

benefits that the railway will bring in welcoming anything up to an additional 55,000 visitors a year to the town."

The East Lancashire Railway (ELR) has recently concluded a deal by selling 3000ft of rail to the BLR at a price that helps both railways. For the ELR, it is rail that is unsuitable for its uses and, for the BLR, it is another massive saving, obviating the need to buy new rail.

### Stunning scenery

Julian added: "With the journey beginning in the town, passengers will be afforded one of the most spectacular views from any railway in the UK, as the train will amble along the north shore of the lake.

"Come rain or shine, open views as far down as Cader Idris, 12 miles away, will be shown in full, and will highlight the beauty of North Wales.

"While support both local and national, and even international, are incredibly valuable, money still has to be raised, and pledges from government, dependent on match funding, are urgently needed.

"Those with the same vision, which is going to leave a valuable, sustainable legacy ensuring the continued successful operation of this heritage railway, can donate via [balalakerailwaytrust.org.uk/appeal](http://balalakerailwaytrust.org.uk/appeal)"



The Bala Lake Railway's June 15-16 steam gala, its biggest event of the year, saw the Moseley Railway Trust's Kerr, Stuart Joffre 0-6-0T No. 3014 of 1916 visiting from the Apedale Valley Light Railway. It is seen heading the 2.10pm Bala-Llanuwchllyn service on June 16. FRED KERR

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