

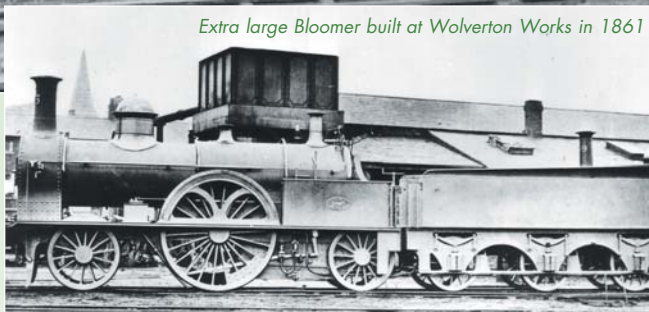
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## Transport and Travel

### The Bloomer of Wolverton



*Bloomer locomotive number 401*



*Extra large Bloomer built at Wolverton Works in 1861*

The remarkable engineer James McConnell was appointed as Locomotive Superintendent of the Southern Division of the London and North Western Railway 1846 –61 based at Wolverton Works.

In 1851, the year of Prince Albert's Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace, McConnell built the first of his 'masterpieces' – prototype express trains called 'Bloomers': their exposed wheel base recalled the American Mrs Amelia Bloomer whose daring designs showed her legs.

Painted in bright red livery picked out in white, over 70 Bloomers were built in under 10 years, most of them at Wolverton.



*'A full-sized replica of the Bloomer has been renovated on site, to be re-sited in Wolverton as a lasting memorial to the skills and contribution of the Wolverton staff.'*

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