

Press Release

**CLASS 37/4
PROJECT**

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NEW GROUP SET UP TO SAVE A CLASS 37/4

The English Electric Type 3s have to be one of the most widely travelled and well liked locomotive types built under the 1960s modernisation plan. In recent months their numbers have dwindled, but a select few have remained on scheduled passenger duties. These are the Class 37/4s.

Refurbished by British Rail in the mid-1980s, they were provided with electric train heating rather than steam heat and had their main generator replaced by an alternator. The locomotives were specifically to work passenger trains throughout Britain, but especially in the North of Scotland and mid-Wales.

Today the final few members of the sub-class are working out their days on the North Wales Coast and sleeper services in Scotland. It is for this reason that the **Class 37/4 Preservation Project** has been set up, with the sole aim of preserving one or more of these machines for future generations.

However, preserving one of these machines is only the start. We're interested to hear from anybody willing to lend a hand, either financially or physically. An inaugural meeting will be held soon for the project to establish a committee and start working towards our goals.

Anybody interested in finding out more about the project are invited to visit our website at <http://www.class37project.org.uk> or you can e-mail us at 37project@class37.free-online.co.uk

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