

Company no. 02968284
Charity no. 1041901

West Somerset Railway Association
Report and Unaudited Financial
Statements
31 March 2024

West Somerset Railway Association

Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Company number	02968284	
Charity number	1041901	
Registered office and operational address	The Railway Station Bishops Lydeard Taunton Somerset TA4 3BX	
Trustees	Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:	
	Barrie Childs	resigned 23 September 2023
	William Foster	appointed 9 October 2023
	David Fowler	resigned 26 August 2023
	Geoffrey Garfield	
	John Glover	appointed 23 September 2023
	Andrew Horner	appointed 8 April 2024
	Michael Lea	resigned 8 January 2024
	John Leach	appointed 23 September 2023, resigned 24 January 2024
	Edward Martin	
	Denise Parker	
	Jeffery Price	
	Diana Ricketts-Tanner	resigned 23 September 2023
	Michael Sherwood	appointed 23 September 2023
	Alan Smithers	resigned 21 May 2023
Key management personnel	Jacquie Green	General Manager
	Keith Sandford	Administrator
	Kat Sims	Bookkeeper
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland 7 Fore Street Taunton TA1 1HT	Lloyds Bank 27 Fore Street Redruth TR15 2BJ
Solicitors	Bates Wells Braithwaite 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1BE	
Independent examiners	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QD	

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2015).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The governing instrument of the charity, which is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, is its Memorandum of Association which dates back to the 16 May 1994.

Trustees are elected by the members in accordance with the provisions contained in the Memorandum of Association. There is no formal training arranged for new trustees. All new trustees are provided with the Charity Commission guidance The Essential Trustee, together with access to all WSRA policies, minutes of previous meetings, annual report and accounts for previous years. In February 2024 an away day was held in order that trustees might clarify their role and agree the immediate direction of the charity. Some training was given on the away day on an informal basis.

Trustees meet monthly where strategic direction, matters of policy and the application of funds are decided. Additional meetings are called in accordance with the Memorandum of Association when the need arises.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Association are to promote education in the heritage of the railway from Taunton to Minehead by:

- 1 Restoring, preserving, and displaying railway locomotives, carriages, wagons and other artefacts (including documents, drawings, photographs, recordings and films) of historical interest and the buildings connected therewith;
- 2 Promoting the cultural, environmental, and social heritage of the railway, and delivering related events and activities for the public benefit;
- 3 Encouraging recreation or other leisure-time occupation connected with the railway, including voluntary work on the restoration and maintenance of the railway from Taunton to Minehead and enabling opportunities for social cohesion and inclusion; and
- 4 Promoting individual learning and training in the skills required to maintain the heritage of the railway from Taunton to Minehead.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Statement of Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

When making decisions about the charity's actions and investments, trustees have given careful consideration to ensure that these further the charity's objectives and provide public benefit. The details of how this has been done are provided in this report, but, briefly, we have delivered on each objective as follows:

Restoration, preservation and maintenance of artifacts: this has been our primary focus, with just under £40,000 directly invested in the railway's track and stations, and a further £38,000 which would have been invested, but has been delayed until the 24-5 year because of adverse weather and the lack of capacity to have the work done before the current running season. We have also finalised the detailed planning for investment of some £700,000 in locomotive restoration, a large proportion of which will be carried out in Williton, also planned to start in 24-5.

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Cultural, environmental and social benefits have been furthered by the work of the community outreach workers, the learnings from that project will be carried forward to the current year;

Encouraging volunteers has been done both directly and by providing education and training for volunteers; and

Promotion of leisure activities has mainly involved the organisation and delivery of our annual steam rally, and by enabling groups to visit the railway, through the work of our community engagement volunteers.

RISK

The principal areas of risk to which the WSRA is exposed are:

- Governance risks;
- Operational risks generally and particularly in relation to the Steam Rally;
- Financial risks;
- External risks; and
- Compliance with law and regulation.

Risk Management Policy is in place, together with risk management guidance. Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and have also elected a risk management trustee who oversees all elements of risk management, therefore:

- significant risks are known and monitored, enabling trustees to make informed decisions and take timely action;
- the WSRA makes the most of opportunities and develops them with the confidence that any risks will be managed;
- the WSRA's forward and strategic planning are improved; and
- the WSRA's aims are achieved more successfully.

FULFILLING OBJECTIVES

The WSRA has a small grants policy in place. Decisions about grants are made at monthly trustee meetings after the satisfactory completion of an application. There are procedures for the monitoring and reviewing of projects once a grant has been made.

FUNDRAISING

A summary of fundraising over the year:

Grant funding obtained:

- Between April 23 - March 24 the WSRA secured £30,100 through pledged grants from trusts and foundations.
- A breakdown of grants received shows that of the 18 grants received: 15% were for 4561, 35% were for the community engagement project, 15% for station repairs and the remainder in various training and educational support.

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Commentary: The amount secured is like that obtained last year, but far lower than in previous years. There are several reasons for this:

- There were fewer items on the wish list which limited to whom our fundraiser could apply and what for;
- The cost-of-living crisis means funders have prioritised social work and less expenditure on heritage; and
- There are many funders to which we cannot reapply as we have not completed projects that they have previously funded / and or that the project is still outstanding.

We have reviewed our fundraising with our contracted fundraiser and agreed new targets for 2024/5, which we believe will be successful in obtaining grant funding for our major projects over the next few years.

Monies raised: restricted funds

The Locomotive Restoration Fund was established to secure the long-term security of locomotives operating on the WSR through the refurbishment of two locomotives owned by the Association, Small Prairie 4561 and Manor Class 7821, Ditchat Manor. £26,773 was raised for this fund during the year, and the available total is now just under £61,300.

Work is now well advanced on the restoration of the chassis of the Small Prairie 4561, and the team we established to supervise the restoration turned their attention to the restoration of the boiler. Their investigations revealed that some of the work previously carried out needed revisiting. It also showed that the scope of the work was probably beyond the capacity of Williton restorations, so invites to tender for the job were issued. Having received the estimates and carried out due diligence on the contractors who provided them, trustees decided that the work should be carried out by E Riley & Company, Haywood, Lancashire. It is intended to have the locomotive back in steam as soon as possible. The date will depend on the work required, and the speed at which our contractors can carry it out. Trustees have agreed a capital expenditure plan that will see significant funds committed to this locomotive from legacies already held.

During the year we were one of the railway charities approached by the owners of the unrestored BR Standard 4MT locomotive 80064, who wished to find a charity which would provide a home for the locomotive and carry out restoration to running condition as soon as possible. After investigation of the locomotive and spare parts available, and consultation with the board of the WSR plc, trustees decided that the locomotive would be ideal for the railway and could be restored in a relatively short time. It would provide a replacement for some locomotives of the WSR's home fleet which will be withdrawn in the next few years as their boiler certificates expire. After various discussions with the owning group, 80064 fund, we were delighted to agree that the locomotive, several spare parts, and a sum of money would be donated to the WSRA. The locomotive was moved to Williton restorations in December 2023, for logistical reasons, ahead of a formal agreement. Trustees have commissioned Williton Restorations to carry out the necessary work, which we anticipate will take 3-4 years. We are very grateful to the members and supporters of 80064 fund for this donation, which was formally agreed on 30 April 2024.

Loco 7821 is currently on display at Swindon, where a group of volunteers keep it in good condition. It is still our intention to restore this locomotive to working condition. However, as extensive work is needed to restore it, trustees felt that it was better to carry out the relatively easier restoration of 80064 first.

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The **Preserve and Protect Fund**, established with the dual aims of providing covered accommodation for the charity's rolling stock, and particularly the Mk1 carriages. The fund will also be used to help with the ongoing maintenance costs of rolling stock. Over £4,456 was raised during the year, and the fund currently holds nearly £56,170. The WSR has worked closely with the WSR plc and other interested parties to agree on a strategic approach to the provision of covered accommodation, which will offer the best facility for the long-term public benefit by maximizing the opportunities to preserve and protect the heritage locomotives and rolling stock. This work has identified a site on WSR land at Norton Fitzwarren. In October 2023 we were delighted to form a partnership with the Engineering Department of Southampton University, with the intention of carrying out a feasibility study of the proposed site and preparing an initial design for a carriage shed and associated facilities.

After extensive work by the students and their supervising professor, and a sub-group of the Trustees, the initial design has now been completed, and work is underway to test its suitability.

The **Rail Renewal Fund** has been established to provide funding for the maintenance and replacement of the permanent way of the West Somerset Railway. Just over £26,670 was raised during the year, and over £31,200 was spent on the purchase of rail, sleepers and ballast.

We also held a total of £50,000 following a successful appeal for funds to assist the restoration work on the track at Tribble Bridge, where £25,000 was donated by the WSR to match funds of £25,000 raised from members and supporters. It had been planned to spend this money on track replacement at the site in the winter of 2023/4., but weather conditions and other issues prevented the work from being completed before the start of the 2024 running season. The WSR plc will carry out this work in winter 24/5.

OTHER PROJECTS

We also supported a number of smaller projects to maintain and enhance the stations, contributing over £8,000 to support volunteer-led projects, such as repainting, and improving the facilities for visitors. We also contributed to the cost of equipment for the volunteer gang which supports the maintenance of the line.

We see supporting volunteers as an important role for us. To do this, we have paid for volunteer training, and made arrangements that the redundant ex WSR-owned coach stored at Blue Anchor, which is unsuitable for restoration as a railway vehicle, will be re-purposed as sleeping accommodation for volunteers.

In order to further our objective to facilitate education in the heritage of the WSR, we developed a community engagement programme. This involved employing two workers, on fixed term contracts, who engaged with local communities, schools and other groups. This promoted educational visits from different groups, varying from primary schools to groups supporting people living with dementia, arranged by, and in some cases subsidised by, the charity.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total group income exceeded expenditure during the year by £140,000 (2023: £20,000). There was an increase in reserves from £2.216m to £2.356m. This large figure is partly the result of legacies received. Trustee policy on significant legacies is to retain them in designated funds for use in major projects and where appropriate to seek approval from executors for the planned expenditure. There is an intention to make use of these legacies as the plans progress, which is expected in 2024/5.

Reserves policy. The Association has sufficient reserves to sustain its current expenditure for at least three months (£99,400). The trustees have developed a plan to spend £776,000 of the reserves on the major projects of the restoration of 4561 and 80064, and on the detailed work needed on the proposed carriage shed.

In the meantime, funds are held securely. Trustees have taken advantage of the rise in interest rates during the year to invest £500,000 in fixed term, interest generating funds.

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERS

Membership numbers currently stand at over 2,500 and are showing a slow decline. The 50-50 Club has again contributed about £9,727 to general funds.

The Association could not function without volunteers. In 2023/4 we had two main areas:

- Administration: nearly 500 hours; and
- Steam Fayre and Vintage Vehicle Rally: at least 2,400 hours for planning, carrying out and dismantling the successful 2023 event.

WSRA STEAM RALLY

The 2023 rally was again successful, with nearly 5,700 people attending over the 2 days, despite there being a severe storm on the first day of the Rally. This event is a major shop window for the whole of the West Somerset Railway and raises significant funds for the Association. Trustees are very grateful to the Rally team, led by Ben Orton, for their work in organizing and delivering this event. Work is underway to plan the 2024 event, which will be affected by significant cost inflation, and the need to invest in some of the infrastructure at Norton Fitzwarren. The rally, which is an outside event, does carry financial risk, and trustees have taken action to minimize the risk, although it cannot be eliminated.

OTHER NEWS

The Association's dining train, the Quantock Belle, is in regular use. Formal hire agreements have been finalised with the WSR plc for the Quantock Belle set and also for our MK1 carriages. These take effect from April 2024 and allow funds to be returned to the charity for maintenance of its heritage assets.

SAFEGUARDING

The trustees considered advice from the Charity Commission on Safeguarding. They do not currently have any children or vulnerable adults as volunteers but are mindful of their responsibilities to all their staff and volunteers. To that end, trustees have written new policies and updated older ones, in line with current advice. The trustees also looked at equality, diversity and inclusion and this is reflected in the policies adopted. The policies are available on the public part of the WSRA website on the "About" page.

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FUTURE PLANS

Throughout the year trustees spent time reviewing progress and planning activity for the future. The thrust of those plans was to work cooperatively with the WSR plc and the other bodies making up the “railway family”, within our charitable objectives, to benefit the heritage railway. The plans underway, and being developed include:

- Planned improvements in the permanent way;
- Restoration work on rolling stock and locomotives;
- Provision of covered accommodation for heritage asset restoration and repair; and
- Highlighting the unique heritage of each station to visitors and promoting the railway as a venue for educational and wellbeing activities.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity and the group for the year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31 March 2024 was 2,523 (2023: 2,658). The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as independent examiners to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 22 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

G J F Garfield

W. Foster

Geoff Garfield - Chair

William Foster - Trustee

Independent examiner's report

To the members of

West Somerset Railway Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of the group comprising West Somerset Railway Association ('the charity') and its subsidiary undertakings, WSRA (Promotions) Limited and WSRA Steam Rally Ltd, for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 35.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated accounts of the group in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and you have chosen to prepare consolidated accounts for the group. You are satisfied that the accounts of both the charity and the group are not required by company law to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the consolidated accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the consolidated accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Godfrey Wilson Limited also provides payroll services to the charity. I confirm that as a member of the ICAEW I am subject to the FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016, which I have applied with respect to this engagement.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity and the group as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act and, with respect to the subsidiaries, as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Independent examiner's report

To the members of

West Somerset Railway Association

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Alison Godfrey

Date: 23 July 2024

Alison Godfrey FCA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Consolidated statement of financial activities *(incorporating an income and expenditure account)*

For the year ended 31 March 2024

				2024	2023
	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	89,239	291,801	381,040	189,318
Other trading activities	4	-	144,713	144,713	182,497
Investments		-	12,019	12,019	3,429
Other income		-	-	-	500
Total income		89,239	448,533	537,772	375,744
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	111,059	111,059	84,972
Charitable activities		103,720	182,981	286,701	269,097
Total expenditure	6	103,720	294,040	397,760	354,069
Net (expenditure) / income and movement in funds	8	(14,481)	154,493	140,012	21,675
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		270,848	1,945,673	2,216,521	2,194,846
Total funds carried forward		256,367	2,100,166	2,356,533	2,216,521

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 20 to the accounts.

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Consolidated balance sheets

As at 31 March 2024

	Note	The group 2024 £	2023 £	The charity 2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	11	485,822	496,930	485,822	496,673
Heritage assets	12	572,711	572,892	572,711	572,892
Investments	13	16,860	14,860	17,060	14,960
		<u>1,075,393</u>	<u>1,084,682</u>	<u>1,075,593</u>	<u>1,084,525</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	16	23,645	47,172	89,104	69,105
Current asset investments		500,000	-	500,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>793,669</u>	<u>1,107,878</u>	<u>721,435</u>	<u>1,084,571</u>
		<u>1,317,314</u>	<u>1,155,050</u>	<u>1,310,539</u>	<u>1,153,676</u>
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	17	<u>36,174</u>	<u>23,211</u>	<u>29,599</u>	<u>21,680</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,281,140</u>	<u>1,131,839</u>	<u>1,280,940</u>	<u>1,131,996</u>
Net assets	19	<u>2,356,533</u>	<u>2,216,521</u>	<u>2,356,533</u>	<u>2,216,521</u>
Funds	20				
Restricted funds		256,367	270,848	256,367	270,848
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds		595,357	25,000	595,357	25,000
General funds		<u>1,504,809</u>	<u>1,920,673</u>	<u>1,504,809</u>	<u>1,920,673</u>
Total funds		<u>2,356,533</u>	<u>2,216,521</u>	<u>2,356,533</u>	<u>2,216,521</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

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The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 22 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by

G J F Garfield

W. Foster

Geoff Garfield - Chair

William Foster - Trustee

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Consolidated statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	140,012	21,675
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation charges	30,492	28,768
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	170	-
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(12,019)	(3,429)
Decrease in debtors	23,527	149,830
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	12,963	(435)
Net cash provided by operating activities	195,145	196,409
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	12,019	3,429
Purchase of shares	(2,000)	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(19,373)	(3,030)
Purchase of heritage assets	-	(792)
Net cash provided used in investing activities	(9,354)	(393)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	185,791	196,016
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,107,878	911,862
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,293,669	1,107,878
Current asset investments	500,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand	793,669	1,107,878
	1,293,669	1,107,878

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

West Somerset Railway Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b) Group accounts

These financial statements consolidate the results of the charitable company and its wholly-owned (controlled) subsidiaries on a line by line basis. Transactions and balances between the charitable company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements. Balances between the three companies are disclosed in the notes of the charitable company's balance sheet. A separate statement of financial activities, or income and expenditure account, for the charitable company itself is not presented because the charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The charity incorporated WSRA Steam Rally Ltd on 22 March 2023, but as there were no transactions during the prior period it was not included in the consolidated accounts. The company results were consolidated in full for the year ended 31 March 2024.

c) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

d) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from donations and grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the gift have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In the case of donations, this is usually on receipt.

Income from membership subscriptions is recognised on receipt. Subscriptions that relate to future periods, such as life memberships and memberships spanning the year end, are not deferred on the grounds that the charity has entitlement to the funds because refunds are not given for unused portions of membership.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

d) Income

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income from the sale of goods or services is recognised when the goods or services are delivered.

Bank interest is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Ticket and stall income received in advance is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

e) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

g) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs of managing and administering the charity as a legal entity. WSRA (Promotions) Ltd did not trade during the year and expenditure was included as support costs. Support and governance costs are allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of direct costs as follows:

	2024	2023
Raising funds	27.6%	23.5%
Charitable activities	72.4%	76.5%

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

h) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Land	Not depreciated
Property	4% straight line
Plant, fixtures and equipment	15% straight line

i) Heritage assets

The charity owns various locomotives and rolling stock which are held and maintained for their historical and cultural value. Such assets are classified as heritage assets within the financial statements. A full description of the heritage assets held is set out in note 13.

Heritage assets are valued at historic cost, or valuation if donated. Heritage assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over 7 years. Locomotives and rolling stock are not depreciated whilst under restoration. The costs of restoring the locomotives and rolling stock are capitalised as heritage asset additions. Due to the extensive repairworks, the trustees have determined expenditure incurred on locomotive 4561 would overstate the value of the asset therefore repairs have been expensed during the year. Heritage assets are periodically reviewed for impairment, with any necessary impairment losses being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

j) Investments

All the charity's investments are in entities related to the charity's activities rather than in general investments to generate income or capital growth. These investments are stated at cost less any impairment as there is no readily available market value.

k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income is measured at fair value.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

m) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charitable company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

o) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

p) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are depreciation as described in note (h) above and the locomotive valuation below:

Locomotive valuation

Locomotives, valued as heritage assets in the accounts, are a key source of uncertainty as there is no readily available market value due to the unique nature of the assets. Significant judgement is also involved in deciding whether restoration costs qualify as capital or revenue expenditure. Further details can be found in accounting policy 1 (i).

2. Prior period comparatives

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	96,180	93,138	189,318
Other trading activities	-	182,497	182,497
Investments	-	3,429	3,429
Other income	-	500	500
Total income	96,180	279,564	375,744
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	84,972	84,972
Charitable activities	90,350	178,747	269,097
Total expenditure	90,350	263,719	354,069
Net income	5,830	15,845	21,675
Transfers between funds	4,180	(4,180)	-
Net movement in funds	10,010	11,665	21,675

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Membership subscriptions	-	46,988	46,988
Donations and gifts	89,239	43,789	133,028
Grant income	-	3,150	3,150
Legacies	-	197,874	197,874
Total donations and legacies	89,239	291,801	381,040

Prior period comparative

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Membership subscriptions	-	51,425	51,425
Donations and gifts	65,180	24,097	89,277
Grant income	31,000	-	31,000
Legacies	-	17,616	17,616
Total donations and legacies	96,180	93,138	189,318

4. Income from other trading activities

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Aggregate sales at Norton Fitzwarren	11,399	3,178
Vintage Rally	114,348	144,446
50/50 club and raffles	10,663	9,246
Other income	8,303	25,627
Total other trading activities	144,713	182,497

All income from other trading activities was unrestricted in the current and prior years.

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5. Government grants

The charitable company did not receive any government grants during the current or prior year.

6. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	-	88,045	88,045
Other staff costs	-	1,831	1,831
Fundraising costs:			
Vintage Rally	81,868	-	81,868
50/50 club, annual draw and raffle	4,942	-	4,942
Other	7,476	-	7,476
Locomotive and coach costs	-	118,067	118,067
Property costs	-	23,702	23,702
Membership and journal costs	-	11,165	11,165
Support and governance costs (note 7)	16,773	43,891	60,664
Total expenditure	111,059	286,701	397,760

Prior year comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	2023 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	-	68,865	68,865
Other staff costs	-	1,308	1,308
Fundraising costs:			
Vintage Rally	58,283	-	58,283
50/50 club, annual draw and raffle	3,727	-	3,727
Other	7,344	-	7,344
Locomotive and coach costs	-	96,653	96,653
Property costs	-	39,962	39,962
Membership and journal costs	-	19,174	19,174
Support and governance costs (note 7)	15,618	43,135	58,753
Total expenditure	84,972	269,097	354,069

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7. Support and governance costs

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	2024 Total £
<i>Support costs:</i>			
Depreciation	8,430	22,062	30,492
Insurance	1,736	4,542	6,278
General office costs	2,941	7,697	10,638
Meetings and mediation	1,131	2,963	4,094
Travel and motor expenses	59	154	213
Equipment hire, repairs and maintenance	274	718	992
Bank charges	230	593	823
<i>Governance costs:</i>			
Legal costs	302	792	1,094
Accountancy and IE	1,670	4,370	6,040
Total support and governance costs	16,773	43,891	60,664

Prior year comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	2023 Total £
<i>Support costs:</i>			
Depreciation	6,823	21,945	28,768
Insurance	1,916	6,244	8,160
General office costs	2,106	6,745	8,851
Meetings and mediation	366	1,193	1,559
Travel and motor expenses	250	816	1,066
Equipment hire, repairs and maintenance	93	302	395
Bank charges	950	2,031	2,981
<i>Governance costs:</i>			
Legal costs	71	191	262
Accountancy and IE	3,043	3,668	6,711
Total support and governance costs	15,618	43,135	58,753

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8. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation	30,492	28,768
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	2,127	1,967
Independent examiners' remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (excl. VAT)	4,400	4,000
▪ Other services	2,850	1,860
	<u>2,850</u>	<u>1,860</u>

During the year four trustees (2023: four) received reimbursed expenses for travel, meeting, subsistence and rally costs.

9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and wages	84,697	67,048
Social security costs	1,568	762
Pension costs	1,780	1,055
	<u>88,045</u>	<u>68,865</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current or prior year.

The key management personnel of the group are listed on page 1 of the accounts. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £74,364 (2023: £68,865).

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Average number of employees (full-time equivalent)	<u>2.6</u>	<u>2.4</u>

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10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes. Available taxable profits in WSRA (Promotions) Ltd and WSRA Steam Rally Ltd are donated to the parent charity under the gift aid scheme.

11. Tangible fixed assets - group

	Land and property £	Plant, fixtures and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	796,522	159,472	955,994
Additions in year	5,639	13,734	19,373
Disposals	-	(581)	(581)
At 31 March 2024	<u>802,161</u>	<u>172,625</u>	<u>974,786</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	305,833	153,231	459,064
Charge for the year	26,520	3,791	30,311
Disposals	-	(411)	(411)
At 31 March 2024	<u>332,353</u>	<u>156,611</u>	<u>488,964</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>469,808</u>	<u>16,014</u>	<u>485,822</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>490,689</u>	<u>6,241</u>	<u>496,930</u>

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11. Tangible fixed assets - charity only

	Land and property £	Plant, fixtures and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	796,522	158,891	955,413
Additions in year	<u>5,639</u>	<u>13,734</u>	<u>19,373</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>802,161</u>	<u>172,625</u>	<u>974,786</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	305,833	152,907	458,740
Charge for the year	<u>26,520</u>	<u>3,704</u>	<u>30,224</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>332,353</u>	<u>156,611</u>	<u>488,964</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>469,808</u>	<u>16,014</u>	<u>485,822</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>490,689</u>	<u>5,984</u>	<u>496,673</u>

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12. Heritage assets - group and charity

	Locomotives (under restoration) £	Coaches and other items £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	<u>638,594</u>	<u>452,260</u>	<u>1,090,854</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>638,594</u>	<u>452,260</u>	<u>1,090,854</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	66,924	451,038	517,962
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>181</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>66,924</u>	<u>451,219</u>	<u>518,143</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>571,670</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>572,711</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>571,670</u>	<u>1,222</u>	<u>572,892</u>

Heritage assets includes the following locomotives and rolling stock:

	Net book value £
Locomotives (under restoration):	
2-6-2T locomotive number 4561	391,670
4-6-0 locomotive number 7821 "Ditcheat Manor"	180,000
Coaches and other items:	
Gunpowder van 5237	360
Other vehicles	<u>681</u>
Total net book value at year end	<u>572,711</u>

The following heritage assets are held by WSRA but are fully depreciated: Mk 1 TSO coaches W4435, W4911, W4956, W4419 and W5024; Mk 1 BCK W21174 (Phoenix); Quantock Belle Mk1 coaches W1804 (Aries), W1909 (Orion), W3108 (Meteor) and Mk 1 BSK W35408 (Jupiter); Observation Saloon W80976W; camping coach 9882; four other vehicles (CCT M94917, PMV 1587, CCT 2823 and WGF 8080).

During the year, £60,678 (2023: £21,184) of restoration costs on locomotive 4561 have been expensed on the grounds that, if capitalised, they would overstate the value of the asset. The locomotive has undergone significant repairs and the trustees consider the carrying value to be reflective of its current condition.

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12. Heritage assets - group and charity (continued) Summary analysis of heritage asset transactions

	2024 £	2023 £	2022 £	2021 £	2020 £
Additions:					
Purchases	-	792	500	-	-
Total additions	-	792	500	-	-
Charges:					
Depreciation	181	70	14,674	37,944	49,841
Total charges	181	70	14,674	37,944	49,841
Disposals:					
Net book value	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from disposals:					
Sale proceeds	-	500	-	500	-

13. Investments

	The group		The charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
WSRA (Promotions) Ltd: 100 x £1 ordinary shares	-	-	100	100
WSRA (Steam Rally) Ltd: 100 x £1 ordinary shares	-	-	100	-
Locomotive 5542 Ltd: 1 x £500 ordinary share	500	500	500	500
Four One Six O Ltd: 14,360 x £1 ordinary shares	14,360	14,360	14,360	14,360
Dinmore Manor : 200 x £10 ordinary shares	2,000	-	2,000	-
Total investments	16,860	14,860	17,060	14,960

WSRA owns 100% of the issued share capital of WSRA (Promotions) Ltd, company number 03312904 registered in England and Wales. Further details are set out in note 14.

WSRA owns 100% of the issued share capital of WSRA Steam Rally Ltd, company number 14750068 registered in England and Wales. Further details are set out in note 14.

WSRA owns 1 £500 ordinary share in Locomotive 5542 Ltd, company number 01605988. This represents 2% of the issued ordinary share capital of the company. The shares are valued at historic cost.

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13. Investments (continued)

WSRA owns 14,360 £1 ordinary shares in Four One Six O Ltd, company number 01563895. This represents 16.6% of the issued ordinary share capital of the company. The shares are valued at historic cost.

WSRA also owns 2,037,370 10p ordinary shares in West Somerset Railway plc, representing 7.96% of the issued share capital. A number of years ago it was decided that these shares have no value and they were fully written down in the accounts. The historic cost of the shares was £184,030.

WSRA owns 200 £10 ordinary share in Dinmore Manor Locomotive Ltd, company number 03041778. This represents 0.3% of the issued ordinary share capital of the company. The shares are valued at historic cost.

14. Subsidiary undertakings

WSRA (Promotions) Ltd

WSRA (Promotions) Ltd is the wholly owned trading subsidiary of WSRA. The trading subsidiary was incorporated on 5 February 1997. The subsidiary has not traded during the year and will be made dormant. A summary of the trading subsidiary's financial statements is set out below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	-	4,135
Cost of sales	-	-
Gross profit	-	4,135
Administrative expenses	(990)	(2,379)
Other income	1,050	-
Profit for the financial year	60	1,756
Changes in equity:		
Retained profit brought forward	-	(849)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1,725
Gift aid donation to parent charity	-	(876)
Retained profit carried forward	-	-

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2024 £	2023 £
Assets	1,233	23,564
Liabilities	(1,133)	(23,464)
Funds	100	100

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14. Subsidiary undertakings (continued)

WSRA Steam Rally Ltd

WSRA Steam Rally Ltd is the wholly owned trading subsidiary of WSRA. The trading subsidiary was incorporated on 22 March 2023. The subsidiary operates the Steam Rally event. A summary of the trading subsidiary's financial statements is set out below:

	2024 £
Turnover	114,347
Cost of sales	<u>(70,884)</u>
Gross profit	43,463
Administrative expenses	(20,017)
Other income	<u>3,150</u>
Profit for the financial year	26,596
Changes in equity:	
Retained profit brought forward	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	26,596
Gift aid donation to parent charity	<u>(26,596)</u>
Retained profit carried forward	<u>-</u>

The subsidiary had an extended accounting period on incorporation from 22 March 2023 to 31 March 2024. There were no transactions between 22 March and 31 March 2023, therefore the subsidiary results were consolidated in the current financial year.

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2024 £
Assets	80,868
Liabilities	<u>(80,868)</u>
Funds	<u>-</u>

15. Parent charity

The parent charity's gross income and the results for the year are disclosed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross income	452,870	372,518
Surplus for the year	<u>140,012</u>	<u>20,811</u>

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16. Debtors

	The group		The charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	3,081	3,103	2,791	3,103
Amounts due from subsidiaries	-	-	75,326	21,933
Other taxation and social security	10,987	8,214	10,987	8,214
Other debtors	9,577	35,855	-	35,855
	<u>23,645</u>	<u>47,172</u>	<u>89,104</u>	<u>69,105</u>

17. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

	The group		The charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	23,791	10,514	23,791	10,514
Accruals	7,150	6,660	4,760	5,160
Deferred income (note 18)	4,094	2,982	-	2,982
Other taxation and social security	1,139	1,251	1,048	1,220
Other creditors	-	1,804	-	1,804
	<u>36,174</u>	<u>23,211</u>	<u>29,599</u>	<u>21,680</u>

18. Deferred income

	The group		The charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2023	2,982	-	2,982	-
Deferred during the year	4,094	2,982	-	2,982
Released during the year	(2,982)	-	(2,982)	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,094</u>	<u>2,982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,982</u>

Deferred income relates to income received in advance for stalls at the annual steam railway rally and for Southern Coast Express tickets to bring people to the rally. The steam railway event was operated from the trading subsidiary, WSRA Steam Rally Ltd, during the year.

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19. Analysis of group net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets		-	485,822	485,822
Heritage assets	-	-	572,711	572,711
Investments	-	-	16,860	16,860
Current assets	269,183	595,357	452,774	1,317,314
Current liabilities	(12,816)	-	(23,358)	(36,174)
Net assets at 31 March 2024	<u>256,367</u>	<u>595,357</u>	<u>1,504,809</u>	<u>2,356,533</u>

Prior period comparative

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	496,930	496,930
Heritage assets	-	-	572,892	572,892
Investments	-	-	14,860	14,860
Current assets	270,848	25,000	859,202	1,155,050
Current liabilities	-	-	(23,211)	(23,211)
Net assets at 31 March 2023	<u>270,848</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>1,920,673</u>	<u>2,216,521</u>

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20. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Locomotive restoration fund	95,280	26,773	(60,768)	-	61,285
Hinkley point community fund	3,742	-	-	-	3,742
Home counties group	666	-	-	-	666
Points machines	784	-	-	(784)	-
Volunteer training	3,268	-	(1,544)	-	1,724
Rail renewal	70,948	26,670	(31,256)	784	67,146
WSRA TV	149	-	-	-	149
DMU repair fund	2,875	-	-	-	2,875
Cutting back fund	30	509	(373)	-	166
Station maintenance fund	30,041	5,955	(8,346)	-	27,650
Carriage preserve and protect	51,910	4,456	(205)	-	56,161
Hawksworth saloon donations	1,796	-	(612)	-	1,184
QB restoration donations	4,831	11,175	-	-	16,006
Railway walks project	4,528	13,701	(616)	-	17,613
Total restricted funds	270,848	89,239	(103,720)	-	256,367
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Rail renewal designated fund	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
David Randles Legacy	-	-	-	400,000	400,000
Richard Marwood Legacy	-	-	(13,900)	151,696	137,796
David Glyn Ormiston Legacy	-	-	-	32,561	32,561
Total designated funds	25,000	-	(13,900)	584,257	595,357
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	1,920,673	448,533	(280,140)	(584,257)	1,504,809
Total unrestricted funds	1,945,673	448,533	(294,040)	-	2,100,166
Total funds	2,216,521	537,772	(397,760)	-	2,356,533

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20. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds

Locomotive restoration fund	The Fund was established to secure the long-term security of locomotives operating on the WSR through the refurbishment of two locomotives owned by the Association, Small Prairie 4561 and Manor Class 7821, Ditcheat Manor. We will, at the 2023 AGM, seek member's authority to broaden the base of this fund such that we can support all WSR locomotives and those in which the WSRA owns a share in the future.
Hinkley point community fund	The Hinkley Point Community Fund, managed by the Somerset Community Foundation, made an initial grant of £95,700 payable over 2 years to the WSRA for a Community Engagement Project. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic proved to be a severe interruption to this project and it was eventually agreed not to progress with the second year of the project. These funds are being held as restricted until an alternative purpose has been agreed with the funder.
Home counties group	Funds from a previous sub-group of the WSRA. Restricted to support assets previously managed by that group.
Points machines	Donated funds to cover the cost of transporting Points Machines to the WSR. Unfortunately, the offer of the points machines was withdrawn and the funds are now held for another suitable S&T project.
Volunteer training	Funds donated to support the training of volunteers, including first aid training.
Rail renewal	This fund has now formally been established to provide funding for the replacement of the permanent way of the West Somerset Railway. The focus of the WSRA remains to principally provide funds for the replacement of heritage bullhead rail laid on wooded sleepers within the station limits of each of the 10 stations along the line. However, we are mindful of the need to ensure the whole 22 miles of the railway are maintained in a good condition to allow for the safe operation of the trains.
Specific donations	Funds donated to support the purchase of equipment for use in the restoration and maintenance of heritage assets on the WSR.
WSRA TV	The TV project funds were donated for WSRA TV, a you tube based communications tool developed during the covid lockdown.
DMU repair fund	The DMU repair fund contains money donated to help repair/maintain the WSR plc's Diesel Multiple Unit train.
Cutting back fund	The cutting back fund contains donations to purchase tools for the volunteer cutting back gang, which helps maintain the railway permanent way.

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20. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Williton welfare fund	The Williton welfare fund contains corporate funds donated for the provision of improved staff welfare facilities at Williton Restorations Ltd, a Company owned by WSR PLC.
Station maintenance fund	The station maintenance fund has corporate donations provided for the maintenance of the WSR stations.
Carriage preserve and protect	Established with the dual aims of providing covered accommodation for the railways rolling stock and, in particular, the heritage items of rolling stock. The fund will also eventually be used to help with the ongoing maintenance costs of rolling stock.
Hawksworth saloon donations	The Hawksworth fund collects donations for the maintenance of these WSRA owned railway carriages.
QB restoration donations	The Quantock Belle fund collects donations for the maintenance of these WSRA owned railway carriages.
Railway walks project	The railway walks project has funds donated for a project to encourage the use of the railway as a basis for healthy walks by local people.

Purposes of designated funds

Rail renewal designated fund	The trustees have designated £25,000 from WSRA funds towards the restoration of the track near Tribble Bridge. The money raised is held in the fund, with an intention to carry out the work in winter 2024/25.
David Randles Legacy	The trustees designated the legacy from David Randles towards restoring locomotive 4561 over the next 3-5 years.
Richard Marwood Legacy	The trustees designated the legacy from Richard Marwood towards a community engagement project in 2023-2024 and the remainder for restoration of locomotive 80064 over the next 2-3 years.
David Glyn Ormiston Legacy	The trustees designated the legacy from David Glyn Ormiston towards restoration of heritage rolling stock.

Transfers between funds

A transfer of £784 was made between the Points Machine restricted fund and the Rail Renewal restricted fund. This was because the original purpose of the funding could not be fulfilled, so the funds were re-purposed to a similar fund. The trustees also created designated funds in respect of legacies received, the purposes for which are set out above.

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20. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Locomotive restoration fund	79,905	36,559	(21,184)	-	95,280
Hinkley point community fund	3,742	-	-	-	3,742
Home counties group	1,341	-	(675)	-	666
Points machines	784	-	-	-	784
Volunteer training	4,576	-	(1,308)	-	3,268
Rail renewal	74,689	37,050	(40,791)	-	70,948
Specific donations	1,167	-	(1,167)	-	-
WSRA TV	149	-	-	-	149
DMU repair fund	3,678	-	(803)	-	2,875
Cutting back fund	66	365	(401)	-	30
Williton welfare fund	10,920	-	(15,100)	4,180	-
Station maintenance fund	30,039	4,836	(4,834)	-	30,041
Carriage preserve and protect	47,076	4,834	-	-	51,910
Hawksworth saloon donations	1,796	-	-	-	1,796
QB restoration donations	910	8,008	(4,087)	-	4,831
Railway walks project	-	4,528	-	-	4,528
Total restricted funds	260,838	96,180	(90,350)	4,180	270,848
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Rail renewal designated fund	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
<i>Total designated funds</i>	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
General funds	1,934,008	279,564	(263,719)	(29,180)	1,920,673
Total unrestricted funds	1,934,008	279,564	(263,719)	(4,180)	1,970,673
Total funds	2,194,846	375,744	(354,069)	-	2,266,521

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21. Related party transactions

West Somerset Railway Association has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, WSRA (Promotions) Limited, a company limited by shares (company no. 03312904). During the year the charity wrote off £1,049 (2023: £nil) of an irrecoverable intercompany bad debt. At 31 March 2024, the trading subsidiary owed £93 (2023: £21,933) to the charity.

West Somerset Railway Association incorporated a wholly owned trading subsidiary, WSRA Steam Rally Limited, a company limited by shares (company no. 14750068). During the year the charity invoiced the trading subsidiary £6,000 (2023: £Nil) for staff, land and equipment hire for the Steam Rally event. WSRA Steam Rally distributed profits of £26,956 (2023: £Nil) to the charity. At 31 March 2024, the trading subsidiary owed £67,603 (2023: £Nil) to the charity.