certificate at year end. All cheques should be sent to: **CMDG Treasurer, 131 Donnington Close, Redditch, B98 8QF**

However you wish to support the Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group, please email [CotswoldMainlineDG@outlook.com](mailto:CotswoldMainlineDG@outlook.com) with your name, address and contact information, along with which loco you wish your contributions to be used towards, so that we can ensure we allocate your funds appropriately and most importantly, send you a share certificate.

**Thank you for your support.**

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### DIRECT DEBIT FORM

To: The Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Bank

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Bank sort code number \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Bank account number \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month commencing

\_\_\_\_\_ and until further notice to: **Cotswold Mainline Diesel Group Ltd**.

Sort code **40-16-15**, Account number **04352610** at HSBC, 56 Queen Street, Cardiff, CF10 2PX.

Please use the reference **26043 / 45149** (please circle selected loco)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_