4 163 Restoration Group

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45163 is a 4-6-0 Black Five steam locomotive designed by William Stanier for the London Midland & Scottish Railway. It was built by Armstrong Whitworth in 1935 and worked mainly in the north of England and Scotland until it's withdrawal from service in 1965. Locomotives of this type worked all over the country and would have worked trains into the eastern region coming to places such as Cambridge on trains from the midlands. 45163 was sold for scrap in 1966 and went to the now famous Barry scrapyard in South Wales from where so many steam locomotives have since been saved. 45163 was rescued from the scrapyard by a private owner in 1987 and subsequently purchased in 1991 by 45163 Ltd for restoration at the Colne Valley Railway at Castle Hedingham in Essex. Under a 25 year agreement with Riley & Son (E) Ltd, commencing September 2024, the locomotive will now operate on the main line once again from 2027.

The 45163 Restoration Group is set up for those that would like to be able to help with the restoration and operation of this locomotive and receive regular news of restoration progress through our newsletter 'Black Track'. No particular skills are required but if you do have engineering experience then we can put them to good use.

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