

The Museum Collection at the Midland Railway – Butterley

The Midland Railway – Butterley is the home of a large collection of items relating to the Midland Railway and its successors. Some of the larger objects and smaller objects of a robust nature are normally on display in the Matthew Kirtley Building, currently closed to visitors. Whilst funding is sought and the roof is replaced, we offer this presentation of a selection of objects normally on view.



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Locomotives

Locomotives in the MRT's collection are used to haul its trains. At any given time, some are in the workshop for overhaul and not available for visitors to view.

British Railways Standard 5, No. 73129 built in 1956

On loan from Derby Museums Trust. This is a unique survivor of its class having Caprotti valve gear, a rotating rather than reciprocating system.



3F "Jinty" locomotives built for the London Midland & Scottish Railway

On loan from Derby Museums Trust. Two of the three locomotives of this type at the Midland Railway – Butterley.

"Castle Donnington Power Station No. 1"

An industrial tank locomotive used for moving coal wagons at the power station for the Central Electricity Generating Board.



Other Industrial Tank Locomotives



“Gladys” built by the Markham & Company in Chesterfield and worked for most of its life at the Staveley Works.



“Victory” from the British Celanese site in Spondon, Derby. Prior to that it had worked in a colliery in Staffordshire.



“Whitehead” worked in a South Wales’ colliery, Swansea Docks and a wire works. This locomotive is privately owned.



Stanton No. 24 Crane Tank

This self-propelled steam crane worked at the Stanton and Staveley Company’s Riddings Works.

Passenger Carriages



The oldest surviving Midland Railway Carriage
Built about 1868 in Derby. Four wheeled, four passenger compartments, wooden seats and luggage accommodated on the roof.



Midland Railway Brake Carriage
Built 1888 in Derby. Six wheeled, three passenger compartments, upholstered seats, and a Guard's compartment with space for luggage and light goods.



Midland Railway Party or Picnic Saloon
Built 1890 in Derby. Six wheeled, one large compartment with four upholstered bench seats, a lavatory compartment, with a flushing WC and sink, and a luggage compartment. Used for group travel.

Lancashire Derbyshire and East Coast Railway Carriage
Built in 1896. Six wheeled and 5 passenger compartments.



Visitors can travel in all of the carriages pictured above during the Vintage Train Weekends held at the Midland Railway – Butterley.

Also included in the Vintage Train is a **Horse Box**



It has space to transport 3 horses, their grooms and tack. Built 1948 by British Railways, although to a standard London Midland and Scottish Railway design.

Royal Carriages



The Midland Railway Royal Saloon, built 1912 in Derby, for HM King George V.

A wooden bodied carriage with four compartments, each finished in different panelling and varying styles of marquetry.

The dining compartment of the Royal Dining Car 2902

Built in the 1950s for HM Queen Elizabeth II by British Railways. This vehicle has a full kitchen and serving areas in addition to the main saloon and was used for Royal travel and State Visits until the 1970s. With bullet proof sides and glass, Formica panelling and air conditioning, it is a complete contrast to the one built for the Queen's Grandfather.



Goods and Freight



5 Plank Private Owner Wagon



Milk Tank



LMS Loco Coal Wagon



MR Motor Car Van



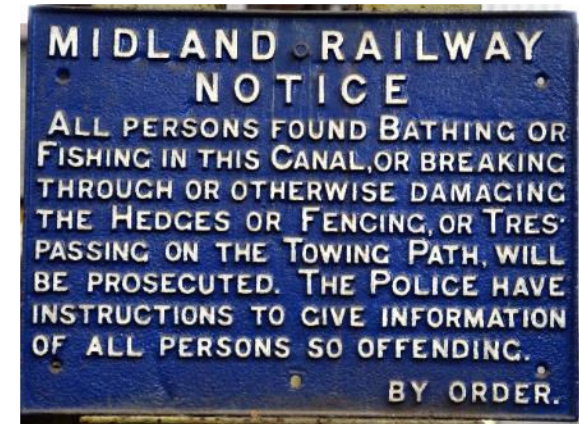
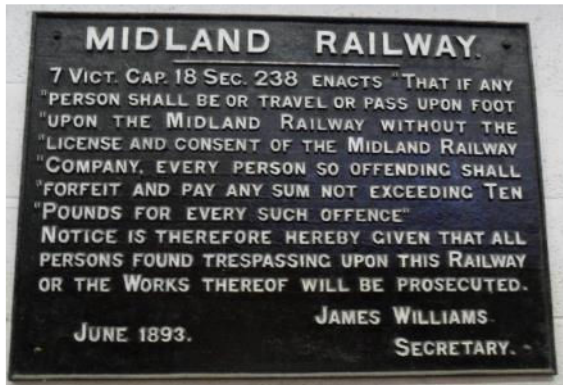
7 Plank Mineral Wagon



MR 20 Ton 6 wheeled Brake Van

Signs

Signs, mostly in cast iron, were used to define ownership of land and property, and to give instructions to both staff and the general public.



Station Nameboards tended to be replaced to fit new railway companies' branding.

Pictured here, British Railways enamelled station name boards from the 1950s and early 1960s



Hendon Station is on the original Midland Railway Line from Derby to London. St Pancras was built by the Midland Railway as its London terminus.



Track and Signalling



Mile Posts



Signal Post Finials



Trackside Gradient Profile Board

Cast Iron Warning Sign





Signal Box and Ground Frame Name Boards



Signal Box Track and Lever Diagram



Bridge Number Plate

At the Railway Station



Typical Railway Poster advertising different destinations.

Section of panelling and ticket window from 1st Class Booking Hall Derby Station.

Midland Railway water carrier for filling carriage tanks to supply toilets.



Selection of Midland Railway Waiting Room Seats



British Railways Fire Buckets
Kept filled with sand or water at all times.



Railway Clock
Gent clocks were used throughout the railway network.



Stretcher Carrier
From the First World War



Platform Trolley and Luggage Barrow

