

SOMERSET AND DORSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1045547

Details

Other names	SOMERSET AND DORSET RAILWAY TRACKBED TRUST, MIDSOMER NORTON STATION PROJECT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03038464
Registered	1995-04-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (1) THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND USE OF ANY SECTION OF THE FORMER SOMERSET & DORSET JOINT RAILWAY CALLED IN THIS DOCUMENT "THE RAILWAY". THIS TO INCLUDE TRACKBED, STATIONS, BRIDGES, VIADUCTS, CULVERTS, CUTTINGS, OUT BUILDINGS, ADJACENT LAND (E.G. WOODLAND) AND ANY RUNNING STOCK THAT THE TRUST MAY BUY, STORE, BORROW, OR LOAN.(2) THE PRESERVATION AND DISPLAY OF HISTORIC ARTEFACTS, RELICS AND DOCUMENTS OF THE RAILWAY OR RAILWAYS IN LINE WITH THE COMPANY'S ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL POLICY.(3) THE CARRYING OUT OF RESEARCH INTO THE HISTORY AND OPERATION OF THE RAILWAY OR RAILWAYS GENERALLY, THE STUDY OF LOCAL HISTORY IN RELATION THERETO AND THE PUBLICATION OR OTHER DISSEMINATION OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH AND STUDY.(4) THE EDUCATION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HISTORY AND OPERATION OF RAILWAYS GENERALLY AND THE RAILWAY IN PARTICULAR.(5) THE PROVISION OF RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, OLD AGE, DISABILITY OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES; AND(6) THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN THE RESTORATION AND OPERATION OF THE RAILWAY OR RAILWAYS IN GENERAL

Activities: Restoration of part of the Somerset & Dorset Railway, based on Midsomer Norton Station, as a working heritage railway and museum.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE THE OLD COUNTIES OF SOMERSET AND DORSET
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£665,804	£588,366	£1,470,234	0
2024-03-31	£126,660	£51,148	-	-
2023-03-31	£105,750	£85,879	-	-
2022-03-31	£114,415	£75,141	-	-
2021-03-31	£106,759	£81,178	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEPHEN LACEY	Chair	2016-09-24
Barrie Papworth		2018-11-25
Brian Litherland		2018-11-25
Christopher Ruddick		2022-09-24
JOHN RONALD BAXTER		
Joseph Cosgrave		2020-09-25
Malcolm Barton		2020-01-01
PHILIP HOWARD JONES		2014-09-27
Roger Burfitt		2018-11-25

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Accounts

Trustees' Report and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage
Trust

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Report
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Trust and S&DJR Company have distinct but over-lapping functions. The Trust is responsible for property, railway assets, funding, heritage, education and publications. The Company oversees railway operations and all commercial activity, with support from the Trust. The Company is owned by the Trust and the Trust endorses recommendations from the Company to add to the working Directors. The Trust leaves all aspects of commercial activity to the Company. There are now different Trustees & Directors on both Boards which represents good governance. Profits made by the Company are gifted to the Trust.

Volunteers, their responsibilities and relationships with the railway

The Trust values all its members whether sedentary or active, but working volunteers are particularly appreciated. The value of volunteer contributions, assuming a £50 per day cost, is constant at around £300K per annum. There is no doubt that volunteers are the lifeblood of any railway and two-way communication is important.

Highlights for April 2024 to March 2025

Whilst the Company reports separately on its achievements, there is reference to some of these below where they relate to the gifted profit to the Trust:

- The Trust's income for the year was £665,804 and expenditure was £77,438.
- General donations have, as with other heritage railways, continued to drop and is a cause for concern but the Trust is currently financially stable through good governance, management and legacies received.
- A substantial legacy, in excess of £1.6 million, was notified from the estate of Fergus Callender. However, this will take around 18 months or more to be fully realised. The Trust's aim is to ensure that these funds are used wisely, pump priming additional income via grants, with most of the income being allocated to the provision of a new engineering and maintenance depot and halt at Tunnel Lane within an estimated 5-year timescale.
- The Trust published its Strategic Plan in October 2024 after considerable consultation with members and this forms the basis of what we intend to do over the next decade.
- Membership stood at 947 as at April 2025 – it was 965 as at April 2024. This represents almost a 2% decrease mainly through deaths and non-renewals. We are actively seeking to recruit younger members to help us take the railway forward for future generations to enjoy.
Volunteers working at Midsomer Norton, on the other hand, have grown slightly and we now have a new Volunteer Co-ordinator in Roy Kethro, who is doing sterling work on volunteer inductions.
- Gift Aid continues to be a significant income source and steps continue to be taken to ensure that all who are eligible for Gift Aid are signed up with the Trust.
- Work on the rehabilitation of the Redan Curve, using funds raised from the sale of a generous model railway collection donated by one of our new volunteers continued apace. The aim here is to make the route more accessible, and for future track laying. Trustees continue to work with Chilcompton Parish Council and Somerset Council as to future shared use.
- The Trust continues to support the S&DJR Company in all the events it was able to organise with Trust volunteers taking on safety critical roles for the Company and providing support staff for all events.
- For much of the year, the DMU was used extensively to ensure that the Company was able to pass across the maximum profits possible to the Trust. The Trust's two diesel shunters, D4095 and D1120 also performed well on operating days.
- The Company hired in a steam locomotive from the Dean Forest Railway in December 2024 which helped them achieve a very successful Santa season.

- Issues relating to *Joyce* and its potential purchase remained unresolved at the end of March – subsequently its owner moved the engine to the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway.
- Work on the 9F continues apace at workshops around the country including members facilities as well as at the in Poole site and at Midsomer Norton.
- Planning permission for the Somervale Sidings was formally approved by the end of the calendar year, and subsequently the pre-commencement of work ecology mitigation requirements have been satisfied such that the project is now underway.
- Trustees have met on several occasions with the newly elected MPs for the area we cover to appraise them of the Strategic Plan and how they can help us to achieve its aims.
- We received numerous railway artefacts and equipment from the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust after their having to vacate their former Washford premises for which we are extremely grateful.

Prospects for 2025-26

- Planning permission to be pursued for the depot and halt at the Chilcompton end of the line.
- Attracting more volunteers in all areas and recruiting new younger and more diverse Trustees, Company Directors and service managers.
- Land transaction to purchase part of the existing trackbed.
- More volunteer input/approval of projected £250K expenditure authorised around the station environs.
- Supporting the Company in planning for the 60th anniversary of the closure of the S&D.
- Increased future co-operation with the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFITS OF THE CHARITY

Under the Charities Act 2006, Trustees must report on their charity's public benefits in their Annual Report, showing the types and nature of the benefits that justify its continued charitable status. Benefit reporting should be proportionate and appropriate to the charity's circumstances. This table shows benefits provided in 2024 -2025.

CHARITY OBJECTS (from Memorandum of Association).

Restoration and use of S&DJR route and running stock.

CORRESPONDING CLASS OF PUBLIC BENEFIT	ACTIVITIES PROVIDING BENEFITS IN 2024-25	PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES
Accessible historic railway for visitors.	Development, repair and expansion of railway and station buildings.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers. Trust Members.
Conservation of cultural history	Restoration of historic locomotives, carriages and wagons.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers. Trust Members.
Environmental conservation	Extension of trackbed in accordance with environmental considerations for wildlife and tree preservation	General public. Visitors.
Preservation and display of S&DJR artefacts and documents.	Dynamic and static museum facilities in three locations on site. Upgrading and variation of internal museum displays.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers.
Research into the S&DJR and associated local history.	Research facility. Educational resource. Responding to queries on the S&DJR.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Public education about the S&DJR.	Continuing publication of the	Visitors.

	"Telegraph" magazine and "Between The Lines" newsletter. Escorted group visits for schools, railway societies and general public. S&D orientated film shows at other society locations.	Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Provision of recreational facilities.	Extension of permissive lineside path. Improved access for disabled visitors. Management of ecological spaces. Photographic/filming events.	General public. Walkers. Visitors. Photographers. Film Makers.
Provision of educational and training facilities to those restoring the S&D	Training for safety-critical roles on railway operations and general 'mutual improvement' classes. Personal track safety. Hygiene, first aid and museum accreditation related courses	Railway volunteers

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number: 1045547 First established in 1995.

Company Registered Number: 3038464 (Company limited by guarantee)

VAT Registration Number: 940 7713 22

Registered office:

Midsomer Norton South Station, Silver Street. Midsomer Norton. Nr Bath
Somerset BA3 2EY

Trustees:

Malcolm Barton - Finance Director

John Baxter - Company Secretary

Keith Bottomley

Roger Burfitt - Vice Chairman

Joseph Cosgrave - Agenda & Minutes Secretary

Philip Howard Jones

Stephen Lacey – Chairman – Stephen resigned as Chairman and Trustee on 2/4/2025

Barrie Papworth – Chief Mechanical Engineer

There is one vacancy.

Subsequent to Stephen's resignation, Roger Burfitt took on the role of Acting Chairman and Keith Bottomley the role of Acting Vice-Chairman.

Independent examiner:

David R Johnson & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants

110A Cher, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5EW

Bankers:

HSBC, 41 Southgate Street, Bath, Somerset, BA1 1TH

Legal Advisers

Thatcher & Hallam, Island House, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2HJ

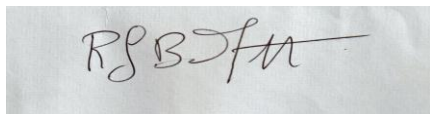
Insurance Brokers:

We insure through Aviva which is a recognised insurer for a number of heritage railways through:

Ernest R Shaw Ltd. Heritage Rail Unit 9, Caroline Point, 62 Caroline Street

Birmingham B3 1UF

Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature appears to be 'RJB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Roger Burfitt – Acting Chairman
July 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage
Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's 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.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; 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)).

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.

David Robert Johnson FCCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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July 2025

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	612,867	39,021	651,888	122,294
Investment income	3	<u>13,916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,916</u>	<u>4,366</u>
Total		<u>626,783</u>	<u>39,021</u>	<u>665,804</u>	<u>126,660</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	<u>67,071</u>	<u>10,367</u>	<u>77,438</u>	<u>75,512</u>
 NET INCOME		 559,712	 28,654	 588,366	 51,148
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>684,714</u>	<u>197,154</u>	<u>881,868</u>	<u>830,720</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u><u>1,244,426</u></u>	 <u><u>225,808</u></u>	 <u><u>1,470,234</u></u>	 <u><u>881,868</u></u>

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

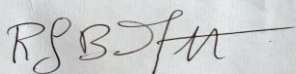
Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	538,391	115,761	654,152	631,346
Heritage assets	10	34,718	96,980	131,698	138,647
Investments	11	<u>154,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,957</u>	<u>142,406</u>
		728,066	212,741	940,807	912,399
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	11,352	2	11,354	6,438
Cash at bank		<u>606,343</u>	<u>13,065</u>	<u>619,408</u>	<u>96,481</u>
		617,695	13,067	630,762	102,919
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(36,335)	-	(36,335)	(35,950)
		<u>581,360</u>	<u>13,067</u>	<u>594,427</u>	<u>66,969</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>581,360</u>	<u>13,067</u>	<u>594,427</u>	<u>66,969</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,309,426	225,808	1,535,234	979,368
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(65,000)	-	(65,000)	(97,500)
		<u>1,244,426</u>	<u>225,808</u>	<u>1,470,234</u>	<u>881,868</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>1,244,426</u>	<u>225,808</u>	<u>1,470,234</u>	<u>881,868</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				1,244,426	684,714
Restricted funds				<u>225,808</u>	<u>197,154</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,470,234</u>	<u>881,868</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:



Roger Burfitt, Acting Chair, July 2025

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a going concern basis which they consider appropriate, having taken into consideration the uncertainty of the future trading activities of the Trust over the next twelve months caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Rolling stock	- 5% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance
Buildings and grounds etc	- 2% on reducing balance

Heritage assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Plant and machinery etc.	- 5% and 10% on reducing balance
Locomotive 9F number 92207	- not provided

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Fund accounting**

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

At a meeting of the trustees on 28th May 2017 it was agreed that the balances on various long outstanding restricted funds be released to finance current expenditure plans.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	49,970	81,539
Covenant from Company	24,784	11,117
Legacies	550,000	-
HMRC Gift Aid	8,390	14,615
Membership fees	12,695	12,097
Use of facilities	2,630	2,926
Miscellaneous income	72	-
Loco hire	1,080	-
Insurance claims	2,267	-
	<u>651,888</u>	<u>122,294</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other grants	<u>8,390</u>	<u>14,615</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Surplus on realisation of investments	12,551	3,098
Bank interest	<u>1,365</u>	<u>1,268</u>
	<u>13,916</u>	<u>4,366</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**4. RAISING FUNDS****Raising donations and legacies**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Carriage and wagon	5,715	4,176
Locomotives	1,682	6,855
Signals and telegraph	280	1,564
Buildings and grounds	11,064	6,016
Trackwork	3,350	-
Heat, light and power	5,692	5,221
Water	916	740
Postage and telephone	1,671	1,659
Administration	3,344	3,785
Insurance	8,651	8,593
Membership costs	2,983	8,403
Health and safety	1,935	918
Legal and professional charges	7,148	3,950
Rent	1,151	1,026
Bank charges	188	274
Heritage	323	424
Depreciation	<u>21,345</u>	<u>21,908</u>
	<u>77,438</u>	<u>75,512</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>14,396</u>	<u>14,591</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**7. STAFF COSTS**

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Trustees	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	92,564	29,730	122,294
Investment income	<u>4,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,366</u>
Total	<u>96,930</u>	<u>29,730</u>	<u>126,660</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	<u>63,412</u>	<u>12,100</u>	<u>75,512</u>
 NET INCOME	33,518	17,630	51,148
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>651,196</u>	<u>179,524</u>	<u>830,720</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>684,714</u>	<u>197,154</u>	<u>881,868</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Rolling stock £	Fixtures and fittings £	Buildings and grounds etc £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	433,141	11,684	278,049	722,874
Additions	<u>17,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,542</u>	<u>37,202</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>450,801</u>	<u>11,684</u>	<u>297,591</u>	<u>760,076</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	74,190	4,955	12,383	91,528
Charge for year	<u>8,266</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>5,704</u>	<u>14,396</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>82,456</u>	<u>5,381</u>	<u>18,087</u>	<u>105,924</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>368,345</u>	<u>6,303</u>	<u>279,504</u>	<u>654,152</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>358,951</u>	<u>6,729</u>	<u>265,666</u>	<u>631,346</u>

10. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Total £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>202,953</u>
PROVISIONS	
At 1 April 2024	64,306
Charge for year	<u>6,949</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>71,255</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>131,698</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>138,647</u>

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 April 2024	1,000	169,355	170,355
Revaluations	<u>-</u>	<u>12,551</u>	<u>12,551</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,000</u>	<u>181,906</u>	<u>182,906</u>
PROVISIONS			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>27,949</u>	<u>27,949</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,000</u>	<u>153,957</u>	<u>154,957</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,000</u>	<u>141,406</u>	<u>142,406</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2025 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
Valuation in 2024	-	181,906	181,906
Valuation in 2024	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>181,906</u>	<u>182,906</u>

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Somerset and Dorset Railway Company Limited

Registered office: Within the United Kingdom

Nature of business: Operating trains and running ancillary trading

Class of share: %
holding
Ordinary "A" shares of £1 each 100

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	-	50,150

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	5,854	2,955
Other debtors	<u>5,500</u>	<u>3,483</u>
	<u>11,354</u>	<u>6,438</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other creditors	32,500	32,500
Accrued expenses	<u>3,835</u>	<u>3,450</u>
	<u>36,335</u>	<u>35,950</u>

The Other Creditors balance of £32500 relates to part of an unsecured loan from 92207 Railway Company Limited due on 1st October 2025 following the purchase of the 9F locomotive number 92207 on 1st October 2022 in the sum of £150000.

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The balance of £65000 relates to part of an unsecured loan from 92207 Railway Company Limited payable by instalments of £32500 on 1st October 2025, and 1st October 2026 following the purchase of the 9F locomotive number 92207 on 1st October 2022 in the sum of £150000.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	684,714	559,712	1,244,426
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,852	-	4,852
Museum Fund	1,147	(108)	1,039
Track and Land Fund	102,084	(4,984)	97,100
Diesel Fund	6,392	(320)	6,072
Building Fund	(32)	(355)	(387)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	18,544	(793)	17,751
TCL Coach	2,509	(119)	2,390
Toilets	824	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	2,700	(135)	2,565
SK Purchase Fund	14,533	(1,415)	13,118
Land purchase Fund	6,817	16,958	23,775
Truck Fund	3,156	(845)	2,311
CSK Coach Appeal	5,991	(298)	5,693
9F Locomotive Fund	<u>27,637</u>	<u>21,068</u>	<u>48,705</u>
	<u>197,154</u>	<u>28,654</u>	<u>225,808</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>881,868</u>	<u>588,366</u>	<u>1,470,234</u>

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	626,783	(67,071)	559,712
Restricted funds			
Museum Fund	215	(323)	(108)
Track and Land Fund	120	(5,104)	(4,984)
Diesel Fund	-	(320)	(320)
Building Fund	-	(355)	(355)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	60	(853)	(793)
TCL Coach	-	(119)	(119)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(135)	(135)
SK Purchase Fund	-	(1,415)	(1,415)
Land purchase Fund	16,958	-	16,958
Truck Fund	600	(1,445)	(845)
CSK Coach Appeal	-	(298)	(298)
9F Locomotive Fund	<u>21,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,068</u>
	<u>39,021</u>	<u>(10,367)</u>	<u>28,654</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>665,804</u>	<u>(77,438)</u>	<u>588,366</u>

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	651,196	33,518	684,714
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,882	(30)	4,852
Museum Fund	1,306	(159)	1,147
Track and Land Fund	107,322	(5,238)	102,084
Diesel Fund	6,728	(336)	6,392
Building Fund	(16)	(16)	(32)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	21,124	(2,580)	18,544
TCL Coach	2,634	(125)	2,509
Toilets	824	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	2,842	(142)	2,700
SK Purchase Fund	14,533	-	14,533
Land purchase Fund	-	6,817	6,817
Truck Fund	5,531	(2,375)	3,156
CSK Coach Appeal	6,305	(314)	5,991
9F Locomotive Fund	5,509	22,128	27,637
	<u>179,524</u>	<u>17,630</u>	<u>197,154</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>830,720</u>	<u>51,148</u>	<u>881,868</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	96,930	(63,412)	33,518
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(30)	(30)
Museum Fund	265	(424)	(159)
Track and Land Fund	135	(5,373)	(5,238)
Diesel Fund	-	(336)	(336)
Building Fund	-	(16)	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	60	(2,640)	(2,580)
TCL Coach	-	(125)	(125)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(142)	(142)
Land purchase Fund	6,817	-	6,817
Truck Fund	325	(2,700)	(2,375)
CSK Coach Appeal	-	(314)	(314)
9F Locomotive Fund	22,128	-	22,128
	<u>29,730</u>	<u>(12,100)</u>	<u>17,630</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,660</u>	<u>(75,512)</u>	<u>51,148</u>

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued**
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	651,196	593,230	1,244,426
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,882	(30)	4,852
Museum Fund	1,306	(267)	1,039
Track and Land Fund	107,322	(10,222)	97,100
Diesel Fund	6,728	(656)	6,072
Building Fund	(16)	(371)	(387)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	21,124	(3,373)	17,751
TCL Coach	2,634	(244)	2,390
Toilets	824	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	2,842	(277)	2,565
SK Purchase Fund	14,533	(1,415)	13,118
Land purchase Fund	-	23,775	23,775
Truck Fund	5,531	(3,220)	2,311
CSK Coach Appeal	6,305	(612)	5,693
9F Locomotive Fund	5,509	43,196	48,705
	<u>179,524</u>	<u>46,284</u>	<u>225,808</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>830,720</u>	<u>639,514</u>	<u>1,470,234</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	723,713	(130,483)	593,230
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(30)	(30)
Museum Fund	480	(747)	(267)
Track and Land Fund	255	(10,477)	(10,222)
Diesel Fund	-	(656)	(656)
Building Fund	-	(371)	(371)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	120	(3,493)	(3,373)
TCL Coach	-	(244)	(244)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(277)	(277)
SK Purchase Fund	-	(1,415)	(1,415)
Land purchase Fund	23,775	-	23,775
Truck Fund	925	(4,145)	(3,220)
CSK Coach Appeal	-	(612)	(612)
9F Locomotive Fund	<u>43,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,196</u>
	<u>68,751</u>	<u>(22,467)</u>	<u>46,284</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>792,464</u></u>	<u><u>(152,950)</u></u>	<u><u>639,514</u></u>

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

In January 2019 the Board agreed to purchase land at a cost of £3000, plus all legal charges, from the estate of Clarice Wells deceased once Probate has been executed. This is being progressed in the current financial year via a land swop with an area purchased as part of the Redan Curve purchase.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Trustees have yet to draw down the residual balance in respect of a substantial legacy from the estate of Peter Sainsbury deceased. This is being progressed and should be resolved in this financial year. During the year the Trustees received £550,000 in respect of a legacy being part of the residual estate of Fergus Callender, deceased. The balance of the residual estate due to the Trust is estimated to realise a further approximated £550,000.

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	49,970	81,539
Covenant from Company	24,784	11,117
Legacies	550,000	-
HMRC Gift Aid	8,390	14,615
Membership fees	12,695	12,097
Use of facilities	2,630	2,926
Miscellaneous income	72	-
Loco hire	1,080	-
Insurance claims	2,267	-
	<u>651,888</u>	<u>122,294</u>
Investment income		
Surplus on realisation of investments	12,551	3,098
Bank interest	1,365	1,268
	<u>13,916</u>	<u>4,366</u>
Total incoming resources	665,804	126,660
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Carriage and wagon	5,715	4,176
Locomotives	1,682	6,855
Signals and telegraph	280	1,564
Buildings and grounds	11,064	6,016
Trackwork	3,350	-
Heat, light and power	5,692	5,221
Water	916	740
Postage and telephone	1,671	1,659
Administration	3,344	3,785
Insurance	8,651	8,593
Membership costs	2,983	8,403
Health and safety	1,935	918
Legal and professional charges	7,148	3,950
Rent	1,151	1,026
Bank charges	188	274
Heritage	323	424
Depreciation	21,345	21,908
	<u>77,438</u>	<u>75,512</u>
Total resources expended	77,438	75,512
Net income	<u>588,366</u>	<u>51,148</u>

SOMERSET AND DORSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1045547

Accounts

Trustees' Report and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
for
Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Trust and S&DJR Company have distinct but over-lapping functions. The Trust is responsible for property, railway assets, funding, heritage, education and publications. The Company oversees railway operations and all commercial activity, with support from the Trust. The Company is owned by the Trust and the Trust endorses recommendations from the Company to add to the working Directors. The Trust leaves all aspects of commercial activity to the Company. There are now different Trustees & Directors on both Boards which represents good governance. Profits made by the Company are gifted to the Trust.

Volunteers, their responsibilities and relationships with the railway

The Trust values all its members whether sedentary or active, but working volunteers are particularly appreciated. The value of volunteer contributions, assuming a £50 per day cost, is constant at around £300K per annum. There is no doubt that volunteers are the lifeblood of any railway and two way communication is important.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievement & Performance

Overview of the year and project development

Highlights for 2023 to 2024

Whilst the Company reports separately on its achievements, there is reference to some of these below where they relate to the gifted profit to the Trust:

- The Trust's income for the year was £126660 and expenditure was £75512.
- General donations have, as with other heritage railways, dropped considerably but the Trust is currently financially stable through good governance and management.
- Membership stood at 965 as at April 2024 down from 1093 in April 2023. This represents a 12% decrease through deaths and non-renewals.
- Gift Aid continues to be a significant income source.
- The Trust purchased a significant section of the trackbed from the southern side of Chilcompton Tunnels to the Redan Bridge using part of the Sainsbury legacy and is working closely with Chilcompton Parish Council on its rehabilitation and fencing.
- The Trust continued to support the S&DJR Company in all the events it was able to organise with Trust volunteers taking on safety critical roles for the Company and providing support staff for all events.
- For much of the year, there was no steam engine available the Company, but the DMU came into its own to ensure that the Company was able to pass across the maximum profits possible to the Trust.
- The return to the area of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust's Kilmersdon for the Santa Specials was successful, despite its high hire and operating costs in comparison to other similar size locomotives.
- Joyce was out of action for the whole period with its superheater problems which are still currently being resolved.
- Work on the 9F continues at the workshop in Poole and on site at Midsomer Norton where possible.
- Funding for the 9F restoration is by totally separate income streams and separate bank account to the day to day running of the Trust and does not affect core Trust activities and priorities.
- Gaining planning permission for the Somervale Sidings is proving to be very difficult with lengthy delays due to workloads within B&NES planning and ecological departments.
- Prices across building suppliers have continued to rise above inflation and are not expected to fall again. This has serious implications for the heritage sector.
- Bill Trite's SR 12ton Box Van has now been fully restored on his behalf at his expense.

Prospects for 2024-25

- Planning permission achieved for Somervale Sidings.
- Seeking planning permission for a halt at the Chilcompton end of the line.
- Attracting more volunteers in all areas and recruiting new younger and more diverse Trustees, Company Directors and service managers.
- Ensuring that all members who are eligible for Gift Aid have signed the necessary documentation to enable us to enhance every donation by 25% as this provides a very important income stream. Many more members will pay income tax this year but they can help the Trust if they do.

Site developments

The planning application to install two storage sidings on our Somervale land was achieved in 2024-2025.

We are seeking planning permission for a halt at the Chilcompton end of the line.

Railway and commercial operations

The Trust continued to support the S&DJR Company in all the events it was able to organise with Trust volunteers taking on safety critical roles for the Company and providing support staff for all events.

Membership

Total membership in March 2024 stood at 965 - down from 1095 in March 2023.

Heritage

The museum opens regularly with a select band of willing helpers.

Buildings

In accordance with the terms of our lease arrangements, the building stock owned by B&NES has been kept safely maintained. Many other important repairs were undertaken last year and will continue in 2024 and into 2025.

Press and Publicity

The website has been instrumental in keeping the public informed of events and appeals. Full use of social media such as Facebook and Instagram is increasingly being made to publicise appeals and events and changes to timetables that were unforeseen. We have many followers on Facebook. Donations via the website is a valuable income source. For the Company the Digi Tickets system is a great success.

Safety considerations

Safety remains paramount in relation to the site overall, the running lines and train provision. The Trust carries out an annual inspection of the facilities to address all safety issues and creates the necessary budget allocations to cover urgent or ongoing needs. In line with the recommendation of the Heritage Railway Association Operating & Safety committee the Trust considers the most recent safety issues and any reported incidents as its first Agenda Item.

Governance

Trustees meet every month to discuss policy and other matters. The Chairman, Secretary and Finance Director are appointed at the first meeting after the AGM. Sub committees of the Trust are created where necessary, but any spending decisions of those sub committees, unless specifically delegated will be ratified by a majority of Trustees. Where a meeting is not imminent, such decisions will be taken by email, but these are now ratified at the next available meeting. At present all meetings are via Microsoft Teams, Company minutes are a regular agenda item for Trust meetings and vice versa. Joint meetings of the Company Directors and Trustees are held as and when necessary. Conference calls on specific areas are also held where necessary.

Both Trust and Company have embraced the Heritage Railway Association. Office of Road & Rail Risk Management Maturity Module (known as RM3) to help them assess 10 areas essential for the running of a heritage railway including Governance, Competence and Risk Assessment. RM3 is a self-assessment tool designed to increase safety on all heritage railways and instil a culture of continuous improvement. It is due to have a review of its governance procedures by an independent assessor from another heritage railway and will act upon the recommendations accordingly.

The Trust sets an annual income and expenditure budget. It will alter this where circumstances change (e.g. reducing expenditure if income is expected to be lower than expected). Budget holders can spend up to the limit of their budget but must take cognisance of Trust cash flow in consultation with the Finance Director - expenditure is expected to be spread across the whole of the financial year.

Where a newly proposed item of expenditure arises, the budget holder must complete a budget justification form which sets out where the income to cover the expenditure will be found. The Trust holds a special interest bearing legacy account and has the power to invest such income as it sees fit using independent financial advice.

The Trust maintains a minimum of two signatories to pay invoices and sign any legal documents that may have a subsequent financial commitment and two signatories are needed to change any aspects of the Trust's accounting procedures or the primary user. Trustees are not obliged to accept the lowest quotation, or to seek a minimum of three quotations for every contractual obligation they enter. Whilst this would be the ideal, Trustees have the right to consider other aspects than simple financial costs. All decisions will be minuted for audit purposes. In all financial aspects, the Trust follows, where applicable, Charity Commission's guidelines for financial propriety.

Formal links to our local schools

The Trust has special formal links to our local schools. Norton Hill Academy has since our inception provided us with parking facilities at weekends when their facilities are not required by the school for which we are extremely grateful. We also have strong links to Fosseyway special school and with the Norton Hill Primary school.

Liaison with Midsomer Norton Town Council, Radstock Town Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council, and Mendip Council

2023-24 saw us continuing to enhance the links with our local councils and although funding available through them has been reduced drastically over the last ten years, it is important to continue the links as these will be essential as we look to expand our operations on the existing single and double track sections and then north and south.

Liaison with other Somerset & Dorset organisations

The Trust continues to maintain links with the various organisations either on the S&D or associated with it.

Liaison with the Heritage Railway Association

The Trust is a member of the HRA which produces regular guidance notes on all aspects of railway operations, the work and requirements of trustees and company directors. John Baxter is the HRA's Secretary to their Operating and Safety Committee and provides regular updates on aspects of HRA operations. In addition, a number of local heritage railways both standard and narrow gauge, covering Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire meet occasionally to discuss matters of mutual concern.

The wider Community

The ambitions of the Trust acknowledge the heritage value of the Somerset and Dorset Railway line and the heritage value of Midsomer Norton Station. The Trust has an increasing understanding of the opportunity it has to bring social, economic, health, well-being and environmental benefits to the community of Midsomer Norton and its hinterland. With the expansion of reopened sections of line, there is also the potential to improve the economic fortunes and the social, health and environmental prosperity of neighbouring communities and to connect these communities with all the recognised benefits that result from this.

Publications

The S&D Telegraph has been issued on a regular basis throughout the year.

Communications with members

Apart from social media and our website we continue to use the secure system called Mail Chimp to contact individual Trust members regarding appeals. Clearly, we can only use this to contact those members who have provided a valid email address. As time goes on, we will use this to remind members relating to the renewal of their annual membership. We still have several members who do not have an email address or, if they do, have not contacted us about this - they will continue to receive paper copies of communications. If you wish us to switch over to using an email address please let the Trust Secretary or Membership Secretary know (address details are in every Telegraph).

Financial Review [Summary]

Financial results for 2023-2024 were on budget with outgoings of £75512 against income of £126660 Major routine spending was again on membership (including the Telegraph), insurance and utilities. Main routine income sources were the transferred surplus from the Company, membership fees, legacies and donations. We continue to ensure that our regular expenditure items are met from regular income as opposed to reliance on legacies. These are normally assigned to specific projects after consultation with the family of the donor.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFITS OF THE CHARITY

Under the Charities Act 2006, Trustees must report on their charity's public benefits in their Annual Report, showing the types and nature of the benefits that justify its continued charitable status. Benefit reporting should be proportionate and appropriate to the charity's circumstances. This table shows benefits provided in 2023 -2024.

CHARITY OBJECTS (from Memorandum of Association).

Restoration and use of S&DJR route and running stock.

CORRESPONDING CLASS OF PUBLIC BENEFIT	ACTIVITIES PROVIDING BENEFITS IN 2023-24	PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES
Accessible historic railway for visitors.	Development, repair and expansion of railway and station buildings.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers. Trust Members.
Conservation of cultural history	Restoration of historic locomotives, carriages and wagons.	General public. Visitors.Volunteers. Trust Members.
Associated environmentalconservation	Extension of trackbed in accordance with environmental considerationsfor wildlife and tree preservation	General public.Visitors.
Preservation and display of S&DJR artefacts and documents.	Dynamic and static museum facilities in three locations on site.Upgrading and variation of internal museum displays.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers.
Research into the S&DJR andassociated local history.	Research facility. Educational resource.Responding to queries on the S&DJR.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Public education about the S&DJR.	Continuing publication of the"Telegraph" magazine and"Between The Lines"newsletter. Escorted group visits for schools, railway societies and general public. S&D orientated film shows at other society locations.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Provision of recreational facilities.	Extension of permissive lineside path. Improved access for disabled visitors. Management of ecological spaces.Photographic/filming events.	General public. Walkers. Visitors. Photographers. Film Makers.
Provision of educational and training facilities to those restoring the S&DJR.	Training for safety-critical roles on railway operations and general 'mutual improvement' classes. Personal track safety. Hygiene, first aid and museum accreditation related courses..	Railway volunteers.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The Trust is managed by a board of up to nine Trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees have power to co-opt to fill a vacancy that occurs during the year with that newly co-opted Trustee having full voting rights and serving until the next AGM when he or she would need to stand for election for the remainder of the term of the vacancy. Membership of the Trust is by subscription under various categories.

The Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway Company is a share-limited company and subsidiary of the Trust. It is controlled on behalf of Trust members through the Trustees' majority voting rights and their right to appoint all Directors except for one appointed by the ordinary shareholders. The Company and thus the Trust own the rights to the production of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Company crest but allows those organisations with a direct S&D link to use this free of charge.

The Trustees set the overall policy and budget giving consideration to proposals put forward by the Company. The Trust holds assets such as property, rolling stock and infrastructure.

The Company is responsible for the commercial operation of the Trust's assets including railway operations and the hiring in of visiting locomotives and coal purchased for their operation, catering and the retail outlets. All profits are gifted back to the Trust, normally at the end of the financial year that runs to the 31st March. Work on the Trust's assets is financed by the Trust and can be carried out using either outside contractors or volunteers according to the skill of the latter.

The Trust is responsible for membership, the Telegraph magazine, the museum and education of the public in the S & D heritage. It is also responsible for the purchase or lease of land, obtaining planning permissions, appointing consultants as deemed necessary, the purchase of locomotives and rolling stock, on-site security, insurance and fundraising.

Changes to Trustees

Brian Litherland and Chris Ruddick resigned in April 2023. Keith Bottomley was appointed in October 2023.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Recruitment of sufficient competent Trustees is recognised as an ongoing issue for small charities. The Trust issues guidance that allows prospective Trustees to consider their own suitability for the role before applying as candidates.

Trustees are expected to act in a collaborative manner whilst a member of the Trust Board and associated sub committees from time to time appointed, applying and accepting collective, democratic decision making. They are not expected to be a Trustee simply for their own ends or for that part of the railway operation with which they are primarily associated.

Relationship between the Charity and Related Parties

There are no relationships between the Trust and related parties that fall within the requirements for disclosure under the Charity Commission's SORP requirements.

The Trust is a member of the Heritage Railway Association and the Bristol Area Railway Heritage Group (BARHG) which comprises of a number of heritage railways based in Somerset, Wiltshire, Bristol, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, Gloucestershire and South Wales. They meet on a four monthly basis to discuss matters of mutual concern and benefit. The Trust has periodically met informally with The Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust, The North Dorset Railway Trust (based at Shillingstone on the S&D), The New Somerset & Dorset Railway (which promotes full restoration of the S&D), the Gartell Railway and those volunteers restoring Spetisbury and Midford Stations.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number: 1045547 First established in 1995.

Company Registered Number: 3038464 (Company limited by guarantee)

VAT Registration Number: 940 7713 22

Registered office:

Midsomer Norton South Station
Silver Street
Midsomer Norton
Nr Bath
Somerset
BA3 2EY

Trustees:

Malcolm Barton - Finance Director
John Ronald Baxter - Company Secretary
Keith Bottomley
Roger Burfitt - Vice Chairman
Joseph Cosgrave - Agenda & Minutes Secretary
Philip Howard Jones
Stephen Lacey - Chairman
Barrie Papworth – Chief Mechanical Engineer

Brian Litherland resigned in April 2023

Chris Ruddick was appointed in September 2022 in place of Terry Rodgers but resigned in April 2023.

Keith Bottomley was appointed in October 2023.

There is one vacancy.

Independent examiner:

David R Johnson & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
110A Cher
Minehead
Somerset
TA24 5EW

Bankers:

HSBC
41 Southgate Street
Bath
Somerset
BA1 1TH

Legal Advisers (note that the Trust has also used other legal advisers where their expertise is associated with railway issues) and where there may be a conflict of interest where Thatcher & Hallam are acting on behalf of the other party.

Thatcher & Hallam
Island House
Midsomer Norton
BA3 2HJ

Insurance Brokers:

We insure through Aviva which is a recognised insurer for a number of heritage railways through:

Ernest R Shaw Ltd
Heritage Rail Unit 9
Caroline Point
62 Caroline Street
Birmingham B3 1UF

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on ... July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr S Lacey - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; 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)).

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.

David Robert Johnson
David R Johnson & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
110A Cher
Minehead
Somerset
TA24 5EW

Date: July 2024

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		92,564	29,730	122,294	105,374
Other trading activities	2	-	-	-	34
Investment income	3	<u>4,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,366</u>	<u>342</u>
Total		<u>96,930</u>	<u>29,730</u>	<u>126,660</u>	<u>105,750</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		<u>63,412</u>	<u>12,100</u>	<u>75,512</u>	<u>85,879</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,812)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		33,518	17,630	51,148	(5,941)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>651,196</u>	<u>179,524</u>	<u>830,720</u>	<u>836,661</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>684,714</u></u>	<u><u>197,154</u></u>	<u><u>881,868</u></u>	<u><u>830,720</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	546,738	84,608	631,346	439,640
Heritage assets	9	36,563	102,084	138,647	135,571
Investments	10	<u>142,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,406</u>	<u>288,954</u>
		725,707	186,692	912,399	864,165
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	-	-	-	2,823
Debtors	12	6,438	-	6,438	8,113
Cash at bank		<u>86,020</u>	<u>10,461</u>	<u>96,481</u>	<u>89,714</u>
		92,458	10,461	102,919	100,650
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(35,951)	1	(35,950)	(36,595)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>56,507</u>	<u>10,462</u>	<u>66,969</u>	<u>64,055</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		782,214	197,154	979,368	928,220
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(97,500)	-	(97,500)	(97,500)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>684,714</u>	<u>197,154</u>	<u>881,868</u>	<u>830,720</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	15			684,714	651,196
Restricted funds				<u>197,154</u>	<u>179,524</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>881,868</u>	<u>830,720</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ... July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr S Lacey - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a going concern basis which they consider appropriate, having taken into consideration the uncertainty of the future trading activities of the Trust over the next twelve months caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Rolling stock	- 5% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance
Buildings and grounds etc	- 2% on reducing balance

Heritage assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Plant and machinery etc.	- 5% and 10% on reducing balance
Locomotive 9F number 92207	- not provided

Stocks

Stock of fuel has been valued at cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

At a meeting of the trustees on 28th May 2017 it was agreed that the balances on various long outstanding restricted funds be released to finance current expenditure plans.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
HMRC interest	<u>-</u>	<u>34</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Surplus on realisation of investments	3,098	-
Bank interest	<u>1,268</u>	<u>342</u>
	<u>4,366</u>	<u>342</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>14,591</u>	<u>11,781</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Trustees	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	94,296	11,078	105,374
Other trading activities	34	-	34
Investment income	<u>342</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>342</u>
Total	<u>94,672</u>	<u>11,078</u>	<u>105,750</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	<u>76,778</u>	<u>9,101</u>	<u>85,879</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(25,812)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,812)</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	 (7,918)	 1,977	 (5,941)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>659,114</u>	<u>177,547</u>	<u>836,661</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	 <u>651,196</u>	 <u>179,524</u>	 <u>830,720</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Rolling stock £	Fixtures and fittings £	Buildings and grounds etc £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023	391,934	9,782	114,861	516,577
Additions	<u>41,207</u>	<u>1,902</u>	<u>163,188</u>	<u>206,297</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>433,141</u>	<u>11,684</u>	<u>278,049</u>	<u>722,874</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	65,479	4,497	6,961	76,937
Charge for year	<u>8,711</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>5,422</u>	<u>14,591</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>74,190</u>	<u>4,955</u>	<u>12,383</u>	<u>91,528</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	<u>358,951</u>	<u>6,729</u>	<u>265,666</u>	<u>631,346</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>326,455</u>	<u>5,285</u>	<u>107,900</u>	<u>439,640</u>

9. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Total £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2023	192,560
Additions	<u>10,393</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>202,953</u>
PROVISIONS	
At 1 April 2023	56,989
Charge for year	<u>7,317</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>64,306</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>138,647</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>135,571</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 April 2023	1,000	313,766	314,766
Disposals	-	(146,548)	(146,548)
Revaluations	-	2,137	2,137
At 31 March 2024	1,000	169,355	170,355
PROVISIONS			
At 1 April 2023	-	25,812	25,812
Revaluation adjustments	-	2,137	2,137
At 31 March 2024	-	27,949	27,949
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	1,000	141,406	142,406
At 31 March 2023	1,000	287,954	288,954

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
Valuation in 2024	-	169,355	169,355
Valuation in 2024	1,000	-	1,000
	1,000	169,355	170,355

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Somerset and Dorset Railway Company Limited

Registered office: Within the United Kingdom

Nature of business: Operating trains and running ancillary trading

Class of share: %
holding
Ordinary "A" shares of £1 each 100

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	50,150	50,150

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

11. STOCKS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Stock of fuel	<u>-</u>	<u>2,823</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,955	4,219
Other debtors	<u>3,483</u>	<u>3,894</u>
	<u>6,438</u>	<u>8,113</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other creditors	32,500	32,500
Accrued expenses	<u>3,450</u>	<u>4,095</u>
	<u>35,950</u>	<u>36,595</u>

The Other Creditors balance of £32500 relates to part of an unsecured loan from 92207 Railway Company Limited due on 1st October 2024 following the purchase of the 9F locomotive number 92207 on 1st October 2022 in the sum of £150000.

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The balance of £97500 relates to part of an unsecured loan from 92207 Railway Company Limited payable by instalments of £32500 on 1st October 2024, 1st October 2025, and 1st October 2026 following the purchase of the 9F locomotive number 92207 on 1st October 2022 in the sum of £150000.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	651,196	33,518	684,714
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,882	(30)	4,852
Museum Fund	1,306	(159)	1,147
Track and Land Fund	107,322	(5,238)	102,084
Diesel Fund	6,728	(336)	6,392
Building Fund	(16)	(16)	(32)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	21,124	(2,580)	18,544
TCL Coach	2,634	(125)	2,509
Toilets	824	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	2,842	(142)	2,700
SK Purchase Fund	14,533	-	14,533
Land purchase Fund	-	6,817	6,817
Truck Fund	5,531	(2,375)	3,156
CSK Coach Appeal	6,305	(314)	5,991
9F Locomotive Fund	5,509	22,128	27,637
	<u>179,524</u>	<u>17,630</u>	<u>197,154</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>830,720</u>	<u>51,148</u>	<u>881,868</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	96,930	(63,412)	33,518
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(30)	(30)
Museum Fund	265	(424)	(159)
Track and Land Fund	135	(5,373)	(5,238)
Diesel Fund	-	(336)	(336)
Building Fund	-	(16)	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	60	(2,640)	(2,580)
TCL Coach	-	(125)	(125)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(142)	(142)
Land purchase Fund	6,817	-	6,817
Truck Fund	325	(2,700)	(2,375)
CSK Coach Appeal	-	(314)	(314)
9F Locomotive Fund	22,128	-	22,128
	<u>29,730</u>	<u>(12,100)</u>	<u>17,630</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,660</u>	<u>(75,512)</u>	<u>51,148</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	659,114	(7,918)	651,196
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,914	(32)	4,882
Museum Fund	1,295	11	1,306
Track and Land Fund	112,532	(5,210)	107,322
Diesel Fund	7,082	(354)	6,728
Building Fund	-	(16)	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	23,316	(2,192)	21,124
TCL Coach	2,765	(131)	2,634
Toilets	824	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	2,992	(150)	2,842
SK Purchase Fund	14,533	-	14,533
Truck Fund	681	4,850	5,531
CSK Coach Appeal	6,613	(308)	6,305
9F Locomotive Fund	-	5,509	5,509
	<u>177,547</u>	<u>1,977</u>	<u>179,524</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>836,661</u></u>	<u><u>(5,941)</u></u>	<u><u>830,720</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	94,672	(76,778)	(25,812)	(7,918)
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(32)	-	(32)
Museum Fund	321	(310)	-	11
Track and Land Fund	120	(5,330)	-	(5,210)
Diesel Fund	-	(354)	-	(354)
Building Fund	-	(16)	-	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	255	(2,447)	-	(2,192)
TCL Coach	-	(131)	-	(131)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(150)	-	(150)
Truck Fund	4,850	-	-	4,850
CSK Coach Appeal	23	(331)	-	(308)
9F Locomotive Fund	5,509	-	-	5,509
	<u>11,078</u>	<u>(9,101)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,977</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>105,750</u></u>	<u><u>(85,879)</u></u>	<u><u>(25,812)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,941)</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	659,114	25,600	684,714
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,914	(62)	4,852
Museum Fund	1,295	(148)	1,147
Track and Land Fund	112,532	(10,448)	102,084
Diesel Fund	7,082	(690)	6,392
Building Fund	-	(32)	(32)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	23,316	(4,772)	18,544
TCL Coach	2,765	(256)	2,509
Toilets	824	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	2,992	(292)	2,700
SK Purchase Fund	14,533	-	14,533
Land purchase Fund	-	6,817	6,817
Truck Fund	681	2,475	3,156
CSK Coach Appeal	6,613	(622)	5,991
9F Locomotive Fund	-	27,637	27,637
	<u>177,547</u>	<u>19,607</u>	<u>197,154</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>836,661</u>	<u>45,207</u>	<u>881,868</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	191,602	(140,190)	(25,812)	25,600
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(62)	-	(62)
Museum Fund	586	(734)	-	(148)
Track and Land Fund	255	(10,703)	-	(10,448)
Diesel Fund	-	(690)	-	(690)
Building Fund	-	(32)	-	(32)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	315	(5,087)	-	(4,772)
TCL Coach	-	(256)	-	(256)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(292)	-	(292)
Land purchase Fund	6,817	-	-	6,817
Truck Fund	5,175	(2,700)	-	2,475
CSK Coach Appeal	23	(645)	-	(622)
9F Locomotive Fund	<u>27,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,637</u>
	<u>40,808</u>	<u>(21,201)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,607</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>232,410</u>	<u>(161,391)</u>	<u>(25,812)</u>	<u>45,207</u>

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

In January 2019 the Board agreed to purchase land at a cost of £3000, plus all legal charges, from the estate of Clarice Wells deceased once Probate has been executed.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Trustees have yet to draw down the residual balance in respect of a substantial legacy from the estate of Peter Sainsbury deceased.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	81,537	69,956
Covenant from Company	11,117	4,278
HMRC Gift Aid	14,615	11,223
Membership fees	12,099	13,812
Use of facilities	2,926	5,375
Miscellaneous income	<u>-</u>	<u>730</u>
	122,294	105,374
Other trading activities		
HMRC interest	-	34
Investment income		
Surplus on realisation of investments	3,098	-
Bank interest	<u>1,268</u>	<u>342</u>
	4,366	342
Total incoming resources	126,660	105,750
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Carriage and wagon	4,176	11,415
Locomotives	6,855	15,275
Signals and telegraph	1,564	130
Buildings and grounds	6,016	7,657
Heat, light and power	5,221	3,397
Water	740	1,377
Postage and telephone	1,659	1,586
Administration	3,785	2,696
Insurance	8,593	8,272
Membership costs	8,403	5,570
Health and safety	918	2,606
Legal and professional charges	3,950	5,247
Rent	1,026	1,026
Bank charges	274	378
Heritage	424	310
Depreciation	<u>21,908</u>	<u>18,937</u>
	75,512	85,879
Total resources expended	<u>75,512</u>	<u>85,879</u>
Net income	<u><u>51,148</u></u>	<u><u>19,871</u></u>

SOMERSET AND DORSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1045547

Accounts

Trustees' Report
and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Trust and S&DJR Company have distinct but over-lapping functions. The Trust is responsible for property, railway assets, funding, heritage, education and publications. The Company oversees railway operations and all commercial activity, with support from the Trust. The Company is owned by the Trust and the Trust endorses recommendations from the Company to add to the working Directors - there has been two such endorsements this year. The Trust leaves all aspects of commercial activity to the Company. There are now different Trustees & Directors on both Boards which represents good governance. Profits made by the Company are gifted to the Trust.

This report focuses on Trust activity in the financial year 2022-23, ending in March 2023 but with the usual references to the Company's activities. The Company successfully ran its popular Santa Specials in December 2022. The Events Manager role formerly with Chris Ruddick (who resigned as a trustee in April) has been successfully undertaken by Stephen Jones with an enhanced team.

During 2022, we had the use of Steam Locomotive Austin 1 from the Llangollen Railway and that proved to be a reliable loco. The privately owned Sentinel Locomotive, Joyce failed with a boiler problem which has proven more difficult to resolve than first thought. A separate paragraph on Joyce appears later. The 03 Diesel Shunter Locomotive on loan from whilst D1120 David J Cook was having vacuum braking fitted, failed at one stage and returned to the owner's workshops in Derbyshire. An 03 was loaned from the Swindon & Cricklade Railway whilst the other was away.

The restoration of several vehicles continues apace and whilst Mondays is the most popular day for many activities, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are regular working days which helps both with site security and spreading tasks over the working week. The purchase of 9F 92207 Morning Star from Keith Bottomley has seen a welcome increase in the number of working volunteers, particularly those with engineering skills, who may not get to Midsomer Norton on a regular basis but are able undertake work in their home workshops on parts from the locomotive, which can then be stored ready for fitting. This means that practically every day there will be work carried out on site or at home on Trust stock. There is a larger section on the 9F purchase below.

The Gardening Team which now meets on Tuesdays said farewell to John Bridges for family reasons and Gail Colehill as their Leader during this period. John was responsible for all grass cutting, leaf clearance and site tidiness over all the gardening areas and is sorely missed. Gail, whilst still volunteering, felt that a younger person was required. Consequently, the Team needs a new leader. If gardening is your forte, please come forward to help, especially if you live locally. The Building Gang under Dave Rogers maintains buildings and other infrastructure (seating, fencing, etc.) in excellent condition guided by an annual safety check. The Gardening Team is currently carrying out major repairs to the Greenhouse.

The Track Gang under Trevor Hodge continues to work to the highest standards. The decision was taken by the Company for 2023 to allocate specific Sundays solely for engineering work. Previously had to be interspersed with weekend working.

The Signalling team under Brenden Hill is a regular on Fridays and they have spent many hours bringing the "Up line" into use with all the intricacies needed on changing the locking system. Its independent testing and certification are a credit to the team. The team's professional approach to ensure that signalling and its operation is maintained to the highest standards is always in evidence. The Monday teams are always grateful to all the signallers who come along on to ensure that essential stock movements can be made in complete safety. The flexibility of double track can now be seen on event days.

Barrie Papworth as CME and the team of highly skilled workers keep the stock in working order correcting any repairs highlighted by Train Crew on their completed Fitness to Run examination forms. Steve Jeffrey, Dave Read and David Stickland have carried on superb work on new restoration projects such as the Southern Railway elliptical roof Box Van and of course theirs and others contribution to the 9F. Their work must be of the highest standards including Fitness to Run records which are an essential part of running a safe railway. As you will read under the Volunteer section that element was called into question over the year.

Trust meetings are monthly and are predominantly online under the continuing leadership of Stephen Lacey. Joint online and face to face meetings with the Company post Covid are now a more regular feature and are seen as essential to an efficient working relationship; such interaction occurs informally between the respective Chairs and Trustees on a day to day basis as and when needed. The many hours of work carried out behind the scenes to enable the railway to run safely is often not appreciated, especially as we have no paid staff and several Trustees have demanding day jobs. It is a credit to all Trustees that they keep things moving along and can deal effectively with any crises that occur.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers, their responsibilities and relationships with the railway

The Trust values all its members whether sedentary or active, but working volunteers are particularly appreciated. Sadly a few prominent members have died over the past year some of whom have their ashes scattered on the railway. The value of volunteer contributions, assuming a £50 per day cost, is constant at around £300K per annum.

There is no doubt that volunteers are the lifeblood of any railway and two way communication is important. However there are occasions when Trustees need to make decisions, where the negotiations in hand cannot be immediately revealed due to commercial or other confidential reasons. The elected Trustees work in accord with the Memorandum & Articles of Association as a basis for decision making. It is disappointing where a few volunteers take umbrage because of a decision taken that they consider they should be part of, when the Trustees are acting in a proper manner. There are also occasions where volunteers may themselves take a decision where they do not initially inform the Trustees of their intentions and then expect the Trustees to accord with the decision and not impose subsequent conditions.

Heritage Railway Association meetings we have attended, confirm that, post pandemic, the volunteer base has dropped considerably. Where railway Boards have seen numerous changes in Trustees, their former stability, amidst all the controversy with spiralling coal and insurance costs, has been put to the test by some of the volunteers who remain. We have a democratic process whereby if members/volunteers do not like the way a railway is being run, they can use the AGM or Extraordinary General Meetings to replace Trustees whose views differ from theirs. Increasingly disgruntled volunteers are not using these democratic processes but revert to whistleblowing, invariably anonymously so they cannot be identified, to the Office of Road and Rail (ORR) that the railway is not doing things right.

In our case, a set of former volunteers complained to ORR that Fitness to Run procedures were not being done. It takes a considerable amount of volunteer time to prepare for the ORR visit. What these former volunteers were not aware of that when our CME came into post in 2015, he prepared the necessary maintenance and examination documentation based on British Railways procedures and using his extensive railway engineering knowledge. He is a BR trained professional engineer who was registered with the Engineering Council for many decades. He adapted this documentation to make it appropriate for a Heritage Railway and shortly afterwards, in 2015 he then invited the ORR to inspect the results. The Railway Inspector was content with this documentation particularly the approach taken to make it appropriate for a Heritage Railway. It is unfortunate that ORR Inspectors must follow up on reports of supposed malpractice even if they prove to be vexatious. Despite us passing with flying colours, those who complained clearly did not accept the ORR ruling and decided to hack into our computer system to change all passwords. Thankfully, this spiteful action was resolved quickly using backup processes in place; but it does show members what damage volunteers can do to the reputation of a railway whilst also attempting (unsuccessfully in our case) to persuade more volunteers to move with them to another heritage railway. We can always learn from such experiences but it does show members what sometimes happens on the ground to thwart our longer term survival and expansion ambitions.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievement & Performance

Overview of the year and project development

We have already mentioned the hire of Austin 1 from the Llangollen Railway - it went back to Llangollen and the Company hired in a replacement locomotive specifically for 2023. This was found on the initial examination - which must be conducted as part of the Railways Safety Management System - to have been presented in a dangerous condition and was returned to the owners. As part of a duty of care the safety concern was reported both to the owners and the ORR. The Company is currently pursuing a resolution to the costs it has incurred in transportation and for loss of revenue during the operating season due to the non-availability of this locomotive. The Heritage Railway Association has been asked to recommend an arbitration service.

With Sentinel Joyce out of action the decision, fully endorsed by the Company and Trust, was taken for a consortium of members to purchase a two car DMU previously based at the Avon Valley Railway. This has proven to be a godsend. It has performed excellently and provides views of the railway that a Mk1 coach does not give. D1120 returned with its vacuum brakes working well (with the whole cost generously funded by a member) and our resident 08 D4095 provide the mainstay of all operations. We expect to hire an attractive steam locomotive for the Santa and New Year's Day trains.

The Wickham Trolley Wednesdays is a real success story. We are the only heritage railway offering this opportunity on a regular basis. Thanks go particularly to Alan Humphries for his regular driving turn and for the maintenance of the Wickham.

The expertise shown in keeping our coaching stock in working order by the small but dedicated team is there for all to see. Our SK remains at Cranmore primarily because of space limitations which should be resolved when the planning decision on Somervale is made. The CCT Emporium is a valued income generator for the Company located by the patio area. It also houses our operational N gauge donated model layout of Midsomer Norton and Norton Hill Colliery in the 1950s, thanks to skilled work by Chris Ross and colleagues. The Pines Express headed by 92220 Evening Star can once again be seen coming through the station.

9F Morning Star Purchase and Restoration

The major decision taken during the year was the purchase of 9F over a five year period from member Keith Bottomley. This has proved to be a popular decision both with members and the general railway enthusiast community. This decision was not taken lightly. The Trust spent over twelve months undertaking due diligence and assessing the financial viability of acquiring the 92207. We assessed that other important projects such as Tunnel Lane would not be affected. We have expertise in our Chief Mechanical Engineer Barrie Papworth (who was an integral part of the team that brought back 92212 from Barry Scrapyard condition to steam at Loughborough - and is now owned by Jeremy Hoskins).

Keith who has steered the restoration of 92207 to its current state as a rolling chassis also has access to the huge expertise in the Standard Loco Owner Group of which we are now a member.

There are those who wonder why such a large locomotive should have been purchased. Primarily it is because a 9F was such an iconic performer on the S&D and when its first steaming takes place, we expect to have broken out from our current one mile line. Trustees have been pleased with the response from members with a several entering a monthly commitment for four years to ensure that the restoration programme continues apace. We hope that more members will come forward with that monthly commitment.

Purchase of Joyce by the Trust

Whilst the Trust has the purchase funds and a fund for the overall boiler overhaul, thanks to a successful appeal, the engine is not yet back in steam with the repairs causing problems for owner Andy Chapman. This is due to a combination of the availability of materials (this is affecting all UK steam engine owners where boiler repairs are needed) and the specialised fabrication to specification before refitting. Time is ticking away until that 10 year main boiler overhaul and that poses the question as to whether that should be brought forward, rather than wait a couple of years and then have to dismantle the boiler again. The Trust and Andy continue to negotiate on what is best for the Trust, Andy and of course, most important of all, Joyce.

Site developments

The planning application to install two storage sidings on our Somervale land was submitted but, there was a late objection by the B&NES Ecologist. A new survey costing £1600 had to be arranged. This has still not satisfied the B&NES Ecologist who still objects to our application. We are appealing this decision.

Railway and commercial operations

The Trust continued to support the S&DJR Company in all the events it was able to organise with Trust volunteers taking on safety critical roles for the Company and providing support staff for all events.

Membership

Total membership in March 2023 stood at 1093 - down from 1097 in March 2022. Some members have yet to renew for this year and once they are removed after a final reminder, this number may drop to less than a 1000. That reduction reflects the general membership position at many heritage railways. The Trust thanks Vivienne Taylor for all her work as Membership Secretary. Can we again repeat the plea to let us know home address, telephone and email address changes as they occur and when you receive a request to pay your sub but decide not to renew to let Vivienne know so that further reminders are not needed. Regrettably a few members, despite being reminded of the new subscription rates, did not change their standing order rates - Vivienne will be contacting them shortly.

Heritage

The museum opens regularly with a select band of willing helpers organised by the Trust's Curator Roger Taylor.

Buildings

In accordance with the terms of our lease arrangements, the building stock owned by B&NES has been kept safely maintained. Of our own stock, the Anderson shelter has been re-covered in sandbags by the team and many other important repairs were undertaken last year and will continue in 2023 and into 2024.

Press and Publicity

The website has been instrumental in keeping the public informed of events and appeals. Full use of social media such as Facebook and Instagram is increasingly being made to publicise appeals and events and changes to timetables that were unforeseen. We have many followers on Facebook. Donations via the website is a valuable income source. For the Company the Digi Tickets system is a great success.

Safety considerations

Safety remains paramount in relation to the site overall, the running lines and train provision. The Trust carries out an annual inspection of the facilities to address all safety issues and creates the necessary budget allocations to cover urgent or ongoing needs. In line with the recommendation of the Heritage Railway Association Operating & Safety committee the Trust considers the most recent safety issues and any reported incidents as its first Agenda Item.

Governance

Trustees meet every month to discuss policy and other matters. The Chairman, Secretary and Finance Director are appointed at the first meeting after the AGM. Sub committees of the Trust are created where necessary, but any spending decisions of those sub committees, unless specifically delegated will be ratified by a majority of Trustees. Where a meeting is not imminent, such decisions will be taken by email but these are now ratified at the next available meeting. At present all meetings are via Microsoft Teams, Company minutes are a regular agenda item for Trust meetings and vice versa. Joint meetings of the Company Directors and Trustees are held as and when necessary. Conference calls on specific areas are also held where necessary.

Both Trust and Company have embraced the Heritage Railway Association. Office of Road & Rail Risk Management Maturity Module (known as RM3) to help them assess 10 areas essential for the running of a heritage railway including Governance, Competence and Risk Assessment. RM3 is a self-assessment tool designed to increase safety on all heritage railways and instil a culture of continuous improvement. It is due to have a review of its governance procedures by an independent assessor from another heritage railway and will act upon the recommendations accordingly.

The Trust sets an annual income and expenditure budget. It will alter this where circumstances change (e.g. reducing expenditure if income is expected to be lower than expected). Budget holders can spend up to the limit of their budget but must take cognisance of Trust cash flow in consultation with the Finance Director - expenditure is expected to be spread across the whole of the financial year.

Where a newly proposed item of expenditure arises, the budget holder must complete a budget justification form which sets out where the income to cover the expenditure will be found. The Trust holds a special interest bearing legacy account and has the power to invest such income as it sees fit using independent financial advice.

The Trust maintains a minimum of two signatories to pay invoices and sign any legal documents that may have a subsequent financial commitment and two signatories are needed to change any aspects of the Trust's accounting procedures or the primary user. Trustees are not obliged to accept the lowest quotation, or to seek a minimum of three quotations for every contractual obligation they enter. Whilst this would be the ideal, Trustees have the right to consider other aspects than simple financial costs. All decisions will be minuted for audit purposes. In all financial aspects, the Trust follows, where applicable, Charity Commission's guidelines for financial propriety.

Formal links to our local schools

The Trust has special formal links to our local schools. Norton Hill Academy has since our inception provided us with parking facilities at weekends when their facilities are not required by the school for which we are extremely grateful. We also have strong links to Fosseyway special school and we have now started to forge links with the new Norton Hill Primary.

Liaison with Midsomer Norton Town Council, Radstock Town Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council, and Mendip Council

2022-23 saw us continuing to enhance the links with our local councils and although funding available through them has been reduced drastically over the last ten years, it is important to continue the links as these will be essential as we look to expand our operations on the existing single and double track sections and then north and south. This will cover both B&NES and the newly formed Somerset Council which has subsumed the former Mendip District Council.

Liaison with other Somerset & Dorset organisations

The Trust continues to maintain links with the various organisations either on the S&D or associated with it.

Liaison with the Heritage Railway Association

The Trust is a member of the HRA which produces regular guidance notes on all aspects of railway operations, the work and requirements of trustees and company directors. John Baxter is the HRA's Secretary to their Operating and Safety Committee and provides regular updates on aspects of HRA operations. In addition, a number of local heritage railways both standard and narrow gauge, covering Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire meet occasionally to discuss matters of mutual concern.

The wider Community

The ambitions of the Trust acknowledge the heritage value of the Somerset and Dorset Railway line and the heritage value of Midsomer Norton Station. The Trust has an increasing understanding of the opportunity it has to bring social, economic, health, well-being and environmental benefits to the community of Midsomer Norton and its hinterland. With the expansion of reopened sections of line, there is also the potential to improve the economic fortunes and the social, health and environmental prosperity of neighbouring communities and to connect these communities with all the recognised benefits that result from this.

Publications

The S&D Telegraph has been issued on a regular basis throughout the year with Graham Findley and Julian Jefferson providing the editorial team. Graham stepped back from his editorial role earlier in the year and shortly Julian has indicated that after many years he will also step back from the production element - the professional production of the Telegraph has all been down to Julian's professional expertise and the Trust has started to consider the way forward in future. We thank both for the high standards they have maintained.

Communications with members

Apart from social media and our website we continue to use the secure system called Mail Chimp to contact individual Trust members regarding appeals. Clearly, we can only use this to contact those members who have provided a valid email address. As time goes on, we will use this to remind members relating to the renewal of their annual membership. We still have a round 200 members who do not have an email address or, if they do, have not contacted us about this - they will continue to receive paper copies of communications. If you wish us to switch over to using an email address please let the Trust Secretary or Membership Secretary know (address details are in every Telegraph).

Financial Review [Summary]

Financial results for 2022-23 were on budget with outgoings of £85879 against income of £105750. Major routine spending was again on membership (including the Telegraph), insurance and utilities. Main routine income sources were the transferred surplus from the Company, membership fees, legacies and donations. We continue to ensure that our regular expenditure items are met from regular income as opposed to reliance on legacies. These are normally assigned to specific projects after consultation with the family of the donor.

Prospects for 2023-24

There are two priorities entering 2023-24 that mirror those for 2022-23. The first is working towards the planning permission and starting work on the Somervale site. The second is supporting the Company with the consolidation of regular and more frequent public train services as it continues to move forward after the pandemic.

Prospects for 2023-24(continued)

We also plan to install a platform halt at the Chilcompton end of the line. This will benefit the railway operations in that train tickets will no longer be subject to VAT once we offer a journey between two destinations rather than an out and back train ride as we currently do. This will generate additional income to the railway and offer more interest for our customers.

Other priorities include:

- Major fund-raising for capital developments and the associated planning applications required for specific building proposals especially at Tunnel Lane.
- Attracting more volunteers in all areas and recruiting new younger and more diverse Trustees, Company Directors and service managers.
- Completing strategic land negotiations.
- Using the Peter Sainsbury legacy for the long-term benefit of the railway.
- Ensuring that all members who are eligible for Gift Aid have signed the necessary documentation to enable us to enhance every donation by 25% as this provides a very important income stream.

The current economic crisis is causing reduced general donations as opposed to targeted appeals. The serious issues for the Trust and Company will be a forecasted hike of energy costs in September (we only use electricity), coal costs (especially as indigenous coal stocks cease) and diesel fuel costs. The cost of insurance (there is now only a single insurer for heritage railways) could rocket if the trend for increased costs of claims continues.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFITS OF THE CHARITY

Under the Charities Act 2006, Trustees must report on their charity's public benefits in their Annual Report, showing the types and nature of the benefits that justify its continued charitable status. Benefit reporting should be proportionate and appropriate to the charity's circumstances. This table shows benefits provided in 2022-23.

CHARITY OBJECTS (from Memorandum of Association).

Restoration and use of S&DJR route and running stock.

CORRESPONDING CLASS OF PUBLIC BENEFIT	ACTIVITIES PROVIDING BENEFITS IN 2022-23	PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES
Accessible historic railway for visitors.	Development, repair and expansion of railway and station buildings.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers. Trust Members.
Conservation of cultural history	Restoration of historic locomotives, carriages and wagons.	General public. Visitors.Volunteers. Trust Members.
Associated environmentalconservation	Extension of trackbed in accordance with environmental considerationsfor wildlife and tree preservation	General public.Visitors.
Preservation and display of S&DJR artefacts and documents.	Dynamic and static museum facilities in three locations on site.Upgrading and variation of internal museum displays.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers.
Research into the S&DJR andassociated local history.	Research facility. Educational resource.Responding to queries on the S&DJR.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Public education about the S&DJR.	Continuing publication of the"Telegraph" magazine and"Between The Lines"newsletter. Escorted group visits for schools, railway societies and general public. S&D orientated film shows at other society locations.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Provision of recreational facilities.	Extension of permissive lineside path. Improved access for disabled visitors. Management of ecological spaces.Photographic/filming events.	General public. Walkers. Visitors. Photographers. Film Makers.
Provision of educational and training facilities to those restoring the S&DJR.	Training for safety-critical roles on railway operations and general 'mutual improvement' classes. Personal track safety. Hygiene, first aid and museum accreditation related courses..	Railway volunteers.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The Trust is managed by a board of up to nine Trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees have power to co-opt to fill a vacancy that occurs during the year with that newly co-opted Trustee having full voting rights and serving until the next AGM when he or she would need to stand for election for the remainder of the term of the vacancy. Membership of the Trust is by subscription under various categories.

The Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway Company is a share-limited company and subsidiary of the Trust. It is controlled on behalf of Trust members through the Trustees' majority voting rights and their right to appoint all Directors except for one appointed by the ordinary shareholders. The Company and thus the Trust own the rights to the production of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Company crest but allows those organisations with a direct S&D link to use this free of charge.

The Trustees set the overall policy and budget giving consideration to proposals put forward by the Company. The Trust holds assets such as property, rolling stock and infrastructure.

The Company is responsible for the commercial operation of the Trust's assets including railway operations and the hiring in of visiting locomotives and coal purchased for their operation, catering and the retail outlets. All profits are gifted back to the Trust, normally at the end of the financial year that runs to the 31st March. Work on the Trust's assets is financed by the Trust and can be carried out using either outside contractors or volunteers according to the skill of the latter.

The Trust is responsible for membership, the Telegraph magazine, the museum and education of the public in the S & D heritage. It is also responsible for the purchase or lease of land, obtaining planning permissions, appointing consultants as deemed necessary, the purchase of locomotives and rolling stock, on-site security, insurance and fundraising.

Changes to Trustees

Whilst there were no changes to Trustees in the period in question, Brian Litherland and Chris Ruddick indicated their decision to resign during in this period but the change to Companies House records were made after it in early April 2023.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Recruitment of sufficient competent Trustees is recognised as an ongoing issue for small charities. The Trust issues guidance that allows prospective Trustees to consider their own suitability for the role before applying as candidates.

Trustees are expected to act in a collaborative manner whilst a member of the Trust Board and associated sub committees from time to time appointed, applying and accepting collective, democratic decision making. They are not expected to be a Trustee simply for their own ends or for that part of the railway operation with which they are primarily associated.

Relationship between the Charity and Related Parties

There are no relationships between the Trust and related parties that fall within the requirements for disclosure under the Charity Commission's SORP requirements.

The Trust is a member of the Heritage Railway Association and the Bristol Area Railway Heritage Group (BARHG) which comprises of a number of heritage railways based in Somerset, Wiltshire, Bristol, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, Gloucestershire and South Wales. This has not met since Covid but it is now being resurrected to meet again on a four monthly basis, starting this Autumn, to discuss matters of mutual concern and benefit.

The Trust has pre-pandemic periodically met informally with The Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust, The North Dorset Railway Trust (based at Shillingstone on the S&D), The New Somerset & Dorset Railway (which promotes full restoration of the S&D), the Gartell Railway and those volunteers restoring Spetisbury and Midford Stations and hopes to be able to resume these post-pandemic. These annual meetings have yet to be revived post Covid.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number: 1045547 First established in 1995.

Company Registered Number: 3038464 (Company limited by guarantee)

VAT Registration Number: 940 7713 22

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Malcolm Barton - Finance Director
John Ronald Baxter - Company Secretary
Roger Burfitt - Vice Chairman
Joseph Cosgrave - Agenda & Minutes Secretary
Philip Howard Jones
Stephen Lacey - Chairman
Barrie Papworth

Brian Litherland resigned in April 2023

Chris Ruddick was appointed in September 2022 in place of Terry Rodgers but resigned in April 2023.

Independent examiner:

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Legal Advisers (note that the Trust has also used other legal advisers where their expertise is associated with railway issues) and where there may be a conflict of interest where Thatcher & Hallam are acting on behalf of the other party.

Thatcher & Hallam
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Insurance Brokers:

We insure through Aviva which is a recognised insurer for a number of heritage railways through:

Ernest R Shaw Ltd
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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Stephen Lacey - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; 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)).

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.

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31 July 2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes				
Donations and legacies		94,296	11,078	105,374	105,101
Other trading activities	2	34	-	34	-
Investment income	3	342	-	342	22
Other income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,292</u>
Total		<u>94,672</u>	<u>11,078</u>	<u>105,750</u>	<u>114,415</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		<u>76,778</u>	<u>9,101</u>	<u>85,879</u>	<u>75,141</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(25,812)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,812)</u>	<u>3,500</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(7,918)</u>	<u>1,977</u>	<u>(5,941)</u>	<u>42,774</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>659,114</u>	<u>177,547</u>	<u>836,661</u>	<u>793,887</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>651,196</u></u>	<u><u>179,524</u></u>	<u><u>830,720</u></u>	<u><u>836,661</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	373,872	65,768	439,640	257,010
Heritage assets	9	34,296	101,275	135,571	132,451
Investments	10	<u>288,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,954</u>	<u>314,766</u>
		697,122	167,043	864,165	704,227
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	2,823	-	2,823	402
Debtors	12	8,113	-	8,113	11,501
Cash at bank		<u>77,234</u>	<u>12,480</u>	<u>89,714</u>	<u>124,017</u>
		88,170	12,480	100,650	135,920
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(36,596)	1	(36,595)	(3,486)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,574</u>	<u>12,481</u>	<u>64,055</u>	<u>132,434</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		748,696	179,524	928,220	836,661
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(97,500)	-	(97,500)	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>651,196</u>	<u>179,524</u>	<u>830,720</u>	<u>836,661</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	15			651,196	659,114
Restricted funds				<u>179,524</u>	<u>177,547</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>830,720</u>	<u>836,661</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Stephen Lacey - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a going concern basis which they consider appropriate, having taken into consideration the uncertainty of the future trading activities of the Trust over the next twelve months caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Rolling stock	- 5% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance
Buildings and grounds etc	- 2% on reducing balance

Heritage assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Plant and machinery etc.	- 5% and 10% on reducing balance
Locomotive 9F number 92207	- not provided

Stocks

Stock of fuel has been valued at cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

At a meeting of the trustees on 28th May 2017 it was agreed that the balances on various long outstanding restricted funds be released to finance current expenditure plans.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
HMRC interest	<u>34</u>	<u>-</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>342</u>	<u>22</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	11,781	11,553
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,292)</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Trustees	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

No Trustee received emoluments during the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	82,303	22,798	105,101
Investment income	22	-	22
Other income	<u>9,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,292</u>
Total	<u>91,617</u>	<u>22,798</u>	<u>114,415</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	<u>63,683</u>	<u>11,458</u>	<u>75,141</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>
NET INCOME	31,434	11,340	42,774
Transfers between funds	<u>19,276</u>	<u>(19,276)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	50,710	(7,936)	42,774
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>608,404</u>	<u>185,483</u>	<u>793,887</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>659,114</u>	<u>177,547</u>	<u>836,661</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Rolling stock £	Fixtures and fittings £	Buildings and grounds etc £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022	237,380	9,782	75,004	322,166
Additions	<u>154,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,857</u>	<u>194,411</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>391,934</u>	<u>9,782</u>	<u>114,861</u>	<u>516,577</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	56,293	4,104	4,759	65,156
Charge for year	<u>9,186</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>2,202</u>	<u>11,781</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>65,479</u>	<u>4,497</u>	<u>6,961</u>	<u>76,937</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	<u>326,455</u>	<u>5,285</u>	<u>107,900</u>	<u>439,640</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>181,087</u>	<u>5,678</u>	<u>70,245</u>	<u>257,010</u>

9. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Total £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2022	182,284
Additions	<u>10,276</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>192,560</u>
PROVISIONS	
At 1 April 2022	49,833
Charge for year	<u>7,156</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>56,989</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>135,571</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>132,451</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>1,000</u>	<u>313,766</u>	<u>314,766</u>
PROVISIONS			
Revaluation adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>25,812</u>	<u>25,812</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,000</u>	<u>287,954</u>	<u>288,954</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,000</u>	<u>313,766</u>	<u>314,766</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2023 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
Valuation in 2022	-	313,766	313,766
Valuation in 2022	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>313,766</u>	<u>314,766</u>

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Somerset and Dorset Railway Company Limited

Registered office: Within the United Kingdom

Nature of business: Operating trains and running ancillary trading

Class of share: %
holding
Ordinary "A" shares of £1 each 100

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	50,150	40,150

11. STOCKS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Stock of fuel	<u>2,823</u>	<u>402</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,219	2,609
Other debtors	<u>3,894</u>	<u>8,892</u>
	<u>8,113</u>	<u>11,501</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	836
Accrued expenses	4095	2650
Other creditors	<u>32500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>36,595</u>	<u>3,486</u>

The Other creditors of £32500 relates to part of an unsecured loan from 92207 Railway Company Limited due on 1st October 2023 following the purchase of the 9F locomotive number 92207 on 1st October 2022 in the sum of £150000.

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The balance of £97500 relates to part of an unsecured loan from 92207 Railway Company Limited payable by instalments of £32500 on 1st October 2024, 1st October 2025 and 1st October 2026 following the purchase of the 9F locomotive number 92207 on 1st October 2022 in the sum of £150000.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	659,114	(7,918)	651,196
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,914	(32)	4,882
Museum Fund	1,295	11	1,306
Track and Land Fund	112,532	(5,210)	107,322
Diesel Fund	7,082	(354)	6,728
Building Fund	-	(16)	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	23,316	(2,192)	21,124
TCL Coach	2,765	(131)	2,634
Toilets	824	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	2,992	(150)	2,842
SK Purchase Fund	14,533	-	14,533
Truck Fund	681	4,850	5,531
CSK Coach Appeal	6,613	(308)	6,305
9F Locomotive Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>5,509</u>	<u>5,509</u>
	<u>177,547</u>	<u>1,977</u>	<u>179,524</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>836,661</u>	<u>(5,941)</u>	<u>830,720</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	94,672	(76,778)	(25,812)	(7,918)
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(32)	-	(32)
Museum Fund	321	(310)	-	11
Track and Land Fund	120	(5,330)	-	(5,210)
Diesel Fund	-	(354)	-	(354)
Building Fund	-	(16)	-	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	255	(2,447)	-	(2,192)
TCL Coach	-	(131)	-	(131)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(150)	-	(150)
Truck Fund	4,850	-	-	4,850
CSK Coach Appeal	23	(331)	-	(308)
9F Locomotive Fund	<u>5,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,509</u>
	<u>11,078</u>	<u>(9,101)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,977</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>105,750</u>	<u>(85,879)</u>	<u>(25,812)</u>	<u>(5,941)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	608,404	31,434	19,276	659,114
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	10,888	(142)	(5,833)	4,913
Museum Fund	1,385	(89)	-	1,296
Track and Land Fund	119,308	(4,920)	(1,856)	112,532
Diesel Fund	7,455	(373)	-	7,082
Building Fund	-	(16)	16	-
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	24,038	(722)	-	23,316
TCL Coach	2,765	-	-	2,765
Toilets	824	-	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	3,271	(157)	(122)	2,992
Diesel 1120 Fund	8,000	-	(8,000)	-
SK Purchase Fund	-	14,533	-	14,533
Truck Fund	681	-	-	681
CSK Coach Appeal	<u>6,868</u>	<u>3,226</u>	<u>(3,481)</u>	<u>6,613</u>
	<u>185,483</u>	<u>11,340</u>	<u>(19,276)</u>	<u>177,547</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>793,887</u>	<u>42,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>836,661</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	91,617	(63,683)	3,500	31,434
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(142)	-	(142)
Museum Fund	490	(579)	-	(89)
Track and Land Fund	150	(5,070)	-	(4,920)
Diesel Fund	-	(373)	-	(373)
Building Fund	-	(16)	-	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	-	(722)	-	(722)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(157)	-	(157)
SK Purchase Fund	16,416	(1,883)	-	14,533
Truck Fund	2,168	(2,168)	-	-
CSK Coach Appeal	3,574	(348)	-	3,226
	<u>22,798</u>	<u>(11,458)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,340</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>114,415</u>	<u>(75,141)</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>42,774</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	608,404	23,516	19,276	651,196
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	10,888	(174)	(5,833)	4,881
Museum Fund	1,385	(78)	-	1,307
Track and Land Fund	119,308	(10,130)	(1,856)	107,322
Diesel Fund	7,455	(727)	-	6,728
Building Fund	-	(32)	16	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	24,038	(2,914)	-	21,124
TCL Coach	2,765	(131)	-	2,634
Toilets	824	-	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	3,271	(307)	(122)	2,842
Diesel 1120 Fund	8,000	-	(8,000)	-
SK Purchase Fund	-	14,533	-	14,533
Truck Fund	681	4,850	-	5,531
CSK Coach Appeal	6,868	2,918	(3,481)	6,305
9F Locomotive Fund	-	5,509	-	5,509
	<u>185,483</u>	<u>13,317</u>	<u>(19,276)</u>	<u>179,524</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>793,887</u>	<u>36,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>830,720</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023- continued

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	186,289	(140,461)	(22,312)	23,516
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(174)	-	(174)
Museum Fund	811	(889)	-	(78)
Track and Land Fund	270	(10,400)	-	(10,130)
Diesel Fund	-	(727)	-	(727)
Building Fund	-	(32)	-	(32)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	255	(3,169)	-	(2,914)
TCL Coach	-	(131)	-	(131)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(307)	-	(307)
SK Purchase Fund	16,416	(1,883)	-	14,533
Truck Fund	7,018	(2,168)	-	4,850
CSK Coach Appeal	3,597	(679)	-	2,918
9F Locomotive Fund	<u>5,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,509</u>
	<u>33,876</u>	<u>(20,559)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,317</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>220,165</u>	<u>(161,020)</u>	<u>(22,312)</u>	<u>36,833</u>

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

In January 2019 the Board agreed to purchase land at a cost of £3000, plus all legal charges, from the estate of Clarice Wells deceased once Probate has been executed.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Trustees have yet to draw down the residual balance in respect of a substantial legacy from the estate of Peter Sainsbury deceased.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	69,956	53,816
Covenant from Company	4,278	21,940
HMRC Gift Aid	11,223	7,820
Membership fees	13,812	14,126
Use of facilities	5,375	2,596
Miscellaneous income	730	3,450
Sale of scrap	-	1,353
	<u>105,374</u>	<u>105,101</u>
Other trading activities		
HMRC interest	34	-
Investment income		
Bank interest	342	22
Other income		
Gain on revaluation of tangible fixed assets	-	9,292
Total incoming resources	<u>105,750</u>	<u>114,415</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Carriage and wagon	11,415	6,375
Locomotives	15,275	5,591
Signals and telegraph	130	577
Buildings and grounds	7,657	10,266
Heat, light and power	3,397	4,042
Water	1,377	972
Postage and telephone	1,586	1,619
Administration	2,696	3,910
Insurance	8,272	7,499
Membership costs	5,570	7,973
Health and safety	2,606	2,739
Legal and professional charges	5,247	3,064
Rent	1,026	1,076
Bank charges	378	311
Heritage	310	579
Depreciation	18,937	18,548
	<u>85,879</u>	<u>75,141</u>
Total resources expended	<u>85,879</u>	<u>75,141</u>
Net income before gains and losses	19,871	39,274
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	-	3,500
Net income	<u>19,871</u>	<u>42,774</u>

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SOMERSET AND DORSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1045547

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03038464 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees
and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Trust and S&DJR Company have distinct but over-lapping functions. The Trust is essentially responsible for property, railway assets, funding, heritage, education and publications. The Company oversees railway operations and commercial activity (shop and catering), with support from the Trust. The Company is effectively owned by the Trust and the Trust endorses recommendations from the Company to add to the working Directors. The Trust leaves all aspects of commercial activity to the Company to determine, supervise and audit. Both Company and Trust continue to work towards having different people on both Boards. Any profit made by the Company is gifted to the Trust as appropriate.

This report focuses on Trust activity in the financial year 2021-22, ending in March 2022 but with inevitable cross-references to Company activity. Covid continued to affect the railway during the whole of this period as heritage railways generally started to recover from the effect of lockdowns and the restrictions imposed by central government. The Company was able to run its Santa Specials in December 2021 and these proved to be very popular with families visiting from across the south west. We were one of the few railways that were able to operate at the time and the results were reflected in the increase of gifted profits from Company to Trust.

The opportunity was taken to continue with the restoration of a number of vehicles and this has continued apace. We said farewell to two well used vehicles over many years, the ex-Virgin Mark 3 buffet (replaced with the fully restored Restaurant Miniature Buffet (RMB) and the DMU Trailer Composite Lavatory (TCL) which was used as an office, mess room and Board Room over many years. The Trust purchased the Midland Mark 1 Group's Second Composite (SK) on favourable terms from its consortium of members. Covid meant that volunteering, which had been concentrated primarily on Sundays for the track gang and Mondays for everyone else was stretched over more days in the week and since the restrictions were lifted that volunteering pattern has continued broadly unchanged with the buildings team, CME/carriage and wagon team on one day, the gardening team on another and the signalling team on another. Monday still continues to be the day when most work is carried out on site, but volunteers are welcome on all other working days.

Covid also saw Trust meetings carried out on Microsoft Teams and that pattern has continued with monthly meetings. It has also been possible to have specific subject meetings interspersed between the monthly meetings and decision taking also carried out by email to ensure that the project momentum is maintained. Members will recall that a key aspect of the Outline Planning Application was a substantial application for funding made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and whilst the application proceeded to the second stage, it, like every other application made just before the pandemic struck, was then rejected so that HLF funds could be allocated to the more urgent needs created by the pandemic.

Although the Trust made a further application to the HLF, again for a substantial sum, we now did not meet the changes in criteria being applied. The application was rejected by the HLF although they did suggest we apply for a substantially reduced sum instead. This we have yet to follow up simply because the new criteria are unaltered and our project would still not fit. This is particularly disappointing when the case we had in the original application was considered to be strong.

Despite this work continued apace on the Somervale Sidings element of the OPA working towards laying sidings on the land the Trust owns. In the meantime we came to an agreement with David Shearn on his additional land on which we have now begun to construct an alternative permissive path so that the current path can eventually be released for siding space. Planning for an upgraded and extended toilet block was also started. Negotiations also continued to purchase land at the far end of the line where a depot will be located in due course. Also work was started on what the longer funding requirement might be to extend the line northwards to Radstock level crossing.

Volunteers

The Trust continues to value all its members whether sedentary or active but working volunteers are particularly appreciated. Sadly we lost a few prominent members over the period in question a number of whose ashes have been scattered at the station. The value of volunteer contributions based at around £50 per day was reduced substantially from over £200K in 2019/20 to £50K in 2020/21 but has now recovered and is estimated to be moving towards £300K. We continue to attract more volunteers to the site and the camaraderie that was lost during the pandemic has at last returned.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievement & Performance

Overview of the year and project development

Mention has already been made of the post pandemic increase in services provided by the Company. The Company was able to extend the hire of Austin 1 from the Llangollen Railway and she continues to provide regular steam services alongside resident Sentinel Joyce which is currently the subject of an appeal to purchase her. The Trust's BR Class 08 and the loaned BR Class 03 have performed well although not without some occasional problems. The Trust's other diesel English Electric D1120 is still at Rowsley for the fitting of vacuum braking which should be completed in the current financial year paid for by the generosity of one of our members.

With regards to coaching stock as in previous years the expertise shown in keeping the current three coaches in working order by the small but dedicated team has recently been applied to the SK with its complete refurbishment in the "house" moquette. The SK at Cranmore has had some work done to make it watertight but a decision on further work and its location will be made in this financial year.

We are particular grateful to the membership for helping fund the overarching aim of creating a coal train of the type that graced Midsomer Norton's metals in the 1950s and 1960s. Two Grampus wagons await restoration and further work on the mineral wagons was undertaken. Work also started on a CCT that was previously at Bitton and this has been beautifully restored by the team and is now in use as the Company's Emporium for second hand books, model railway equipment and a donated N gauge model layout of Midsomer Norton that is currently being reconstructed inside the CCT by volunteers.

Site developments

As already mentioned, work continues apace regarding Somervale Sidings. The Trust engaged Mott MacDonald to carry out the necessary work which has entailed numerous reports (archaeological, environmental and more recently site drilling to understand the underlying structure) - this essential background work in the build up to the planning application continues into the current financial year.

Similar work has been undertaken at the Tunnel Lane site prior to and after its purchase and a planning application to Mendip Council is in preparation.

Railway and commercial operations

The Trust continued to support the S&DJR Company in all the events it was able to organise with Trust volunteers taking on safety critical roles for the Company and providing support staff for all events.

Membership

Total membership as at March 2022 stood at 1097 down from 1100 in March 2021. Sadly a dozen members passed away and with the financial difficulties that arose with the pandemic we saw over 20 who did not renew over the year. However the fact that we have only a net loss of 3 individuals was good. Just how the even worse financial circumstances that are affecting everyone currently will pan out as regards membership renewals is yet to be seen. The Trust thanks Vivienne Taylor for all her work as Membership Secretary aided by John Baxter. Can we again repeat the plea to let us know home address, telephone and email address changes as they occur and when you receive a request to pay your sub but decide not to renew to let Vivienne know so that further reminders are not needed. Also a plea to those who were asked to increase their subs for this financial year but then failed to do so to look at your standing orders to check that they reflect the correct membership fee and ask your bank to change them before the next renewal.

Heritage

The museum has opened regularly once again with a select band of willing helpers. The continued association with the S&DJR at Washford has resulted in a number of artefacts from there being relocated to Midsomer Norton for which the Trust is grateful.

Buildings

The Buildings Team had no serious issues to contend with during the financial year and their numbers have been boosted recently with additional volunteers.

Gardens

The Gardening Team now meets on Tuesdays and continues to provide a service that reflects the heyday of the railway when it regularly won prizes for the Best Kept Station.

Press and Publicity

The enhanced website has been instrumental in keeping the public informed of events and appeals whilst full use of social media such as Facebook and Instagram is increasingly being made to publicise appeals and events and changes to timetables that were unforeseen. We have over 7000 followers on Facebook. The donations element via the website has proven to be very useful and for the Company the Digi Tickets system has proven to be a great success.

Safety considerations

Safety remains paramount both in relation to the site overall, the running lines and train provision. The Trust carries out an annual inspection of the facilities to address all safety issues and create the necessary budget allocations to cover urgent or ongoing needs. In line with the recommendation of the Heritage Railway Association Operating & Safety committee the Trust considers the most recent safety issues and any reported incidents as its first Agenda Item.

Governance

Trustees meet regularly every month to discuss policy and other matters. The Chairman, Secretary and Finance Director are appointed at the first meeting after the AGM. Sub committees of the Trust will be created where necessary but any spending decisions of those sub committees, unless specifically delegated will be ratified by a majority of Trustees. Where a meeting is not imminent, such decisions will be done by email but these are now ratified at the next available meeting. At present all meetings are via Microsoft Teams, Company minutes are a regular agenda item for Trust meetings and vice versa and joint meetings of the Company Directors and Trustees are held as and when necessary. Conference calls on specific areas are also held where necessary. Both Trust and Company have embraced the Heritage Railway Association. Office of Road & Rail Risk Management Maturity Module (known as RM3) to help them assess 10 areas essential for the running of a heritage railway including Governance, Competence and Risk Assessment. RM3 is a self-assessment tool designed to increase safety on all heritage railways and instil a culture of continuous improvement.

The Trust sets an annual income and expenditure budget. It will alter this where circumstances change (e.g. reducing expenditure if income is expected to be lower than expected). Budget holders can spend up to the limit of their budget but have to take cognisance of Trust cash flow in consultation with the Finance Director - expenditure is expected to be spread across the whole of the financial year. Where a newly proposed item of expenditure arises the budget holder must complete a budget justification form which also sets out where the income to cover the expenditure will be found.

The Trust holds a special interest bearing legacy account and has the power to invest such income as it sees fit using independent financial advice. Trustees, on the advice of the Finance Director agreed that it would be prudent to place £300K into two medium and long term investment accounts. With the Ukrainian crisis and general economic problems this has affected the value of these investments but the Trust remains confident that this will produce income enhancement over both the medium and long terms.

The Trust maintains a minimum of two signatories to pay invoices and sign any legal documents that may have a subsequent financial commitment and two signatories are needed to change any aspects of the Trust's accounting procedures or the primary user. As in any business situation, Trustees are not obliged to accept the lowest quotation or to seek a minimum of three quotations for every contractual obligation they enter into. Whilst this would be the ideal, Trustees have the right to consider other aspects than simple financial costs. All such decisions will be minuted for audit purposes. In all financial aspects, the Trust follows, where applicable, Charity Commission's guidelines for financial propriety.

Trustee Changes

There were no Trustee changes during the course of the financial year.

Formal links to our local schools

The Trust has special formal links to our local schools. Norton Hill Academy has since our inception provided us with parking facilities at weekends when their facilities are not required by the school for which we are extremely grateful. We also have strong links to Fosseway special school, and we have now started to forge links with the new Norton Hill Primary.

Liaison with Midsomer Norton Town Council, Radstock Town Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council, and Mendip Council

2021-22 saw us continuing and enhancing the links with our local councils. These will be essential as we look to expand our operations on the existing single and double track sections and then north and south.

Liaison with other Somerset & Dorset organisations

The Trust continues to maintain links with the various organisations either on the S&D or associated with it.

Liaison with the Heritage Railway Association

The Trust is a member of the HRA which produces regular guidance notes on all aspects of railway operations, the work and requirements of trustees and company directors. John Baxter is the HRA's Secretary to their Operating and Safety Committee and provides regular updates on aspects of HRA operations. In addition a number of local heritage railways both standard and narrow gauge, covering Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire meet occasionally to discuss matters of mutual concern.

The wider Community

The ambitions of the Trust acknowledge the heritage value of the Somerset and Dorset Railway line and the heritage value of Midsomer Norton Station. In addition, the Trust has an increasing understanding of the opportunity the Trust has to bring social, economic, health, well-being and environmental benefits to the community of Midsomer Norton and its hinterland. With the expansion of reopened sections of line, there is also the potential to perhaps improve the economic fortunes and the social, health and environmental prosperity of neighbouring communities and to connect these communities with all of the recognised benefits that result from this.

Publications

The S&D Telegraph has been issued on a regular basis throughout the year with Graham Findley and Julian Jefferson providing the editorial team. This continues to attract praise for its content and professionalism.

Communications with members

Apart from social media and our website we have also started to use the secure system called Mail Chimp to contact individual Trust members regarding appeals. Clearly we can only use this to contact those members who have provided a valid email address. As time goes on we will seek to use this to approach members relating to the renewal of their annual membership. We still have a round 200 members who do not have an email address or if they do have not contacted us about this - they will continue to receive paper copies of communications but if you wish us to switch over to using an email address please let the Trust Secretary or Membership Secretary know (address details are in every Telegraph). The current cost of sending out AGM papers for example is in the region of £600 and increasing every year.

Financial Review [Summary]

Financial results for 2021-22 were on budget with outgoings of £75141 against income of £114415. Major routine spending was again on membership (including the Telegraph), insurance and utilities. Main routine income sources were the transferred surplus from the Company, membership fees, legacies and donations.

Prospects for 2022-23

There are two over-riding priorities entering 2022-23. The first continues to be working towards the release of the planning conditions and starting work on the Somervale site. The second is supporting the Company with the consolidation of regular and more frequent public train services with its increased operating days.

Other high priorities continue to be major fund-raising for capital developments alongside the Peter Sainsbury legacy and the associated planning applications that will be required for specific building proposals, attracting more volunteers in all areas and recruiting new younger and more diverse Trustees, Company Directors and service managers and completing any resultant land negotiations. Finally we wish to ensure that all members who are eligible for Gift Aid have signed the necessary documentation to enable us to enhance every donation by 25%.

The current economic crisis is already starting to be felt in reduced general donations as opposed to targeted appeals but the serious issues for the Trust and Company will be the massive hike in energy costs (we only use electricity), coal and diesel fuel costs. A mid-year review of the budget is inevitable especially once we find out by how much our uncapped electricity costs will increase at the end of the current fixed contract that lasts until end of September.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFITS OF THE CHARITY

Under the Charities Act 2006, Trustees must report on their charity's public benefits in their Annual Report, showing the types and nature of the benefits that justify its continued charitable status. Benefit reporting should be proportionate and appropriate to the charity's circumstances. This table shows benefits provided in 2021-22.

CHARITY OBJECTS (from Memorandum of Association).

Restoration and use of S&DJR route and running stock.

CORRESPONDING CLASS OF PUBLIC BENEFIT	ACTIVITIES PROVIDING BENEFITS IN 2021-22	PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES
Accessible historic railway for visitors.	Development, repair and expansion of railway and station buildings.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers. Trust Members.
Conservation of cultural history	Restoration of historic locomotives, carriages and wagons.	General public. Visitors.Volunteers. Trust Members.
Associated environmentalconservation	Extension of trackbed in accordance with environmental considerationsfor wildlife and tree preservation	General public.Visitors.
Preservation and display of S&DJR artefacts and documents.	Dynamic and static museum facilities in three locations on site.Upgrading and variation of internal museum displays.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers.
Research into the S&DJR andassociated local history.	Research facility. Educational resource.Responding to queries on the S&DJR.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Public education about the S&DJR.	Continuing publication of the"Telegraph" magazine and"Between The Lines"newsletter. Escorted group visits for schools, railway societies and general public. S&D orientated film shows at other society locations.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Provision of recreational facilities.	Extension of permissive lineside path. Improved access for disabled visitors. Management of ecological spaces.Photographic/filming events.	General public. Walkers. Visitors. Photographers. Film Makers.
Provision of educational and training facilities to those restoring the S&DJR.	Training for safety-critical roles on railway operations and general 'mutual improvement' classes. Personal track safety. Hygiene, first aid and museum accreditation related courses..	Railway volunteers.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The Trust is managed by a board of up to nine Trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees have power to co-opt to fill a vacancy that occurs during the year with that newly co-opted Trustee having full voting rights and serving until the next AGM when he or she would need to stand for election for the remainder of the term of the vacancy. Membership of the Trust is by subscription under various categories.

The Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway Company is a share-limited company and subsidiary of the Trust. It is controlled on behalf of Trust members through the Trustees' majority voting rights and their right to appoint all Directors except for one appointed by the ordinary shareholders. The Company and thus the Trust own the rights to the production of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Company crest but allows those organisations with a direct S&D link to use this free of charge.

The Trustees set the overall policy and budget giving due consideration to proposals put forward by the Company. The Trust holds assets such as property, rolling stock and infrastructure.

The Company is responsible for the commercial operation of the Trust's assets including railway operations (including the hiring in of visiting locomotives and coal purchased for their operation), catering and the shop and its profits are gifted back to the Trust normally at the end of the financial year that runs to the 31st March. Work on the Trust's assets is financed by the Trust and can be carried out using either outside contractors or volunteers according to the skill sets of the latter, the extent of the work to be undertaken and any pertinent regulations in force at the time the work is undertaken.

The Trust is responsible for membership, the Telegraph magazine, the museum and education of the public in the S & D heritage. It is also responsible for the purchase or lease of land, obtaining planning permissions, appointing consultants as deemed necessary, the purchase of locomotives and rolling stock, on-site security, insurance and fundraising.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Recruitment of sufficient competent Trustees is recognised as an ongoing issue for small charities. The Trust issues guidance that allows prospective Trustees to consider their own suitability for the role before applying as candidates.

Trustees are expected to act in a collaborative manner whilst a member of the Trust Board and associated sub committees from time to time appointed, applying and accepting collective, democratic decision making. They are not expected to be a Trustee simply for their own ends or for that part of the railway operation with which they are primarily associated.

Relationship between the Charity and Related Parties

There are no relationships between the Trust and related parties that fall within the requirements for disclosure under the Charity Commission's SORP requirements.

The Trust is a member of the Heritage Railway Association and the Bristol Area Railway Heritage Group (BARHG) which comprises of a number of heritage railways based in Somerset, Wiltshire, Bristol, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, Gloucestershire and South Wales.

The Trust has pre-pandemic periodically met informally with The Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust, The North Dorset Railway Trust (based at Shillingstone on the S&D), The New Somerset & Dorset Railway (which promotes full restoration of the S&D), the Gartell Railway and those volunteers restoring Spetisbury and Midford Stations and hopes to be able to resume these post-pandemic.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03038464 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1045547

Registered office

Midsomer Norton South Station
Silver Street
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Trustees

John Ronald Baxter - Company Secretary
Joseph Cosgrave - Agenda and Minutes Secretary
Terence Rodgers
Malcolm Barton - Finance Director
Roger Burfitt - Vice Chairman
Brian Litherland
Barrie Papworth
Stephen Lacey - Chairman
Philip Howard Jones

Independent Examiner

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Legal Advisers

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BA3 2HJ

Insurance Brokers

We insure Aviva which is a recognised insurer for a number of heritage railways through:

Ernest R Shaw Ltd
Heritage Rail Unit 9
Caroline Point
62 Caroline Street
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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Stephen Lacey - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; 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)).

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.

David Robert Johnson
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25 August 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		82,303	22,798	105,101	76,934
Investment income	2	22	-	22	77
Other income		<u>9,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,292</u>	<u>29,748</u>
Total		<u>91,617</u>	<u>22,798</u>	<u>114,415</u>	<u>106,759</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		63,683	11,458	75,141	81,178
Net gains on investments		<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME		31,434	11,340	42,774	25,581
Transfers between funds	13	<u>19,276</u>	<u>(19,276)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		50,710	(7,936)	42,774	25,581
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>608,404</u>	<u>185,483</u>	<u>793,887</u>	<u>768,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>659,114</u></u>	<u><u>177,547</u></u>	<u><u>836,661</u></u>	<u><u>793,887</u></u>

Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	193,290	63,720	257,010	172,269
Heritage assets	8	36,122	96,329	132,451	133,945
Investments	9	<u>314,766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>314,766</u>	<u>305,474</u>
		544,178	160,049	704,227	611,688
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	402	-	402	1,236
Debtors	11	11,501	-	11,501	12,442
Cash at bank		<u>106,518</u>	<u>17,499</u>	<u>124,017</u>	<u>172,369</u>
		118,421	17,499	135,920	186,047
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,485)	(1)	(3,486)	(3,848)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>114,936</u>	<u>17,498</u>	<u>132,434</u>	<u>182,199</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>659,114</u>	<u>177,547</u>	<u>836,661</u>	<u>793,887</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>659,114</u></u>	<u><u>177,547</u></u>	<u><u>836,661</u></u>	<u><u>793,887</u></u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				659,114	608,404
Restricted funds				<u>177,547</u>	<u>185,483</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>836,661</u></u>	<u><u>793,887</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Stephen Lacey - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts have been prepared by the Trustees on a going concern basis which they consider appropriate, having taken into consideration the uncertainty of the future trading activities of the Trust over the next twelve months caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Rolling stock	- 5% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on reducing balance
Buildings and grounds etc	- 2% on reducing balance

Heritage assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Plant and machinery etc.	- 5% and 10% on reducing balance
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Stocks

Stock of fuel has been valued at cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

At a meeting of the trustees on 28th May 2017 it was agreed that the balances on various long outstanding restricted funds be released to finance current expenditure plans.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>22</u>	<u>77</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	11,553	8890
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(9,292)</u>	<u>(29,748)</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Trustees		

No Trustees received emoluments during the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022- continued

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	56,772	20,162	76,934
Investment income	77	-	77
Other income	<u>29,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,748</u>
Total	<u>86,597</u>	<u>20,162</u>	<u>106,759</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	72,964	8,214	81,178
NET INCOME	13,633	11,948	25,581
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>594,771</u>	<u>173,535</u>	<u>768,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>608,404</u>	<u>185,483</u>	<u>793,887</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Rolling stock £	Fixtures and fittings £	Buildings and grounds etc £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2021	197,236	9,782	18,854	225,872
Additions	<u>40,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,150</u>	<u>96,294</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>237,380</u>	<u>9,782</u>	<u>75,004</u>	<u>322,166</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	46,600	3,677	3,326	53,603
Charge for year	<u>9,693</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>1,433</u>	<u>11,553</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>56,293</u>	<u>4,104</u>	<u>4,759</u>	<u>65,156</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	<u>181,087</u>	<u>5,678</u>	<u>70,245</u>	<u>257,010</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>150,636</u>	<u>6,105</u>	<u>15,528</u>	<u>172,269</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022- continued

8. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Total £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2021	176,783
Additions	<u>5,501</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>182,284</u>
PROVISIONS	
At 1 April 2021	42,838
Charge for year	<u>6,995</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>49,833</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	<u>132,451</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>133,945</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 April 2021	1,000	304,474	305,474
Revaluations	<u>-</u>	<u>9,292</u>	<u>9,292</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,000</u>	<u>313,766</u>	<u>314,766</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,000</u>	<u>313,766</u>	<u>314,766</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,000</u>	<u>304,474</u>	<u>305,474</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2022 is represented by:

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
Valuation in 2022	-	313,766	313,766
Valuation in 2022	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>313,766</u>	<u>314,766</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Somerset and Dorset Railway Company Limited

Registered office: Within the United Kingdom

Nature of business: Operating trains and running ancillary trading

Class of share: % holding
Ordinary "A" shares of £1 each 100

31.3.22	31.3.21
£	£
<u>40,150</u>	<u>33,150</u>

Aggregate capital and reserves

10. STOCKS

31.3.22	31.3.21
£	£
<u>402</u>	<u>1,236</u>

Stock of fuel

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31.3.22	31.3.21
£	£
2,609	7,478
<u>8,892</u>	<u>4,964</u>
<u>11,501</u>	<u>12,442</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings

Other debtors

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

31.3.22	31.3.21
£	£
836	1,956
<u>2,650</u>	<u>1,892</u>
<u>3,486</u>	<u>3,848</u>

Trade creditors

Accrued expenses

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022- continued

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	608,404	31,434	19,276	659,114
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	10,888	(142)	(5,833)	4,913
Museum Fund	1,385	(89)	-	1,296
Track and Land Fund	119,308	(4,920)	(1,856)	112,532
Diesel Fund	7,455	(373)	-	7,082
Building Fund	-	(16)	16	-
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	24,038	(722)	-	23,316
TCL Coach	2,765	-	-	2,765
Toilets	824	-	-	824
Wickham Trolley Fund	3,271	(157)	(122)	2,992
Diesel 1120 Fund	8,000	-	(8,000)	-
SK Purchase Fund	-	14,533	-	14,533
Truck Fund	681	-	-	681
CSK Coach Appeal	6,868	3,226	(3,481)	6,613
	<u>185,483</u>	<u>11,340</u>	<u>(19,276)</u>	<u>177,547</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>793,887</u>	<u>42,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>836,661</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	91,617	(63,683)	3,500	31,434
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(142)	-	(142)
Museum Fund	490	(579)	-	(89)
Track and Land Fund	150	(5,070)	-	(4,920)
Diesel Fund	-	(373)	-	(373)
Building Fund	-	(16)	-	(16)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	-	(722)	-	(722)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(157)	-	(157)
SK Purchase Fund	16,416	(1,883)	-	14,533
Truck Fund	2,168	(2,168)	-	-
CSK Coach Appeal	3,574	(348)	-	3,226
	<u>22,798</u>	<u>(11,458)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,340</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>114,415</u>	<u>(75,141)</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>42,774</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022- continued

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	589,165	19,239	608,404
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,621	6,267	10,888
Museum Fund	500	885	1,385
Track and Land Fund	84,273	35,035	119,308
Diesel Fund	7,847	(392)	7,455
Building Fund	(90)	90	-
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	11,744	12,294	24,038
TCL Coach	2,911	(146)	2,765
Toilets	931	(107)	824
Masbury Appeal Fund	6,709	(6,709)	-
Masbury Residual Fund	230	(230)	-
Wickham Trolley Fund	3,315	(44)	3,271
Tamper Hire Fund	150	(150)	-
Diesel 1120 Fund	8,000	-	8,000
SK Purchase Fund	8,000	(8,000)	-
Land purchase Fund	40,000	(40,000)	-
Truck Fund	-	681	681
CSK Coach Appeal	-	6,868	6,868
	<u>179,141</u>	<u>6,342</u>	<u>185,483</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>768,306</u>	<u>25,581</u>	<u>793,887</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,597	(72,964)	13,633
Restricted funds			
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(1,733)	(1,733)
Museum Fund	-	(60)	(60)
Signal Box Fund	-	(416)	(416)
Track and Land Fund	120	(5,085)	(4,965)
Diesel Fund	-	(392)	(392)
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	12,294	-	12,294
TCL Coach	-	(146)	(146)
Toilets	-	(17)	(17)
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(166)	(166)
Truck Fund	717	(36)	681
CSK Coach Appeal	7,031	(163)	6,868
	<u>20,162</u>	<u>(8,214)</u>	<u>11,948</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>106,759</u>	<u>(81,178)</u>	<u>25,581</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022- continued

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	589,165	50,673	19,276	659,114
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	4,621	(142)	(5,833)	(1,354)
Museum Fund	500	796	-	1,296
Track and Land Fund	84,273	30,115	(1,856)	112,532
Diesel Fund	7,847	(373)	-	7,474
Building Fund	(90)	74	16	-
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	11,744	10,211	-	21,955
TCL Coach	2,911	-	-	2,911
Toilets	931	-	-	931
Masbury Appeal Fund	6,709	-	-	6,709
Masbury Residual Fund	230	-	-	230
Wickham Trolley Fund	3,315	(157)	(122)	3,036
Tamper Hire Fund	150	(150)	-	-
Diesel 1120 Fund	8,000	-	(8,000)	-
Land Purchase Fund	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
SK Purchase Fund	8,000	6,533	-	14,533
Truck Fund	-	681	-	681
CSK Coach Appeal	-	10,094	(3,481)	6,613
	<u>179,141</u>	<u>17,682</u>	<u>(19,276)</u>	<u>177,547</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>768,306</u>	<u>68,355</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>836,661</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022- continued**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses & Tfrrs £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	178,214	(136,647)	9,106	50,673
Restricted funds				
Carriage & Wagon Fund	-	(1,875)	1,733	(142)
Museum Fund	490	(639)	945	796
Signal Box Fund	-	(416)	416	
Track and Land Fund	270	(10,155)	40000	30,115
Diesel Fund	-	(765)	392	(373)
Building Fund	-	(16)	90	74
Heritage Coaching Stock Fund	12,294	(722)	(1,361)	10,211
TCL Coach	-	(146)	146	-
Toilets	-	(17)	17	-
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	(323)	166	(157)
Tamper Hire Fund	-	-	(150)	(150)
SK Purchase Fund	16,416	(1,883)	(8000)	6,533
Land Purchase Fund	-	-	(40,000)	(40,000)
Truck Fund	2,885	(2,204)	-	681
CSK Coach Appeal	<u>10,605</u>	<u>(511)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,094</u>
	<u>42,960</u>	<u>(19,672)</u>	<u>(5606)</u>	<u>17,682</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>221,174</u></u>	<u><u>(156,319)</u></u>	<u><u>3,500</u></u>	<u><u>68,355</u></u>

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

In January 2019 the Board agreed to purchase land at a cost of £3000, plus all legal charges, from the estate of Clarice Wells deceased once Probate has been executed.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

16. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Trustees have yet to draw down the residual balance in respect of a substantial legacy from the estate of Peter Sainsbury deceased.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	53,816	44,139
Covenant from Company	21,940	7,533
HMRC Gift Aid	7,820	-
Membership fees	14,126	12,897
Use of facilities	2,596	2,365
Miscellaneous income	3,450	-
Sale of scrap	1,353	-
Government Grants	-	10,000
	<u>105,101</u>	<u>76,934</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest	22	77
Other income		
Gain on revaluation of tangible fixed assets	<u>9,292</u>	<u>29,748</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>114,415</u>	<u>106,759</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Marketing and publicity	-	2,989
Carriage and wagon	6,375	1,883
Locomotives	5,591	6,800
Signals and telegraph	577	620
Buildings and grounds	10,266	3,197
Heat, light and power	4,042	5,952
Water	972	438
Postage and telephone	1,619	1,466
Administration	3,910	2,008
Insurance	7,499	7,160
Membership costs	7,973	8,610
Health and safety	2,739	642
Legal and professional charges	3,064	18,084
Rent	1,076	976
Bank charges	311	121
Heritage	579	60
Covid-19 expenses	-	2,706
Digi tickets	-	1,500
Depreciation	<u>18,548</u>	<u>15,966</u>
	<u>75,141</u>	<u>81,178</u>
Total resources expended	<u>75,141</u>	<u>81,178</u>
Net income before gains and losses	<u>39,274</u>	<u>25,581</u>

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

	<u>Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022</u>	
	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>3,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income	<u><u>42,774</u></u>	<u><u>25,581</u></u>

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SOMERSET AND DORSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1045547

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03038464 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1045547

Report of the Trustees

and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

for

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

David R Johnson & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The Trust and S&DJR Company have distinct but over-lapping functions. The Trust is essentially responsible for property, railway assets, funding, heritage, education and publications. The Company oversees railway operations and commercial activity (shop and catering), with support from the Trust. The Company is effectively owned by the Trust and endorses recommendations from the Company to add to the working Directors. The Trust leaves all aspects of commercial activity to the Company to determine, supervise and audit. Both Company and Trust continue to work towards having different people on both Boards. Any profit made by the Company is gifted to the Trust as appropriate.

This report focuses on Trust activity in the financial year 2020-21, ending in March 2021 but with inevitable cross-references to Company activity. The pandemic that has affected every aspect of our lives has had serious effects throughout the heritage railway industry with railways legally being forced to close to counter the infection. When the railway was able to open it was for a limited time. When closed we were able thanks to a number of local volunteers to safeguard the property and our assets but significant trespass on the track was a problem during lockdown. Examination of maintenance of railway vehicles was undertaken prior to restoration of services with party numbers restricted to six or less. Nonetheless, progress continues to be made in both developing the overall project (Trust) and consolidating railway operations (Company) and both Trust and Company met regularly via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Liaison between the Company and Trustees is ongoing and regular especially in regard to the direction that the Trust is taking in respect of the Outline Planning Consent applied by the Planning Authority. That work is ongoing. One key aspect of the Outline Planning Application was a substantial application for funding made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and whilst the application proceeded to the second stage, it like every other application made just before the pandemic struck in earnest was then rejected so that HLF funds could be allocated to the more urgent needs created by the pandemic. Unfortunately, because we had no employees, we were unable to access any of these funds or the majority of the help that the government applied to safeguard business that were in far more need. We were however able to access £10,000 from Bath & North East Somerset Council which was applied to help organisations through the pandemic and we applied those funds specifically for Covid prevention measure when volunteers were able to return and the Company was able to run trains. Those measures ensured that within the reporting period we did not have any Track and Trace issues and that has continued into 2021.

Volunteers

The Trust values all its members whether sedentary or active but working volunteers are particularly appreciated. The pandemic clearly affected the ability of working volunteers to meet at the station and the value of volunteer contributions based at around £50 per day was reduced substantially from over £200K in 2019/20 to £50K in 2020/21. Sadly, we lost a few members directly to Covid over the year and we send our condolences to the affected families but as regards volunteers the measures we took meant that none of our regular volunteers were affected. As the age profile of our volunteers means that the vast majority of them would have been eligible for two vaccinations early on, we have been able to safeguard both them and visitors to the site when the latter have been allowed to return.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Overview of the year and project development

The Company was only able to run limited services because of the pandemic but remarkably, they were able to run an early Gala and to put on Santa specials, something denied the vast majority of railways across the nation because of the category of lockdown they were in. For the Santa specials, we were able to approach B&NES who authorised our continuing action as being legal as an outdoor attraction and the reports from families on Facebook and other social media made the decision to continue worthwhile when other attractions were closed down. Joyce, the privately owned Sentinel performed faultlessly as did the diesel locomotives, our Trust's BR Class 08 and the loaned BR Class 03. The Trust's other diesel English Electric D1120 was removed to Rowsley for the fitting of vacuum braking.

With regards to coaching stock the expertise shown in keeping the current three coaches in working order by the small but dedicated team has been fully applied to the RMB which looks as good as new. The opportunity to purchase a further Mk1 based at Cranmore was taken but the pandemic has prevented the Trust from gaining the necessary funds to convert it into a disabled coach. It remains pro tem at Cranmore whilst further funding is sought. The renovation of two coal wagons from Swanage was curtailed during the lockdowns with attention turned to other projects to suit the volunteer skills that were able to attend on site such as the PalVan that was also donated from the Swanage Railway. The renovation will continue into 2021/22, The Trust has been donated a further mineral wagon from the National Railway Museum of a type that saw usage on the S&D. Our aim to create a goods train of the type seen in the 1950s is thus progressing satisfactorily. We are particular grateful to the membership for helping fund that overarching aim.

The restoration of the RMB has enabled the Trust to sell on vehicles that do not fit the 1950/60 era of railway operation that has been a long term primary aim of the Trust. The BR Mk3 Buffet coach built in the 1970s and former Marylebone DMU trailer coach have been sold but Covid has delayed their final removal into the 21/22 financial year. Two other vehicles, the Dace and the Iron ore tippler, which again are not prototypical of the 1950/60's era on the S&D have both been sold and will shortly be moving off site to new homes. The limited space within the goods shed is always being put to good use on renovations and the PalVan will emerge fully restored by the time of the AGM.

Outline Planning Conditions

Selection of a company to prepare the Reserved matters application has taken up a large amount of the Trust's regular monthly meetings. These meetings pre Covid were every two months but Trustees felt that it important to progress matters given that the clock is ticking on ensuring that all or part of the conditions are met and the first sod cut. To that end, and after a considerable amount of discussion and assessment, Trustees agreed, after competitive tendering, to ask Mott MacDonald to assist the Trust firstly in the work needed to discharge the conditions and to work on the standards that will be applicable to the Somervale shed.

Other site developments

Trustees have not simply concentrated on the Somervale site but have been looking at a site near Tunnel Lane for a maintenance shed and to that end the Trust has purchased an option on a site at that location. We started to look at the potential for extending operations in both directions to Radstock and Chilcompton and discussions have been progressing with key players at all levels as far as Covid restrictions allowed us. Work on all of these will take some considerable time but will accelerate as Covid restrictions are lifted. Trustees started in 20/21 to look at the creation of a series of booklets that will set out our aims, likely costs, timescales and where identifiable funding sources.

The Retail Team were looking to expand out of the cramped shop in the station building and a number of options were looked at. This included the possible use of the former

Marylebone TCL DMU vehicle but the opportunity arose for acquisition of a BR Covered Carriage Truck (CCT). This type of vehicle was seen in trains on the S&D during the last years of the lines operation so fits in with the Trusts vehicle acquisition policy. Since its arrival on site the CCT progress towards its use for the sale of books has been swift and it is hoped that by the time of the AGM its restoration will be sufficiently advanced to fulfil this purpose.

Railway and commercial operations

The Trust continued to support the S&DJR Company in the few events it was able to organise with Trust volunteers taking on safety critical roles for the Company and providing support staff for all events.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021-continued

Membership

Total membership as at March 2021 stood at 1109 up from 1045 in March 2020. However, within that figure were a number of members who were being chased for payment and numbers subsequently dropped as people reassessed their commitments as, for many, their income has been seriously affected by the pandemic. It is likely that this will be the pattern for a few more months into 2021/22. The Trust thanks Vivienne Taylor for taking on this important role as there were a large number of changes and errors she inherited. Can we repeat the plea to let us know home address, telephone and email address changes as they occur and when you receive a request to pay your sub but decide not to renew to let Vivienne know so that further reminders are not needed.

Heritage

The museum has been shut for most of the year because of the pandemic but it is hoped that with more regular running the Trust can open it more often. During the year our Museum Curator Barry Bax fell seriously ill but we are pleased that he is now slowly recovering. We still receive donations even during the pandemic for which we are grateful. Malcolm Barton continues his watching brief.

Buildings

The Buildings team had its activities severely curbed by the pandemic but thankfully there were no serious issues to contend with during the financial year.

Gardens

The pandemic affected the work of the Gardening Team as much as it did the Buildings Team and they are simply looking forward to the time when they can maintain the standards again that produced previous awards.

Press and Publicity

This has mainly concentrated on letting the general public know when we are running via our website. The new Digi tickets resource for offering tickets online in specific coaches has proven invaluable to allow the Company to create a safe environment with family bubbles a necessity under the Covid restrictions.

Safety considerations

Despite the pandemic, safety still remains paramount and with the Covid restrictions this became even more important as competencies of safety critical staff needed to be maintained and updated whilst coaching stock needed its regular inspection to enable passengers to travel in safety. We were particularly lucky that we were still able to run some trains when the vast majority of heritage railways were unable to run even test trains to maintain competencies.

Governance

Trustees meet regularly every month to discuss policy and other matters. The Chairman, Secretary and Finance Director are appointed at the first meeting after the AGM. Sub committees of the Trust will be created where necessary but any spending decisions of those sub committees, unless specifically delegated will be ratified by a majority of Trustees. Where a meeting is not imminent, such decisions will be done by email but these are now ratified at the next available meeting. At present all meetings are via Microsoft Teams, Zoom meetings having proven to be problematical. Company minutes are a regular agenda item for Trust meetings and vice versa and joint meetings of the Company Directors and Trustees are held as and when necessary. Conference calls on specific areas are also held where necessary.

The Trust sets an annual income and expenditure budget. It will alter this where circumstances change (e.g. reducing expenditure if income is expected to be lower than expected). Budget holders can spend up to the limit of their budget but have to take cognisance of Trust cashflow in consultation with the Finance Director - expenditure is expected to be spread across the whole of the financial year. Where a newly proposed item of expenditure arises the budget holder must complete a budget justification form which also sets out where the income to cover the expenditure will be found.

The Trust holds a special interest bearing legacy account and has the power to invest such income as it sees fit using independent financial advice. Trustees, on the advice of the Finance Director agreed that it would be prudent to place £300K into two medium and long term investment accounts. These continue to grow despite the pandemic. There are remaining legacy funds but the impetus in 20/21 was to ask members to create regular monthly standing orders to augment the normal income streams. Whilst a good number of members have done so, given that we were not recipients of substantial government funding during the pandemic we seek more members who feel that they are able to help in this way.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021-continued

The Trust maintains a minimum of two signatories to pay invoices and two signatories are needed to change any aspects of the Trust's accounting procedures or the primary user. HSBC does not have dual factor authorisation unlike some other banks so the payment of larger invoices needs to be approved (usually by email) before payment can be made. As in any business situation, Trustees are not obliged to accept the lowest quotation or to seek a minimum of three quotations for every contractual obligation they enter into. Whilst this would be the ideal, Trustees have the right to consider other aspects than simple financial costs. All such decisions will be minuted for audit purposes. In all financial aspects, the Trust follows, where applicable, Charity Commission's guidelines for financial propriety.

Trustee Changes

The changes in trustees during the course of the financial year are shown in the Reference and Administrative Details section.

Formal links to our local schools

The Trust has special formal links to our local schools. Norton Hill Academy has since our inception provided us with parking facilities at weekends when their facilities are not required by the school for which we are extremely grateful. We also have strong links to Fosseway special school. The pandemic has curbed their visits as with all local schools

Liaison with Midsomer Norton Town Council, Radstock Town Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council, and Mendip Council

2020-21 saw us continuing and enhancing the links with our local councils. These will be essential as we look to expand our operations northwards and southwards.

Liaison with other Somerset & Dorset organisations

The Trust continues to maintain links with the various organisations either on the S&D or associated with it. The pandemic has meant that no face to face meetings were possible.

Liaison with the Heritage Railway Association

The Trust is a member of the HRA which produces regular guidance notes on all aspects of railway operations, the work and requirements of trustees and company directors. John Baxter is the HRA's Secretary to their Operating and Safety Committee and provides regular updates on aspects of HRA operations. In addition a number of local heritage railways both standard and narrow gauge, covering Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, Wiltshire, South Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire met pre-pandemic to discuss matters of mutual concern.

The wider Community

The ambitions of the Trust acknowledge the heritage value of the Somerset and Dorset Railway line and the heritage value of Midsomer Norton Station. In addition, the Trust has an increasing understanding of the opportunity the Trust has to bring social, economic, health, well-being and environmental benefits to the community of Midsomer Norton and its hinterland. With the expansion of reopened sections of line, there is also the potential to perhaps improve the economic fortunes and the social, health and environmental prosperity of neighbouring communities and to connect these communities with all of the recognised benefits that result from this

Publications

The S&D Telegraph has been issued on a regular basis throughout the year with Graham Findley taking on this mantle after Peter Russell's resignation. This continues to attract praise for its content and professionalism which remains undiminished with the change in Editor.

Financial Review [Summary]

Financial results for 2020-21 were on budget and reflected the effects of the pandemic with outgoings of £81,178 against income of £106,759 (Note: this includes £29,748 surplus on the revaluation of cash investment assets). Major routine spending was again on membership (including the journal), insurance and utilities. Main routine income sources were the transferred surplus from the Company, membership fees, legacies and donations.

Prospects for 2021-22

There are two over-riding priorities entering 2021-22. The first is working towards the release of the planning conditions and starting work on the Somervale site. The second is supporting the Company with the consolidation of regular and more frequent public train services with its increased operating days as we exit the pandemic restrictions.

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Other high priorities continue to be major fund-raising for capital developments alongside the Peter Sainsbury legacy and the associated planning applications that will be required for specific building proposals, attracting more volunteers in all areas and recruiting new younger Trustees, Company Directors and service managers and completing any resultant land negotiations. Finally, we wish to ensure that all members who are eligible for Gift Aid have signed the necessary documentation to enable us to enhance every donation by 25%.

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STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFITS OF THE CHARITY

Under the Charities Act 2006, Trustees must report on their charity's public benefits in their Annual Report, showing the types and nature of the benefits that justify its continued charitable status. Benefit reporting should be proportionate and appropriate to the charity's circumstances. This table shows benefits provided in 2020-21.

CHARITY OBJECTS (from Memorandum of Association).

Restoration and use of S&DJR route and running stock.

CORRESPONDING CLASS OF PUBLIC BENEFIT	ACTIVITIES PROVIDING BENEFITS IN 2019-20	PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES
Accessible historic railway for visitors.	Development, repair and expansion of railway and station buildings.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers. Trust Members.
Conservation of cultural history	Restoration of historic locomotives, carriages and wagons.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers. Trust Members.
Associated environmental conservation	Extension of trackbed in accordance with environmental considerations for wildlife and tree preservation	General public. Visitors.
Preservation and display of S&DJR artefacts and documents.	Dynamic and static museum facilities in three locations on site. Upgrading and variation of internal museum displays.	General public. Visitors. Volunteers.
Research into the S&DJR and associated local history.	Research facility. Educational resource. Responding to queries on the S&DJR.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Public education about the S&DJR.	Continuing publication of the "Telegraph" magazine and "Between The Lines" newsletter. Escorted group visits for schools, railway societies and general public. S&D orientated film shows at other society locations.	Visitors. Students. Volunteers. Trust Members. Historians.
Provision of recreational facilities.	Extension of permissive lineside path. Improved access for disabled visitors. Management of ecological spaces. Photographic/filming events.	General public. Walkers. Visitors. Photographers. Film Makers.
Provision of educational and training facilities to those restoring the S&DJR.	Training for safety-critical roles on railway operations and general 'mutual improvement' classes. Personal track safety. Hygiene, first aid and museum accreditation related courses..	Railway volunteers.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; 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)).

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.

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10 August 2021

Somerset & Dorset Railway Heritage Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	44,139	308,240
Covenant from Company	7,533	4,144
HMRC Gift Aid	-	14,156
Membership fees	12,897	15,426
Use of facilities	2,365	3,192
Government Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	76,934	345,158
Investment income		
Bank interest	77	512
Other income		
Gain on revaluation of tangible fixed assets	<u>29,748</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	106,759	345,670
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Marketing and publicity	2,989	4,000
Carriage and wagon	1,883	1,592
Locomotives	6,800	3,971
Signals and telegraph	620	877
Buildings and grounds	3,197	8,748
Heat, light and power	5,952	8,684
Water	438	747
Postage and telephone	1,466	2,711
Administration	2,008	7,240
Insurance	7,160	7,139
Membership costs	8,610	5,304
Health and safety	642	984
Legal and professional charges	18,084	46,451
Miscellaneous expenses	-	534
Rent	976	920
Bank charges	121	-
Heritage	60	477
Covid-19 expenses	2,706	-
Digi tickets	1,500	-
Depreciation	<u>15,966</u>	<u>14,235</u>
	81,178	114,614
Other		
Loss on sale of heritage asset	<u>-</u>	<u>24,815</u>
Total resources expended	<u>81,178</u>	<u>139,429</u>
Net income	<u>25,581</u>	<u>206,241</u>

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