

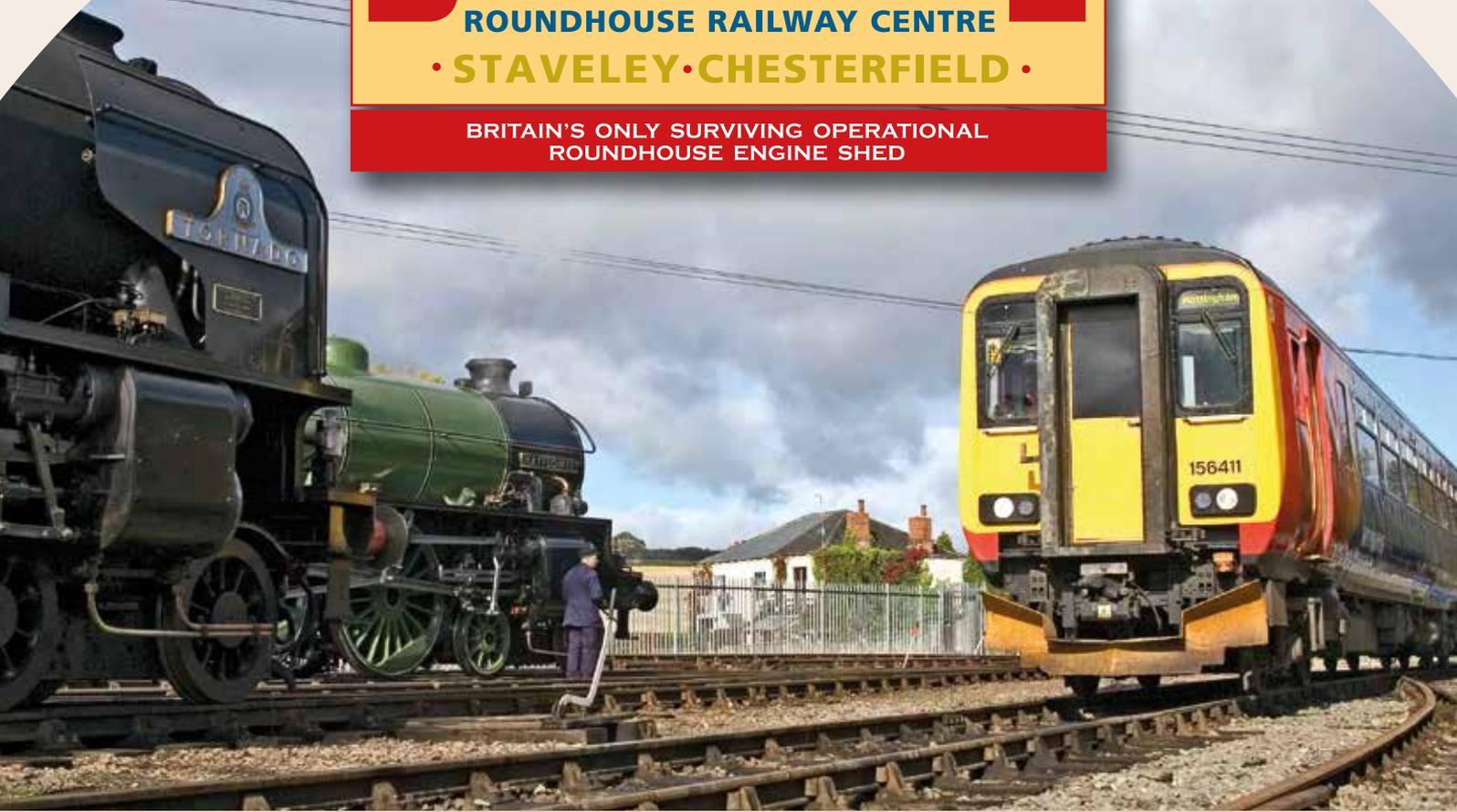


*Welcome to Barrow Hill...*

BARROW HILL  
ENGINE SHED  
SOCIETY

**BARROW HILL**  
ROUNDHOUSE RAILWAY CENTRE  
• STAVELEY • CHESTERFIELD •

BRITAIN'S ONLY SURVIVING OPERATIONAL  
ROUNDHOUSE ENGINE SHED



*...linking Britain's industrial heritage with the modern railway*



Linking the past with the present...

Barrow Hill Roundhouse is not just a railway museum. It is a modern rail maintenance facility and an innovative venue for both railway-themed events and non-railway activities.

past, present and future...

Steeped in Midland Railway history, the former steam Roundhouse was built in 1870 to house the locomotives that served the nearby Staveley Works. Locomotive development and technology moved forward rapidly after the Second World War and the last of hundreds of steam locomotives which had worked from Barrow Hill finally left in 1965. They were replaced by diesels which hauled huge numbers of coal trains from the nearby North Derbyshire coalfields.

By the late 1980s, however, coal's future as a major fuel source was in decline. The future looked bleak for the Barrow Hill depot and in 1991 British Rail decided to close it. On 9th February of that year the depot closed its doors and 121 years of continuous use finally came to an end.

And that would have been the end of the story, were it not for a group of dedicated railway preservationists. They persuaded Chesterfield Borough Council to have the building listed to prevent its demolition. Chesterfield Council then purchased the site and organised the necessary major repairs before leasing it to the newly formed Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society.



LEFT: GBRf launches its new biomass wagon in the Roundhouse

BELOW: An East Midlands Trains HST arrives at Barrow Hill on a charter tour

Today, Barrow Hill attracts thousands of visitors to its special events, often featuring working steam and diesel locomotives. No visit would be complete without a ride on the train from the purpose-built station and platform, which is also used as the starting point or destination for excursion trains using the UK national rail network.



# what we do...

With an eye to the future, the far sighted management team has welcomed commercial tenants to the site and the number of railway-related businesses based here increases every year.

This has allowed further commercial expansion and the profits are re-invested in the continual upgrading of the site's facilities. Recent projects include the extension of the sidings on the eastern side of the site and a new office administration block.

Heavy engineering workshops have been built to accommodate modern rail maintenance, repair and modification businesses. The site can also provide secure indoor and outdoor accommodation for rolling stock.



research



training

## team building days

The National Railway Museum at York is one of several companies that have used Barrow Hill for team building exercises. Here, their staff are seen experiencing some of the aspects of railway activities available at Barrow Hill.



team building

## Looking for an alternative venue for your next event?

### A venue with a difference...

If you want to hold an exclusive event, start with an exclusive venue....

Barrow Hill Roundhouse is an amazing place in every sense of the word. The former locomotive shed and yards are set in 20 acres and guaranteed to intrigue and get people talking.

We can offer space for small meetings, historic gatherings and major launches.

We can cater for both railway and non-railway activities.



Barrow Hill is a unique and stunning location for film, tv and photo shoots.

With its branch line, platform and depot the Roundhouse site can fulfil a wide variety of requirements - heritage and modern day, moving and static.

The depot is rail connected to the national network and is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Network Rail, DB Schenker, DRS, Freightliner, GBRF, Colas, BARS, West Coast Railways and VSOE (Orient Express) all regularly move trains and rail vehicles into and out of Barrow Hill.

We also have facilities for easy loading and unloading of rail vehicles onto road transport.

The site is fully compliant with ORR and HSE requirements for the operation of rail facilities.

# find out more...

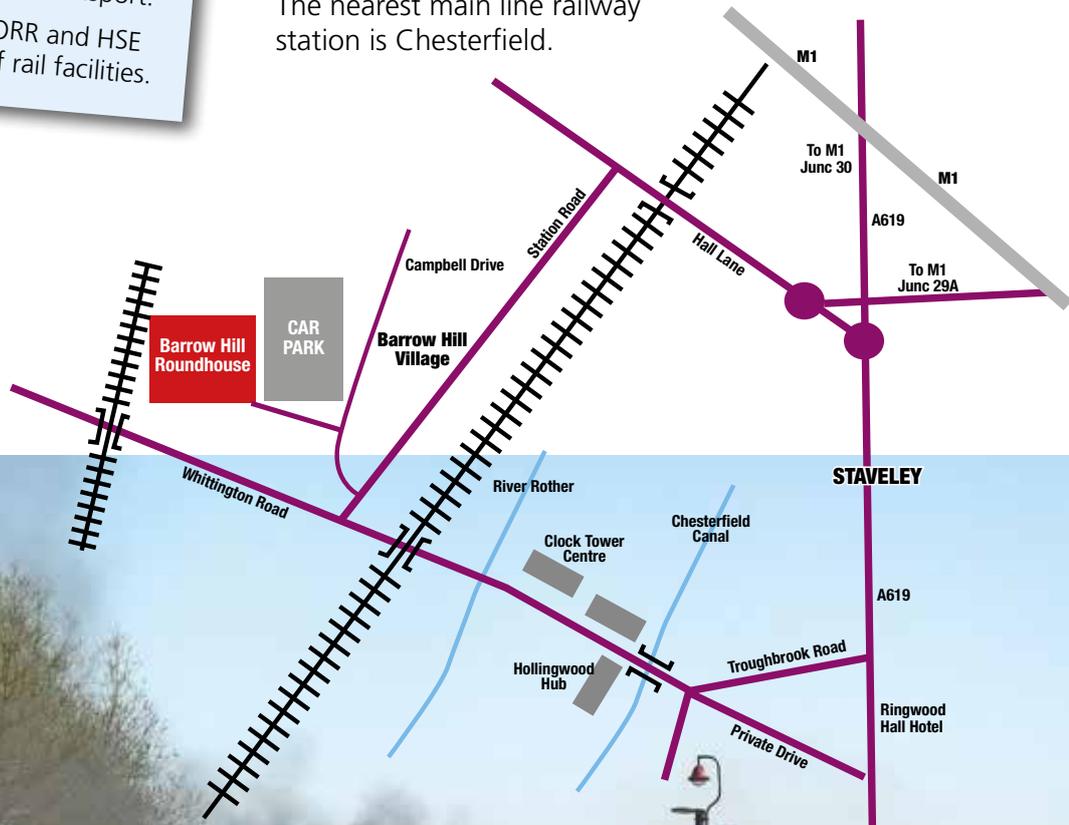
To discuss your requirements or for more information and a guided tour of this award winning historic building please contact **01246 472450**.

The site has parking for up to 200 cars. Additional car parking can be provided for larger events. Outdoor areas suitable for marquees, trade stands and demonstrations are also available. On-site catering can be provided, whatever the size of your event.

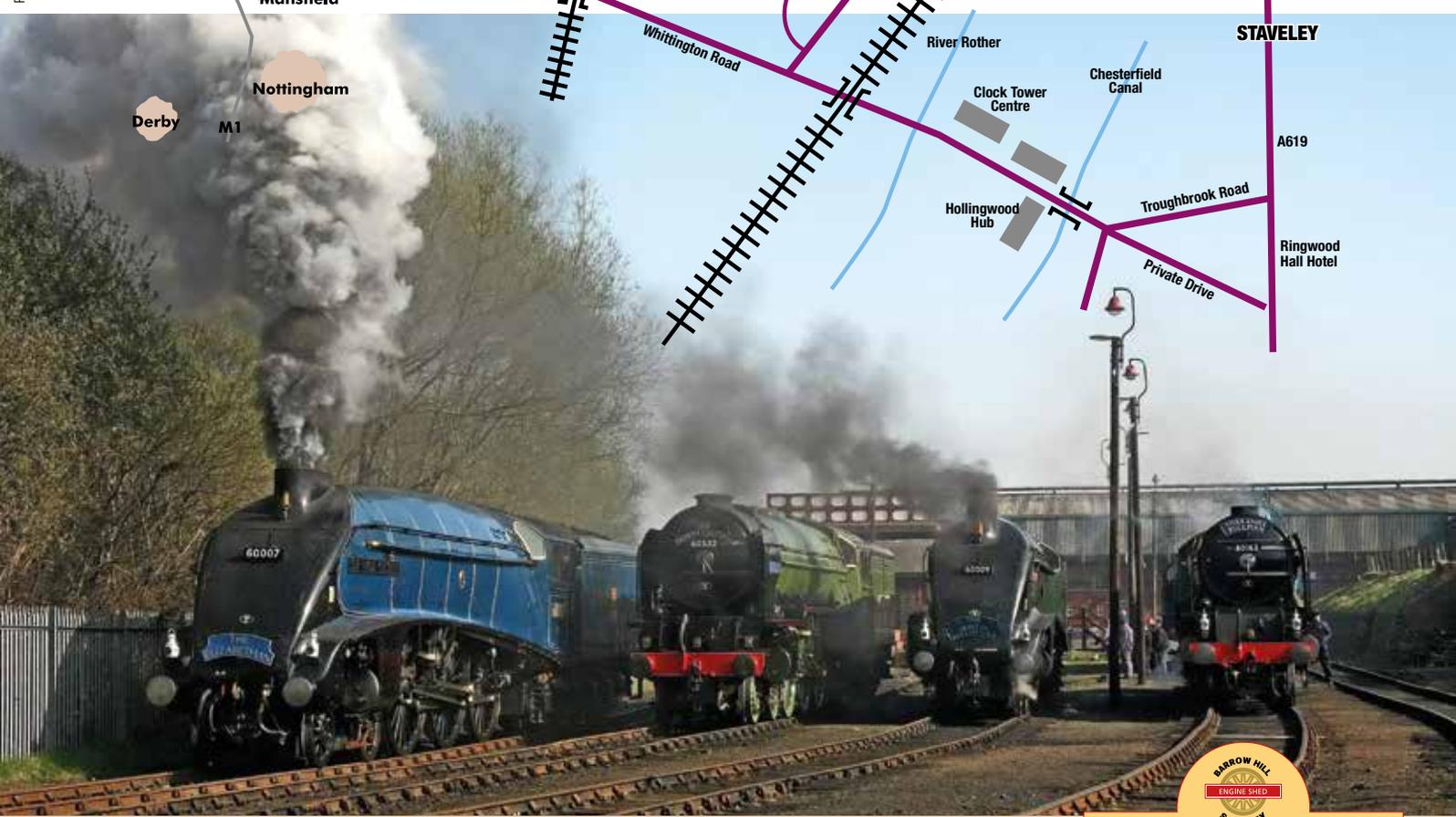
Barrow Hill is located in the centre of the country, just off junctions 29, 29a or 30 of the M1 motorway.

Sat Nav code S43 2PR.

The nearest main line railway station is Chesterfield.



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