

## The Great North of Scotland Railway

The Company built the railway system of north east Scotland in the Victorian era. Its lines ran from Aberdeen north through Buchan, west to Elgin, along the Moray Firth, up Speyside to Boat of Garten and to Ballater on Royal Deeside. Several other branches ensured that major communities in the area were served.

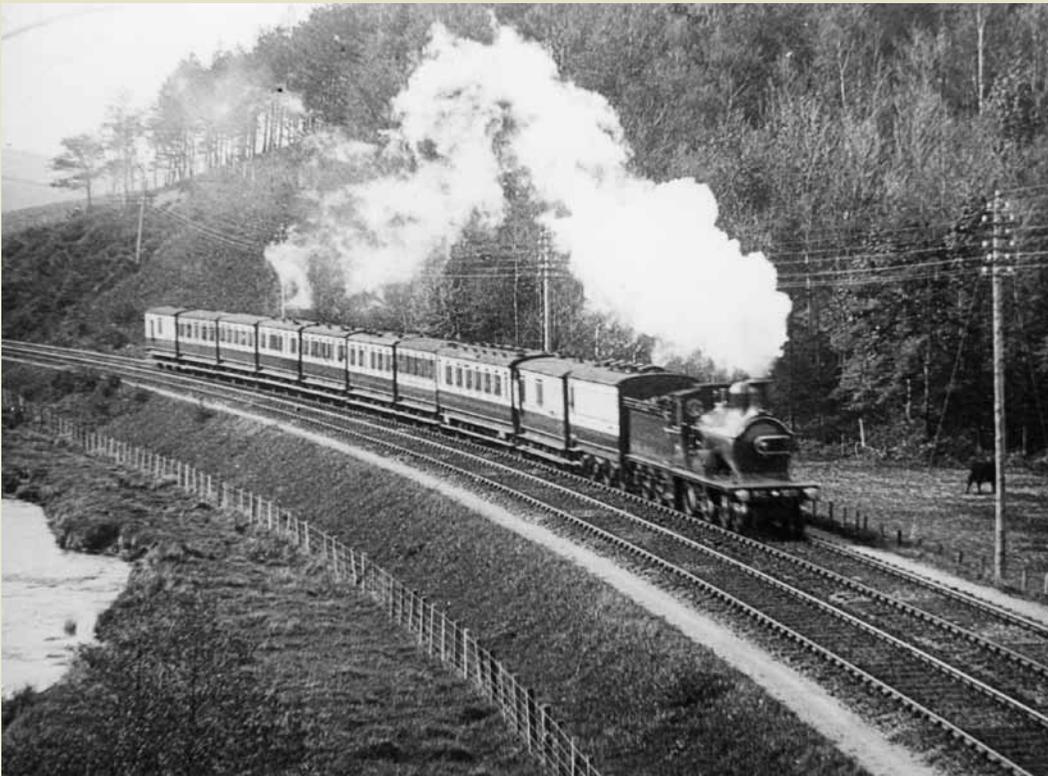
The railway occupied a central position in the history and social life of the north east of Scotland. It carried fish and agricultural produce to market and brought in goods and materials. It took people to and from work and enabled them to enjoy holiday excursions.

To work its trains, it employed mainly 4-4-0 locomotives, handsome designs in the GNSR's smart green livery. But the

company kept abreast of modern ideas. It built a new works equipped with the latest machinery in the early years of the 20th century and ran one of the largest fleets of motor buses operated by a railway company before 1914.

In 1923, the LNER inherited the system and saw it through the difficult days of the 1930s. Nearly all of it survived to become part of British Railways after World War 2.

Changing demands meant the closure of most of the system in the 1950s and 1960s, leaving just the main line to Keith as part of the through route to Inverness. This however has prospered since then and continues in use as a successful part of ScotRail's network.



*The afternoon up mail train near Gartly about 1912, hauled by a Class V 4-4-0. The train includes coaches from Inverness to Aberdeen and Elgin to Aberdeen via both Craigellachie and the Moray Firth Coast routes. The leading vehicle is a Travelling Post Office which ran from Elgin.*

# Great North of Scotland Railway Association



## Membership Details

## Application Form

I wish to become a member of the Great North of Scotland Railway Association and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that my personal information will only be used for the administration of the Association and not passed to any other parties.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please agree to Gift Aid your subscription by ticking the box below.

I want to Gift Aid my subscription and any donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ and any subscriptions and donations I make in the future to the GREAT NORTH OF SCOTLAND RAILWAY ASSOCIATION. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please complete this form below in block letters and send to GNSRA Membership Secretary Logie Shannoch, Drumrossie, INSCH, AB52 6LJ. Payment of £20 can be made by Bank Transfer – Sort Code 80-09-68 Acc. No: 00369687, using your full name as reference – or enclose a cheque payable to the Great North of Scotland Railway Association.

Signed .....

Date .....

Name .....

Address .....

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I will pay by Bank Transfer/Cheque/Cash (delete as appropriate)

## Great North of Scotland Railway Association

The Association caters for all those interested in the history of the Great North of Scotland Railway and its constituent companies, as well as the LNER, British Railways and post-privatisation periods. The Association promotes the study and collection of information, documents and illustrations relating to all aspects of the north east's railways. It also facilitates and co-ordinates members' research and provides information for modellers. An extensive archive of photographs and drawings is available to members.

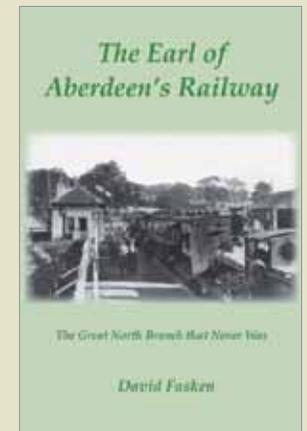
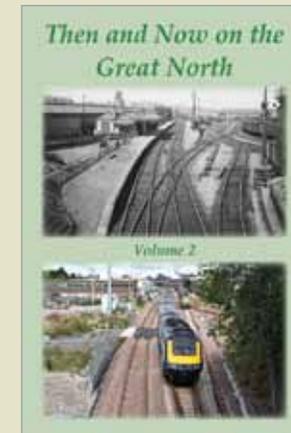
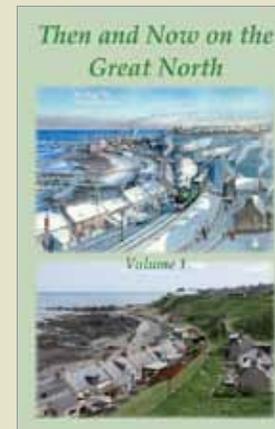
Members receive a quarterly *Review* containing articles,

photographs and drawings. The current scene is recorded and details given of new models of interest.

The Association has published several books covering many aspects of the railway in great detail. Members receive a discount on the Association publications. Meetings and excursions are regularly organised for the benefit of members.

The annual subscription is £20.00, payable on 1st September. The Association is registered in Scotland as a Charity - No. SC050156.

For further information, please look at the Association's website : [www.gnsra.org.uk](http://www.gnsra.org.uk).



*The Association always welcomes new members; why not complete the application form and join us?*