



Friends of The West Highland Lines: Membership Form

Here is a Membership Form which can be cut out or copied for the year: 2023 (January – December)

Renewal: New Member: (please tick)

First Name and Surname: (block capitals please)

Standard (£26) £.....

Household (£36) £.....

(receives TWO copies of the magazine)

Business Affiliate (£26) £.....

Voluntary donations are always welcome!

Donation* £.....

Total Payment £.....

(Membership cards will not be issued unless requested using a stamped addressed envelope sent with the application.)

Please make cheques payable to **Friends of The West Highland Lines**.

Direct Bank Payments to: Bank of Scotland, Oban Branch for Friends of West Highland Lines. Sort Code: 80-17-99. Account Number 00363923. As reference (your Surname / Membership Number) e.g. Smith / 107.

You can also join FWHL via our website: www.westhighlandline.org.uk

Address:

Post Code:

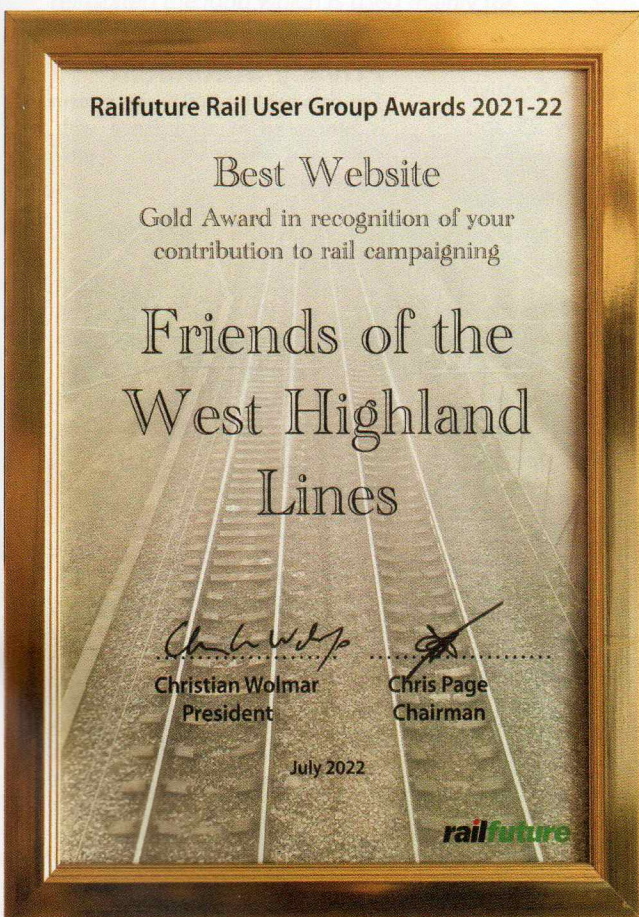
Email*:

*Emails will only be used to contact members regarding membership, Society events and WHLs information of interest.

Signature:

The above and any queries regarding membership should be sent to our **Membership Secretary, Phil Chinery, 7 Montrose Street, Darlington, DL1 1JU. philchinery@yahoo.co.uk**

Our Website Wins Major Award



On July 16, at the national rail-campaigning group Railfuture's A.G.M. in Bristol, Friends of the West Highland Lines won the Gold Award 2021/22, *Best Website for a Rail User Group*.

The website was launched in 2009. It has been a work in progress ever since until it has become the award winning website it is today. In presenting the prizes, Railfuture Chairman Chris Page commented: "it was great that this award should go to a Rail User Group who work on the periphery of Britain's Rail Network." Railfuture is recognised as being the main organisation campaigning for improved railway services throughout Great Britain. FWHL Secretary Fraser McDonald said: "It is wonderful that our society should receive this honour. It reflects the hard work that has gone into building the website over the years. The FWHL Committee is very grateful to Committee member John McCormick and local Helensburgh web designer Jim Chestnut for the early days of the site. Also, former Committee member Norman McNab who toiled for many hundreds of hours also building and overseeing the launch and operation of our brilliant website, along with web production expert Jim Campbell and latterly former Committee member Gordon Webster. Thanks are also due to the current Website Manager David Crossley who continues to improve and extend the site which thoroughly deserves this award. David also manages our Facebook and Twitter accounts."

• Another notable, previous success was when FWHL won the Network Rail *Good Neighbour Award* in 2011 for our work with Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park in getting lineside vegetation cut back to restore iconic views from the railway. ■