

Depot logos

Over the last few years a number of depot logos have been introduced, these emerged with the introduction of the Trainload Freight and Railfreight businesses and have been retained by several of the now private companies operating mainly freight traffic.

The logos, based within a diamond shape, were devised by The Roundel Design Group for the relaunch of the Railfreight business on 15 October 1987 and unveiled at Ripple Lane.

Originally only half a dozen depots were allocated logos, most of which had a pictogram devised giving immediate identity to either the depot name, area, or type of work the depot undertook.

However, in some cases this might have only been apparent to local rail staff or enthusiasts. As time progressed further depots had logos designed, and by 1997 over 30 were commonly seen.

The depot logos are usually cast in aluminium, have a black painted ground and are supplied by Newton Replicas.

Winged 'A'

Allerton (AN)

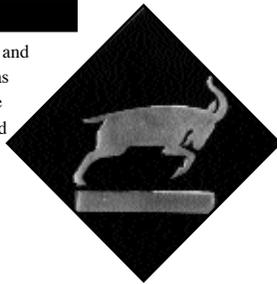
A recently introduced logo, derived by the depot as an unofficial plaque for Allerton, based on a winged letter 'A' with a wheel below



Goat

Cardiff (CF)

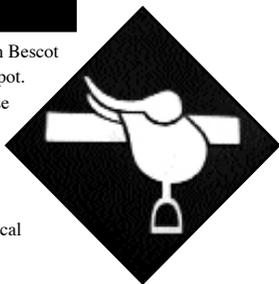
Applied to RfD, TLF and some EWS traction as well as Infrastructure locomotives allocated to Cardiff Canton



Saddle

Bescot (BS)

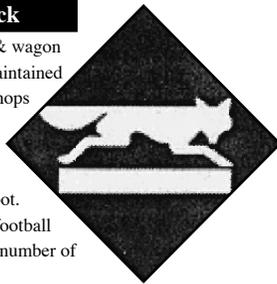
Originally used when Bescot was a Railfreight Depot. Logo continued in use under the control of Transrail and English Welsh & Scottish Railways. Saddle reflects the local leather industry



Fox

Carlisle Currock

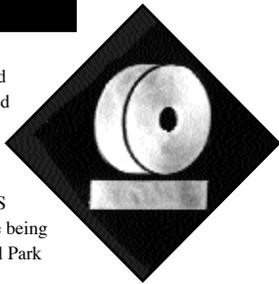
Applied to carriage & wagon stock allocated or maintained by Currock wagon shops operated by TLF, Transrail and EWS. Logo also used on loco named after depot. Fox is logo of local football club and reflects the number of fox hunts in the area



Grindstone (Millstone)

Buxton (BX)

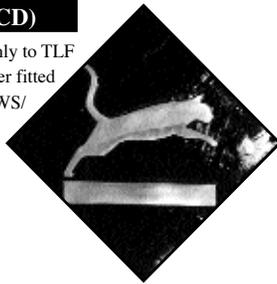
Originally applied to Immingham allocated locomotives, outbased at Buxton for Peak Forest workings. Logo retained on few locos under EWS ownership. Millstone being sign to Peak National Park



Cat

Crewe Diesel (CD)

Originally applied only to TLF and RfD traction, later fitted in revised form to EWS/Res locomotives. Sign represents the Cheshire cat



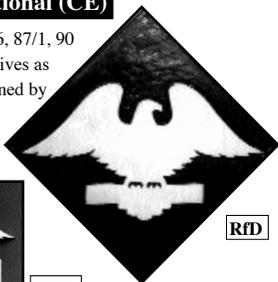
Eagle

Crewe International (CE)

Applied to Class 86/6, 87/1, 90 and 92 RfD locomotives as well as Class 90s owned by EWS/Res. The Eagle logo adopted to reflect Eagle bridge



EWS

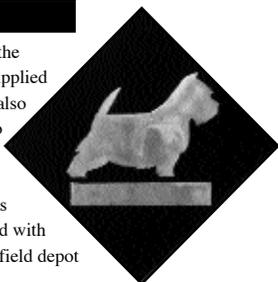


RfD

West Highland Terrier

Eastfield (ED)

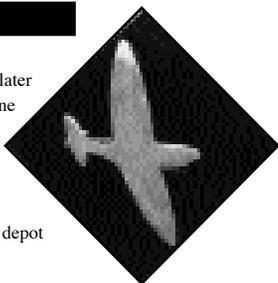
This Logo pre-dates the Railfreight system. Applied to various locos and also in transfer form. Also applied to passenger and infrastructure traction. Logo reflects type of dog associated with line operated by Eastfield depot



Spitfire

Eastleigh (EH)

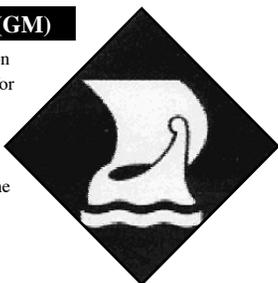
Logo first used at Infrastructure depot, later taken over by Mainline Freight and EWS. Spitfire adopted as aircraft built at Southampton airport, adjacent to Eastleigh depot



Galleon

Grangemouth (GM)

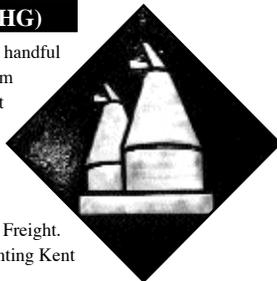
This logo of a Galleon was devised locally for Grangemouth and not applied to any traction, it was fitted to a few wagons in the local area



Oast Houses

Hither Green (HG)

Originally applied to handful of locos operated from depot on Kent freight workings, prior to Stewarts Lane logo devised. This logo later adopted by Mainline Freight. Oast Houses representing Kent



Star & Scroll

Immingham (IM)

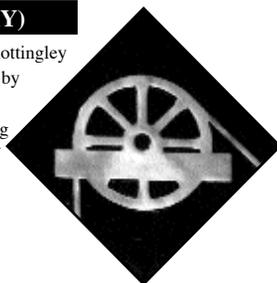
Fitted to Trainload Freight, Loadhaul and EWS traction as well as Infrastructure locomotives operating from Immingham



Pit Winding Wheel

Knottingley (KY)

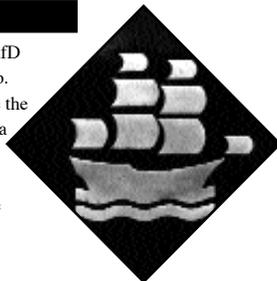
Logo adopted for Knottingley depot, later operated by Loadhaul and EWS. Depicts mine winding gear, the mainstay of work at depot



Ship

Laird (LA)

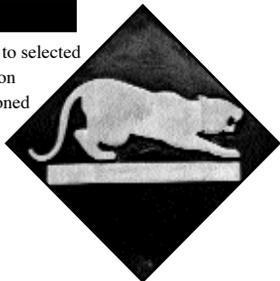
Fitted originally to RfD operated Class 50 No. 50149. Later became the general logo for Laird depot under Great Western ownership. Ship logo depicts the Mayflower



Panther

Leicester (LE)

Panther logo applied to selected Trainload Construction locomotives stationed at Leicester for local stone traffic



Bird (Kite)

Margam (MG)

This logo is another locally adopted insignia, not applied to locomotive stock, but found on a few wagons in the Margam-Port Talbot area



Torch

Ripple Lane (RL)

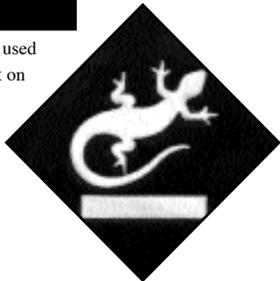
Applied to non Ripple Lane allocated Trainload Freight and EWS locos used on North Thames oil traffic. Flame depicts burning oil



Lizard

St Blazey (BZ)

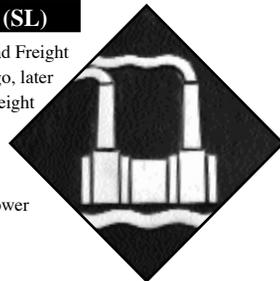
Applied to Class 37s used from St Blazey depot on Cornish china clay traffic operated by RfD. Later adopted as depot logo by Trainload Freight, Transrail and EWS



Battersea Power Station

Stewarts Lane (SL)

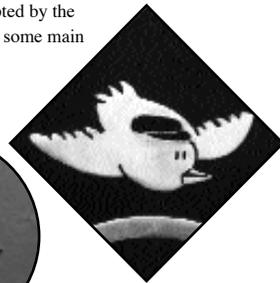
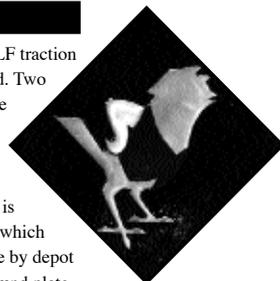
Adopted by Trainload Freight as Stewarts Lane logo, later used by Mainline Freight and EWS. Battersea Power Station used as logo as depot was in the shadows of power station



Cockney Sparrow

Stratford (SF)

Fitted to RfD and TLF traction allocated to Stratford. Two versions of logo have existed, the one illustrated right is the official logo while the one below is an unofficial design which was banned from use by depot management. The round plate below was also adopted by the depot and applied to some main line traction



Kingfisher

Thornaby (TE)

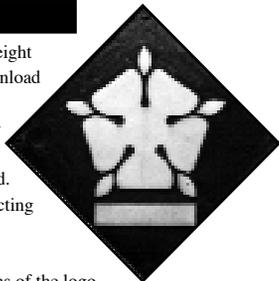
Applied to Trainload Freight locos allocated to Thornaby depot and later adopted as Loadhaul Freight and EWS logo. Prior to cast application, some transfers were fitted to a few Class 37s



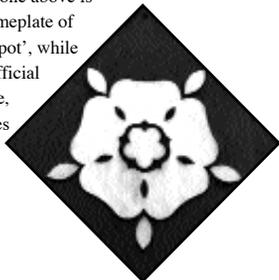
Yorkshire Rose

Tinsley (TI)

Fitted to most Railfreight Distribution and Trainload locos allocated to Tinsley depot. Under full RfD ownership logo became standard. Yorkshire Rose reflecting location of depot



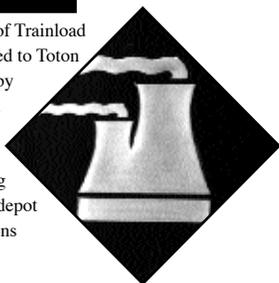
Two different versions of the logo have been used. The one above is carried below the nameplate of 'Tinsley Traction Depot', while the one right is the official Roundel Design plate, used on loco cab sides



Cooling Towers

Toton (TO)

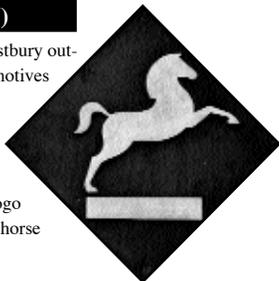
Applied to majority of Trainload Freight locos allocated to Toton depot, later adopted by Mainline Freight and then EWS as logo for depot. Power Station sign depicting mainstay of work at depot - coal to power stations



White Horse

Westbury (WY)

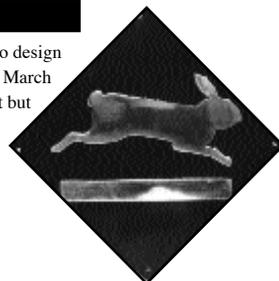
Applied to a few Westbury out-based Class 56 locomotives under Trainload Construction. Later adopted as depot logo by Mainline Freight and EWS. Logo based on local white horse badge on hillside



Hare

March (MR)

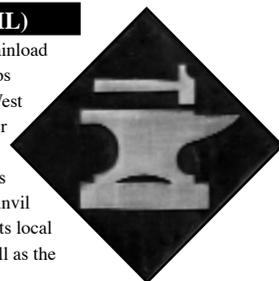
A logo put forward to design council from staff at March depot, prototype cast but not accepted - not applied to loco. Representing the 'March Hare'



Hammer and Anvil

Motherwell (ML)

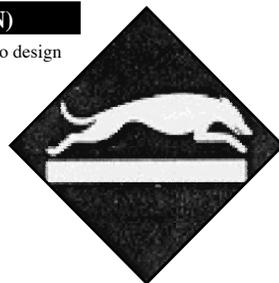
Applied to a few Trainload Freight - Metals locos allocated to South West Scotland flows. Later used on Transrail and some EWS locos allocated to depot. Anvil & Hammer represents local steel industry as well as the forge at the depot



Greyhound

Willesden (WN)

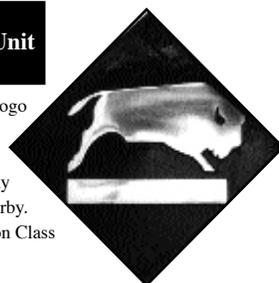
A logo put forward to design council from staff at Willesden depot, prototype cast but not accepted - not applied to loco



Bison

Engineering Development Unit (EDU)

Adopted as the site logo for the Engineering Development Unit (EDU) at the Railway Technical Centre Derby. Applied at site and on Class 60 mock-up



Unicorn

Bristol Barton Hill (BK)

Adopted as depot logo for Barton Hill Rail express systems/EWS depot. Applied in slightly different form to standard plates

Class 47 style



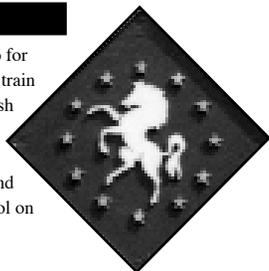
Class 08 style



Horse (Invicta)

Dollands Moor

Adopted as depot logo for International loco and train crew depot near English portal of Channel Tunnel. The 12 European stars surround the classic Kent symbol on an Invicta



Horse (Suffolk Punch)

Ipswich WRD

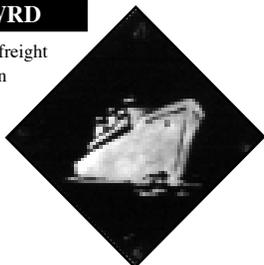
Logo adopted by Railfreight Distribution for wagon repair depot. Suffolk Punch adopted as classic logo of Suffolk



Ocean Liner

Southampton WRD

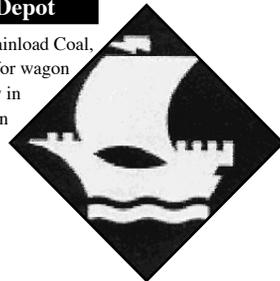
Logo adopted by Railfreight Distribution for wagon repair depot adjacent to Southampton container terminal. Ocean Liner logo chosen to represent the close proximity to Southampton Docks



Galleon

Barry Wagon Depot

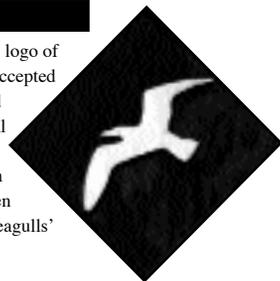
Logo adopted by Trainload Coal, Transrail and EWS for wagon repair depot at Barry in South Wales. Galleon logo devised by member of depot staff



Seagull

Saltley (SY)

Originally unofficial logo of Saltley RfD depot, accepted as official badge and applied to some local traction. Logo devised as staff from depot have often been known as 'Saltley Seagulls'



Trainload hire plate

With the split up of the railway into smaller business units prior to privatisation, a number of Class 37/4 locomotives owned by Transrail Freight Ltd were painted into Regional Railways passenger livery to match coaching stock. Cast plates were applied to identify ownership



Highland Rail

Inverness (IS)

Although not strictly a logo in the same context as those on the previous pages, the Highland Rail logo right was applied in transfer form to a number of locomotives operating from Inverness depot in the late 1980s early 1990s. In most cases the logo was applied below the cab-side windows in black

