

# LAMBERT'S ENGINES

## Aveling & Porter engine No. 8097 – Moby Dick

In 1913 Aveling & Porter from Rochester, Kent produced engine works no 8097, registration FX 7014, type RR sc/sv 10-ton engine with a Nhp5. Now known as Moby Dick.

### HISTORY

In 1922, the engine was sold to Tunbridge Wells RDC, where its original back wheels were replaced with smaller, to reduce the weight and was officially made road legal, being given her very unique licence registration; FX7014.

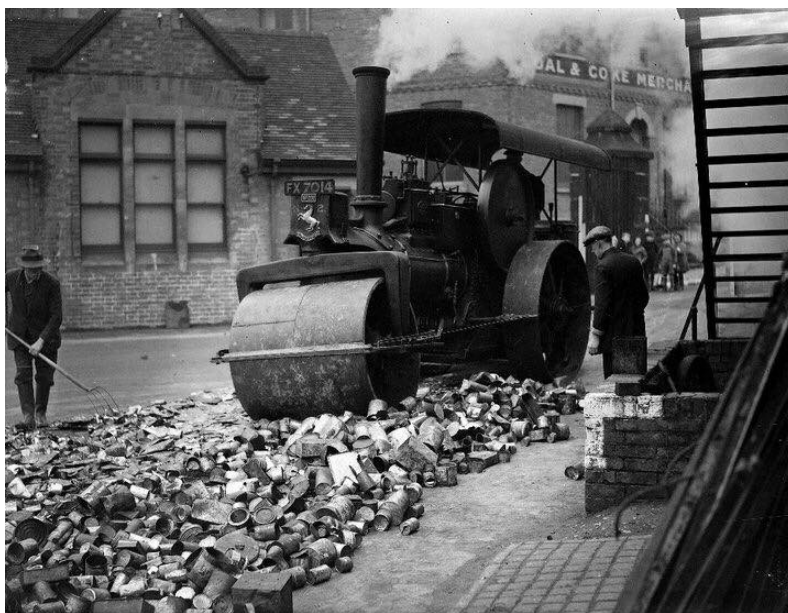
During WW2, she was commissioned to help and serve her country, alongside many other engines and was specifically used to crush and roll out metal cans to recycle and use in aid of the war.

After the war had ended and after a very hard career, she was sold to a collector, Chris Lambert- who then re-auctioned her into preservation.

In 1955 the engine was renamed Moby Dick and had multiple owners who carried out further repairs, changes and restoration with a colour change to its current blue and in 2013 was purchased by its new owner, Jon Narey.

In 2018 Moby Dick was given the “all clear” on her hydraulic boiler test and continued appearing in 9 different events through 2018, including; [Netley Marsh Steam & Craft Show](#), [Great Dorset Steam Fair](#), [Berwick St John Country Fayre](#) and [Burley Steam and Vintage Vehicle Show](#). (All in full-steam!) That year Moby Dick steamed up and was road-driven for nearly 200 hours!

Jon Narey has had a great deal of pleasure owning and driving the engine and during this time he has learnt a great deal about how the steam engine has played such an important part in the history of steam.



Moby Dick crushing cans for recycling and use in WW2



Moby Dick at a recent rally



Moby Dick with its famous horse, Invicta, the motto of Kent