

## **“Tornado” to visit Wensleydale Railway**

The Wensleydale Railway is delighted to announce that the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust’s new-build express steam locomotive “Tornado” will be paying a special visit to the glorious Yorkshire Dales in May & June 2019.

This magnificent steam locomotive was built in 2008 in Darlington, close to the Wensleydale Railway, and was designed specifically to haul special main line trains. It was built to a traditional steam locomotive design but incorporating several modern developments to improve its performance. Over the last 10 years “Tornado” has performed with spectacular results, including 100 mph on the East Coast main line near to the Wensleydale Railway just south of Thirsk, a tribute to the skills of the team that designed and built the locomotive. This is the first time that “Tornado” has visited the Wensleydale Railway.

This visit will be very popular, and the railway will operate advanced booking facilities on their website. Details will be announced nearer the event. The event will also coincide with the Wensleydale Festival, held annually at Redmire Station.

The Wensleydale Railway is grateful to the Locomotive’s owners for allowing it to visit the Railway. The Operations Director of the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, Graeme Bunker said ‘We are delighted that Tornado will be able to visit Wensleydale Railway, a lovely line with stunning scenery, close to our spiritual home of Darlington. The visit will allow many thousands of people to enjoy a journey behind this very special steam locomotive’

Richard Brown, General Manager of the Wensleydale Railway, said “This is a fantastic opportunity to welcome this locomotive to our Railway and offer our visitors the chance to ride behind this very special machine.”