



## ATLANTIC JOURNEYS

The Atlantic 4-4-2 wheel arrangement had a short but distinguished period of pre-eminence during the first couple of decades of the twentieth century before six-coupled locomotives came to the fore. Here are a few classic Atlantic designs.



**TOP: The Great Northern Railway was first with an Atlantic class in 1898 but followed that in 1902 with a large-boilered type which became its top-link motive power before the Pacific era dawned. At the start of the LNER period No.1459 waits at Nottingham Victoria as the fireman trims the coal before continuing with the Sheffield–King's Cross Pullman in 1923. (T. J. Edgington Collection)**

**The Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway '1400' Class was an eye-opener when it appeared in 1899 with its large high-pitched boiler and 7ft 3in driving wheels. 'High Flyers' they became known as and No.1404 is getting the 4.55pm Manchester Victoria–Blackpool express on the move, passing the LNWR's Exchange station with one of that company's engines alongside. (G. W. Smith)**

**The Great Central Railway's 8B Class 4-4-2s were particularly handsome machines, introduced in 1903. LNER No.6091 was photographed heading south near Rugby with an express which included a through carriage to the Great Western via Banbury. (T. J. Edgington Collection)**



For its heaviest trains on the difficult Aberdeen and Carlisle routes the North British Railway moved to Atlantics in 1906. No.905 *Buccleugh* shows the design's impressive proportions at the east end of Edinburgh Waverley station. (T. J. Edgington Collection)



The London, Brighton & South Coast Railway's 4-4-2s of 1905 seemed to have looked to those of the GNR for inspiration – but its Locomotive Superintendent D. E. Marsh had come from the latter company. The Southern Railway decided to name them and No.2038 *Portland Bill* is seen (it is believed at Eastleigh) in the malachite green livery it applied post-war. (T. J. Edgington Collection)



Atlantics appeared on the North Eastern Railway in 1903 with Worsdell's two-cylinder locomotives, followed in 1911 by a three-cylinder class to Vincent Raven's design – later LNER Class C7. One of those, No.2197, is at the south end of York station in May 1929. Yes, there was something about Atlantics... (T. J. Edgington Collection)

