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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1087318

The Swanage Railway Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Consolidated Accounts
For the year ended 31 January 2024

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The Swanage Railway Trust
For the Year Ended 31 January 2024

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The Swanage Railway Trust
Charity information

COMPANY REGISTRATION NO: 4115126

CHARITY NO: 1087318

REGISTERED OFFICE: Station House
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TRUST DIRECTORS
(Referred to as Trustees)

F E Roberts (Chair)
W Sheret (Deputy Chair)
G C Johns (Secretary)
R Patterson (Treasurer)
A Atkins (Appointed October 2023)
D Bennett (Appointed October 2023)
C Collins
B Ford
C Hardy (Appointed October 2023)
I Kapur (Appointed October 2023)
T J Parsons (Resigned August 2023)
E M Sellen
P N Sills (Resigned October 2023)
M A Whitwam

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**The Swanage Railway Trust
Chairman's Strategic Report
For the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

This is my first Report as your Chair of the Swanage Railway Trust, and it covers the financial year ending on 31st January 2024.

The business of the Swanage Railway Trust is managed by the Trustees who are all members of the Council of Management Trust; its subsidiary is the Swanage Railway Company Limited with a Board of Directors. All trustees and directors are UK registered directors at Companies House in London.

Our business remains seasonal, susceptible to variations in the weather, with the Company again required additional financial support from the Trust during the winter months, as is detailed in these accounts.

In common with many heritage railways the Swanage Railway, experienced tough trading conditions as recovery continued in the aftermath of the Pandemic. There have been other pressures induced by the war in Ukraine and inflation in general; the later in particular impacting on the cost of infrastructure works and new builds such as the Herston Carriage Shed.

Whilst the slow recovery of passenger numbers was evident through summer 2023, this will have been assisted by the 'Kids for a Quid' initiative having a rather more positive effect on visitor numbers than income.

An earlier measure to reduce Company costs resulted in the reduction in two steam train running in peak periods and as a consequence the number of hired locomotives being reduced from four to three , These two actions alone saved the Company considerable costs and whilst this was not universally welcomed it was necessary. Further consideration of locomotive aspects also took place notably the completion of T3 Class 563 and ongoing discussions with Drummond Locomotive Limited in respect of the M7.

During the year, the Company was assisted with a £100,000 Trust grant to operate services to Wareham for the first time since 2017 and fulfilled the Trust obligations relating to the contract with the Dorset Council, by operating a second (90 day) trial.

The Trust's Financial Advisory Group was reformed, and renamed, during summer 2023 and in mid-September it reported serious concerns over the financial position of the Company. As reported to members at the Trust's Annual General meeting on 13th October, a Business Review Group formed of Gavin Johns, Robert Patterson and Frank Roberts. The Group, supported by a wide variety of others across the Railway, conducted a wide-ranging review. Whilst the focus was primarily on consideration of the business of the Company, the Recovery Business Plan was approved by Company Directors and endorsed by Trustees soon after the end of this reporting period.

Without doubt the 2023 Wareham Service was an operational success, and due to national rail strikes on some days the only trains at Wareham were the Swanage Railway services. However, as part of the winter review the Company commissioned a comprehensive and independent review of Wareham operations, and determined that without external grant support, the Wareham service would be unsustainable and could jeopardise the future operations of the Company.

Operation of the Wareham service coupled to the financial arrangements with Polar Express, with the absence of income from advance ticket sales, meant that the Company had acute cash flow issues during the winter requiring substantial Trust support for the Company.

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After considerable consideration, a £370,000 winter loan was approved by trustees, arrangements being supported by a debenture secured against Company assets arranged through our bank and solicitors. A crucial aspect of the arrangement was the provision of a 3-year Recovery Business Plan developed by the Business Review Group.

One of the highlights of the year was the re-commissioning into service of T3 locomotive No 563 (the only locomotive owned by the Trust) after a £600K restoration appeal. The rededication ceremony on 7th October was attended by many guests who saw this Victorian icon brought back to life, and the event was covered in the national press. Subsequent work has improved the performance of the locomotive which is now able to haul 5-carriage trains.

At the Trust's Annual General Meeting, the Save Your Railway appeal was launched, and by the end of January had raised £104,653. Legacies to the Trust also continued during the year and during 2023/24 this amounted to £275,000.

In addition to a number of new trustees who joined the Council of Management at the first meeting on 4th November 2023, the Trust has been keen to support all its constituent groups which fall under its umbrella. Worthy of note are:

- Purbeck Mining Museum secured £150k of external grant towards the creation of woodland walks
- The Heritage Carriage Group commissioned Maunsell carriage 1346 into service.
- The youth group 'The Sygnets' remains extremely popular with a long waiting list of prospective members
- Corfe Museum recently received accreditation and started work on rebuilding exhibits with lottery grant support.

Looking to future governance the Trust has re-affirmed its commitment to a unitary charitable governance model and the motion at the October 2023 provided Trustees with a mandate to continue with this work.

Trustees would like to express their grateful thanks to Peter Sills and Andrew Moore who stepped down from the Council of Management, and to Trevor Parsons and Keith Usher who also left the Board during this reporting period. Collectively they have offered substantial support to Swanage Railway over many years.

In addition, I wish to offer my personal thanks to everyone who supported the Railway during this reporting period, in whatever endeavour, whether that be a member of staff (paid or volunteer) or as a supporter. Last winter was an extremely challenging time during which we conducted the third structure review since Covid-19; six months after the introduction of a new Plan there are indeed clear signs of recovery.



Frank Roberts, Chair,
Swanage Railway Trust
Date: 31st August 2024

**The Swanage Railway Trust
Directors Report
For the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

The directors are pleased to present their report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary company for the year ended 31 January 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The Swanage Railway Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Its Charity Number is 1087318 and its Company Number is 4115126.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 3 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102).

MANAGEMENT

The Swanage Railway Trust has a single management body, the Board of Directors (also known as the Council of Management), elected by the members for a two year period. Fifty percent of the directors are required to retire by rotation each year at the Trust's Annual General Meetings.

The Council of Management delegate day to day responsibilities of managing the Railway to The Swanage Railway Company's Senior Management Team, overseen by the Company Board or Directors. The Directors consider the following people to be part of Key Management.

Directors;

N Au

G J Johns

T Parsons (Resigned August 2023)

R Patterson (Resigned February 2023, reappointed November 2023)

K Potts

F E Roberts (Appointed from November 2023)

E Sellen

K Usher (Resigned October 2023)

M Alldrick (Resigned February 2023)

Senior Managers;

J Cox (Carriage & Wagon Manager)

G Froud (Steam Locomotive Superintendent)

A Haddon (Health Safety and Compliance Manager)

A Haines (Operations Manager)

L Lock (Finance and Personnel Manager)

M Trott (Passenger Services Manager)

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Key Management Personnel are employed by the Swanage Railway Company and are remunerated in accordance with the pay structures established by its Directors who act with the authority delegated by the Council of Management.

DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Council of Management meets 8 times a year with a number of additional on-line meetings.

DIRECTOR INDUCTION AND TRAINING

The directors of the charitable company are the trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are referred to as the directors.

The Directors of the Trust are elected by the membership of the Trust or, in the case of the Secretary and Treasurer, can be appointed ex-officio in order to ensure that the Board has suitably experienced persons in these positions. All Directors of the Trust are members of the Trust and as such are familiar with the overall goals of the Trust. A formal review of the Trust policies is held annually at the meeting following elections to ensure that these remain appropriate and that the new Directors are familiar with them.

The Swanage Railway Trust provides a briefing pack to members considering standing for election to the Council of Management. This pack includes, inter-alia, a copy of the Trust's Articles of Association, a copy of the Trust's formal policies and a copy of CC3 – The Charity Commission's guide for new Trust Directors. Successful candidates are asked to confirm receipt of these in writing and that they understand the information contained therein. Any changes to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission will be considered by the appropriate director, and where necessary, discussed at a meeting of the Council of Management.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Swanage Railway Trust, as set down in its Memorandum of Association, is to study, compile records on and acquire, restore, preserve and maintain railway lines, locomotives, rolling stock and other items of railway interest, and to provide training and instruction in such activities and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing those associated with the Isle of Purbeck, the former London and South Western Railway, other Railways which were in existence in Southern England during and before the year of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, the Southern Railway, and the Southern Region of British Railways, and to enter in such agreements and to take all such steps as may be necessary for these purposes, and to organise, sponsor and support displays and such other shows and events for the provision and stimulation of information, education and interest in such vehicles and other items of railway interest.

The SRC Board use annual passenger numbers on the railway to measure the performance of the Group.

A review of business describing how objectives and activities have been achieved in the current year has been included in the Chairman's Strategic Report which starts on page 4.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

The directors have given due regards to the requirement of the Charity Commission with respect to public benefit.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks that the Swanage Railway Trust and its trading subsidiary face the Swanage Railway Company Limited have been considered by separate review groups.

The major risks considered by the Trust are:

- Lack of funding and difficulties in fundraising to prevent the Trust from achieving its objectives which leads to inability to fund key infrastructure and heritage projects
- Adverse trading conditions of its subsidiary
- Difficulties in recruiting volunteers

These risks may cause a delay in the Trust achieving its objectives or curtail the operations of the trading subsidiary.

RELATED PARTIES

The charity acknowledges a relationship with:-

The Swanage Railway Company Limited	JMB Locomotive Services
Southern Locomotives Hire Ltd	Drummond Locos Ltd
Southern Locomotives Engineering Limited	National Railway Museum
71A Locomotive Ltd	563 Locomotive Group
Class 33/1 Preservation Co. Ltd	

The Swanage Railway Trust holds a controlling interest in the Swanage Railway Company Limited, which assists the Trust in meeting its objectives by operating the Swanage Railway and undertaking the associated trading activities. Whilst the company has a paid staff it is still heavily dependent on the supply of volunteers by the Trust for the operation of its train services and the maintenance and development of the railway.

A number of the directors of the Swanage Railway Trust are also directors of the Swanage Railway Company Limited. It is current Trust policy that the majority of voting Directors of the Swanage Railway Company are also Directors of the Swanage Railway Trust.

VOLUNTEERS

The charity is heavily dependent on the volunteers who perform many different tasks to assist with the management, administration, maintenance and operation of the railway.

FUNDRAISING STANDARDS INFORMATION

The charity does not use professional fundraisers or direct mail. Members receive regular communication through the magazine and appeal information is on the charity's website. The trustees are satisfied that there is no undue pressure on members of the public to donate to The Swanage Railway Trust.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The level of consolidated income has decreased largely because of the reduction of capital grants from outside organisations which were made to the trading subsidiary as those projects near completion although this is matched by a decrease in capital and revenue expenditure. Legacy income in the Trust was also substantially greater this year. The Trust has continued to make grants to the Swanage Railway Company Limited for the restoration and construction of railway buildings, track maintenance, locomotives and rolling stock which are part of the objectives of the Trust.

Consolidated funds total £6,653,439 at 31 January 2024 (2023 - £6,265,677). There is a requirement for a high level of reserves given the substantial investment by the Trust and its subsidiary in fixed assets.

RESERVES POLICY

The Group has a requirement for a high level of reserves due to its large investment in fixed assets and its trading subsidiary and for setting aside resources for future projects.

Where funds have been raised for specific projects, the Group maintains separate funds either as designated or restricted funds – see notes 14 and 15.

The available reserves of the Group are as follows:

Total consolidated funds at 31 January 2024	6,653,439
Less:-	
- Tangible Fixed assets	5,653,133
- Fixed asset investments	95,160
- Restricted funds held in bank balances	166,468
	<hr/> 738,678

Free reserves are calculated by deducting fixed assets from the unrestricted (and undesignated) reserves held at the year-end. The trustees are able to undesignate reserves if required.

Funds in relation to fixed assets would only be released on the sale of those assets.

The Group will continue to invest in fixed assets and locomotive overhaul in 2024/25.

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FUTURE PLANS

The Group intends to use its strategic objectives to utilise its resources and to develop its museum facilities and collections and to restore further items of equipment appropriate to its need for use on the Swanage Railway.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in business.

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

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

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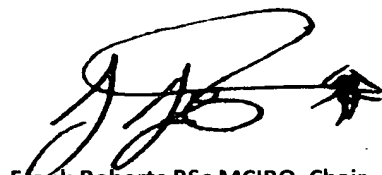
In so far as the directors are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware;
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The Auditors, Ward Goodman, have been informed that the Swanage Railway intends to appoint a new auditor at their respective Trust and Company Annual General Meetings on Saturday 12th October 2024. Ward Goodman has expressed its willingness to ensure a smooth transfer to the new Auditor.

The Chair of the Swanage Railway Trust, on behalf of the Swanage Railway Company Limited and all constituent groups, wishes to place on record an appreciation in respect of the high level of assistance and support received from Ward Goodman, since it took over its audit role from Shipleys LLP in 2013.

Approved by Order of the Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'FR' followed by a stylized flourish.

**Frank Roberts BSc MCIRO Chair,
Swanage Railway Trust
Date: 31st August 2024**

**Report of the Independent Auditors of
The Swanage Railway Trust
For the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Swanage Railway Trust (the parent company and its trading subsidiary, together 'the group') for the year ended 31 January 2024 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the group and parent charitable company balance sheets and the consolidated statement of cashflows and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2024 and of the group's and parent charitable company's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the director's' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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For the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

Other information

The trustees and directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities set out on page eleven, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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The Swanage Railway Trust
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Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities including fraud. The extent to which are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Group and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: the Companies Act 2006, the UK Corporate Governance Code, UK corporate taxation laws and UK government Covid-19 support schemes.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Group are complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to the management. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes and papers provided to the Committee of Management.
- We assessed the susceptibility Group's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- 1) Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- 2) Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- 3) Challenging assumptions and judgments made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- 4) Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
- 5) Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant law and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors of
The Swanage Railway Trust
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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the group and charitable company. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the group and charitable company those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the group and charitable company as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Ian M Rodd BSc FCA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Ward Goodman Audit Services Limited
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 31st August 2024

The Swanage Railway Trust
Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 January 2024
(Incorporating the Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 as restated £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income:					
Appeals, donations, legacies and covenants		492,609	267,251	759,860	436,654
Grant income		1	150,690	150,691	1,929
Activities for generating funds:					
Membership subscriptions		52,351	-	52,351	42,927
Fund raising and other income		23,341	-	23,341	21,306
Trading income		2,842,915	-	2,842,915	2,905,971
Investment income		37,879	2,001	39,880	1,857
Government grants		-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		3,449,096	419,942	3,869,038	3,410,644
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Trading expenses		3,263,853	-	3,263,853	3,439,587
Fundraising costs		6,015	-	6,015	5,720
Charitable activities		243,417	52,934	296,351	222,516
Total Resources Expended	5	3,513,285	52,934	3,566,219	3,667,823
Net Incoming Resources		(64,189)	367,008	302,819	(257,179)
Provision for deferred taxation		12,154	-	12,154	108,132
Revaluation adjustment		72,789	-	72,789	(1,100)
Transfers between funds		(3,280)	3,280	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,474	370,288	387,762	(150,147)
Funds at 1 February 2023		5,370,430	895,247	6,265,677	6,415,824
Funds at 31 January 2024	14,15	5,387,904	1,265,535	6,653,439	6,265,677

**The Swanage Railway Trust
Consolidated Balance Sheet
As at 31 January 2024**

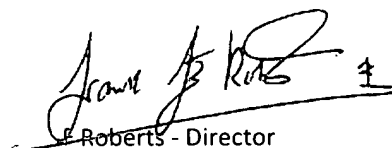
		2024	2023
		£	as restated £
Fixed Assets	Notes		
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	5,653,133	5,469,062
Fixed asset investments - listed	9	95,160	3,486
Total fixed assets		<u>5,748,293</u>	<u>5,472,548</u>
Current Assets			
Stocks	10	85,361	84,055
Debtors and prepayments	11	412,969	387,006
Cash at bank and in hand		1,605,085	1,517,852
		<u>2,103,415</u>	<u>1,988,913</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	12	(969,348)	(877,327)
Net Current Assets		1,134,067	1,111,586
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>6,882,360</u>	<u>6,584,134</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(206,804)	(284,185)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES		(22,117)	(34,272)
Net Assets		<u>6,653,439</u>	<u>6,265,677</u>
Unrestricted Funds;			
General funds		4,035,750	4,197,809
Designated funds		782,587	801,419
Revaluation funds		569,567	371,202
	14	<u>5,387,904</u>	<u>5,370,430</u>
Restricted funds	14	1,265,535	895,247
Total funds	15	<u>6,653,439</u>	<u>6,265,677</u>

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These financial statements were approved by the Directors and authorised for issue on 31st August 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


G C Johns - Director


F Roberts - Director

The Swanage Railway Trust
Balance Sheet
As at 31 January 2024

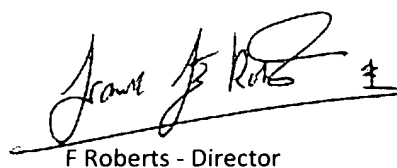
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	1,515,113	1,340,541
Fixed asset investments - listed	9	95,160	3,486
Investment in subsidiaries	8	470,605	470,605
Total fixed assets		<u>2,080,878</u>	<u>1,814,632</u>
Current Assets			
Stocks	10	-	-
Debtors and prepayments	11	785,663	444,962
Cash at bank and in hand		1,524,019	1,394,782
		<u>2,309,682</u>	<u>1,839,744</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	12	(583,111)	(349,541)
Net Current Assets		<u>1,726,571</u>	<u>1,490,203</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,807,449</u>	<u>3,304,835</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(102,598)	(106,582)
Net Assets		<u>3,704,851</u>	<u>3,198,253</u>
Unrestricted Funds;			
General funds		1,656,729	1,501,587
Designated funds		782,587	801,419
Revaluation funds		-	-
	14	<u>2,439,316</u>	<u>2,303,006</u>
Restricted funds	14	1,265,535	895,247
Total funds	14	<u>3,704,851</u>	<u>3,198,253</u>

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G C Johns - Director


F Roberts - Director

**The Swanage Railway Trust
Consolidated Cashflow Statement
For the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 as restated £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	627,451	27,462
Interest received		39,880	1,857
Interest paid		(12,936)	(8,624)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		654,395	20,695
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of equipment		(344,251)	(389,636)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		-	29,000
(Gains)/Losses on revaluation of investments		(72,789)	1,100
Purchase of investments		(100,125)	
Net cash flows from investing activities		(517,165)	(359,536)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Capital repayment of Hire Purchase leases		-	-
New loans in the year		-	-
Interest paid		-	-
Loans repaid		(49,997)	(45,798)
Net cash flows from financing activities		(49,997)	(45,798)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		87,233	(384,639)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,517,852	1,902,491
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,605,085	1,517,852
Reconciliation to cash at bank and in hand:			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,605,085	1,517,852
Bank overdrafts		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents		1,605,085	1,517,852

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Notes to the Consolidated Cashflow Statement
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1 Cash flows from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	as restated £
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	302,819	(257,179)
Adjustment for;		
Depreciation charges	228,060	218,975
Reclassification of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of investments	72,789	(1,100)
Investment income	(39,880)	(1,857)
Interest paid	12,936	8,624
Impairment losses	-	-
(Gain)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	13,363	12,110
Cash flows before movement in working capital	<u>590,087</u>	<u>(20,427)</u>
(Increase) / Decrease in stock	(1,306)	(10,818)
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	(25,963)	(284,223)
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	64,633	342,930
Cash generated by operations	<u><u>627,451</u></u>	<u><u>27,462</u></u>

2 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Feb 2023 as restated £	Cash flows £	At 31 Jan 2024 £
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,517,852	87,233	1,605,085
Debt			
Falling due within one year	(50,000)	-	(50,000)
Falling due after one year	(207,202)	49,997	(157,205)
	<u><u>1,260,650</u></u>	<u><u>137,230</u></u>	<u><u>1,397,880</u></u>

**The Swanage Railway Trust
Notes to the Consolidated Accounts
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.0 Legal form

The Swanage Railway Trust Limited, a public benefit company under FRS 102, is incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (company number 4115126). The registered office address is on page 3 of these accounts. The company is also a registered charity in England (charity number 1087318).

The Swanage Railway Company Limited is incorporated as a Company limited by shares, registered in England and Wales (company number 01412568). The registered office address is on page 3 of these accounts.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of the locomotives and rolling stock and are in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounting Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS 102).

1.2 Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts present the financial statements of The Swanage Railway Trust and its subsidiary the Swanage Railway Company Limited as if they formed a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances have therefore been eliminated in full. The Group has taken advantage of section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 by not providing a separate statement of financial activities for the subsidiary.

1.3 Incoming Resources

Membership income:

Annual subscriptions from members are included in full in the year they are received. Life membership subscriptions are credited to the life membership account and from there to income in equal annual instalments over ten years.

Voluntary income and donations:

All voluntary income and donations are accounted for gross when received. Due to the nature of donations and fund raising income the directors have no control over this until received and entered into the records.

Trading income:

Income from the subsidiary trading company is included in the period in which it is generated.

Legacy income:

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of the charity being notified or the legacy being received.

Government Grants:

Government grants shall be recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

1.4 Resources Expended

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

- Cost of generating funds comprises the costs of fundraising and trading activities.
- Charitable activities include the costs incurred directly in the fulfillment of the Charity's objectives.
- Governance costs represent those costs of the strategic management of the charity and of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

1.4 Resources Expended (continued)

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party.

All expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis net of recoverable VAT.

1.5 Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred over the term of the lease.

1.6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are included at cost or valuation. Expenditure on repairs and renewals and minor items of equipment is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

1.7 Heritage Assets

Part of the Objectives of the Trust is to acquire, restore, preserve and manage heritage locomotives and rolling stock. These assets are included in the accounts of the Trust at valuation and are not subject to an annual depreciation charge, as in the opinion of the directors the nature of the assets concerned and the level of maintenance is such that there is no significant annual depreciation. Any permanent diminution in the value of such assets is charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities when recognised in accordance with FRS 102.

Detailed information on the locomotives and rolling stock of the Trust and its subsidiary company can be found at www.swanagerailway.co.uk.

1.8 Infrastructure, plant and equipment

Infrastructure, plant and equipment is stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of the assets concerned on either a straight line basis or a reducing balance basis over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:-

Plant and machinery;

Fixtures and fittings, plant and equipment – 20% Reducing balance

Computer equipment – 25% Straight line

Motor vehicles – 10% Straight line

Rolling stock – Not depreciated

Furniture – 20% Straight line

Fixtures and equipment – 20% Straight line

Long leasehold - over the term of the lease

Permanent way – 2% Straight line

Buildings and railway structures – 4% Straight line

Freehold land - not depreciated

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

1.9 Impairment of Fixed assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as described below.

An Asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, that estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

1.10 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

1.11 Investments

All investments in locomotive preservation groups are stated at cost.

Investment in the Trust's subsidiary company the Swanage Railway Company Limited is stated at cost. Investments in listed entities are measured at market value at the year end. The listed investments were gifted to the Trust as part of a legacy in previous years and are held to earn investment income. The Trust has no plans or policies in place for further investment in listed entities.

1.12 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to use to further any of the purposes of the charity, at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which have been set aside by the trustees to fund particular activities of the charity.

Restricted funds are donated for particular areas of the charity work or specific projects undertaken. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, by the trust deed or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1.13 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the Group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets;

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic financial liabilities;

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, bank loans, and loans from group companies are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities due in more than one year are initially measured at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

1.13 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities constituting financing transactions are initially measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities;

Financial assets and liabilities are derecognised when the Group's contractual rights or obligations expire or are discharged, transferred or cancelled.

1.14 Significant judgement and estimates

In the application of the group's accounting policies, which are described above, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

These estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following are areas that are considered to be key sources of estimation uncertainty, there are no significant judgements to note.

Useful life and residual values of tangible fixed assets;

The economic useful life of tangible fixed assets and the expected residual value on future disposal is estimated by the Directors based on their knowledge and experience. The total carrying value of fixed assets at 31 January 2024 was £5,637,397.

1.15 Finance Leases

Finance leases are measured at the present value of future lease payments and interest is accrued using the sum of digits method.

1.16 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

Deferred Taxation - Subsidiary only:

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

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2. Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 as restated £
Voluntary income (Trust)				
Donations, legacies and covenants	160,798	239,136	399,934	172,966
Gift aid	14,748	28,115	42,863	21,415
Legacies	317,064	-	317,064	242,274
Grant income	-	150,690	150,690	1,929
Membership subscriptions	52,351	-	52,351	42,927
Fundraising and other income	23,341	-	23,341	21,306
Investment income	37,879	2,001	39,880	1,857
Total voluntary income from Trust	606,181	419,942	1,026,123	504,674
Activities for generating funds (Subsidiary Company)				
Heritage passenger fare income	2,229,815	-	2,229,815	2,338,563
Wareham fare income	-	-	-	-
Shop income	185,759	-	185,759	163,915
Catering income	145,632	-	145,632	123,053
Other income	281,709	-	281,709	280,439
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-
Revenue grants	-	-	-	-
Government grants	-	-	-	-
Total income from activities in subsidiary company	2,842,915	-	2,842,915	2,905,970
Total consolidated incoming resources	3,449,096	419,942	3,869,038	3,410,644

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3. Subsidiary results

The Trust discharges its charitable objectives through its subsidiary the Swanage Railway Company Limited, a company incorporated in the UK. A summary of the trading results including intergroup trading is set out below. Audited accounts are filed with Companies House.

	2024	2023 as restated
	£	£
Turnover	3,013,671	2,981,420
Cost of sales	(1,345,225)	(1,439,408)
Gross profit	1,668,446	1,542,012
Administrative expenses	(1,850,981)	(1,960,555)
Operating profit	(182,535)	(418,543)
Government grants	-	-
Interest payable	(33,658)	(8,624)
Interest receivable	65	186
Other income	-	-
Net profit/ (loss) on ordinary activities	(216,128)	(426,981)
Less: Deferred taxation	12,154	108,132
Heritage asset revaluation	198,365	
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	(5,609)	(318,849)
Prior year adjustment	(130,566)	
Total Comprehensive Income since last annual report	(136,175)	
Net assets	1,167,251	1,172,860

Prior year adjustment

A prior year adjustment was made in the subsidiaries accounts, which has impacted the accounts for the group. During the year ended 31 January 2024 the board conducted a full review of fixed assets. Within Assets Under Construction, an asset to the value of £326,415 was identified which has been in operation for 5 years. A prior year adjustment has therefore been completed to recognise the asset within Plant & Machinery as a rolling stock asset which is depreciated over a 10 years straight line basis. The overall effect on the brought forward reserves as a result of the depreciation charge is a reduction of £130,566.

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4 Comparative Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted 2023 as restated £	Restricted 2023 as restated £	Total 2023 as restated £	Total 2022 £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income:					
Appeals, donations, legacies and covenants		281,939	154,715	436,654	411,617
Grant income		-	1,929	1,929	493,467
Activities for generating funds:					
Membership subscriptions		42,927	-	42,927	39,263
Fund raising and other income		21,306	-	21,306	24,501
Trading income		2,905,971	-	2,905,971	2,350,587
Investment income		1,756	101	1,857	75
Government grants		-	-	-	58,252
Total Incoming Resources	2	3,253,899	156,745	3,410,644	3,377,762
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Trading expenses		3,439,587	-	3,439,587	2,543,271
Fundraising costs		5,720	-	5,720	8,952
Charitable activities		184,577	37,939	222,516	176,769
Total Resources Expended	5	3,629,884	37,939	3,667,823	2,728,992
Net Incoming Resources		(375,985)	118,806	(257,179)	648,770
Provision for deferred taxation		108,132	-	108,132	(142,403)
Revaluation adjustment		(1,100)	-	(1,100)	1,046
Transfers between funds		(2,983)	2,983	-	-
Net movement in funds		(271,936)	121,789	(150,147)	507,413
Funds at 1 February 2022		5,642,366	773,458	6,415,824	6,006,335
Funds at 31 January 2023	14,15	5,370,430	895,247	6,265,677	6,513,748

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5. Total Resources Expended

	Premises & railway running costs £	Admin, salaries and other £	Dep'n £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £ as restated
Charitable Activities:					
Rent	108,457	-	-	108,457	102,864
Rates & utilities	15,326	-	-	15,326	15,920
Printing & stationery	-	55,976	-	55,976	28,673
Repairs & other	37,780	36,924	9,700	84,404	61,861
Auditors remuneration (audit)	-	6,050	-	6,050	5,748
Auditors remuneration (non audit)	-	9,886	-	9,886	6,477
Other legal and professional	-	4,153	-	4,153	973
Total charitable activities	161,563	112,989	9,700	284,252	222,516
Costs of generating funds:				(12,099)	
Fundraising costs	-	6,015	-	6,015	5,720
Trading costs (subsidiary only)	1,579,747	1,477,846	206,260	3,263,853	3,439,587
Total cost of generating funds	1,579,747	1,483,861	206,260	3,269,868	3,445,307
Total resources expended	1,741,310	1,596,850	215,960	3,554,120	3,667,823

Included under trading costs, above, are £9,750 (2023: £9,275) of fees paid to the auditor of the subsidiary's financial statements of which £7,200 (2023: £6,860) were for audit services.

6. Staff costs

	Trust and Subsidiary	
	2024 £	2023 £ as restated
Wages and salaries	938,610	982,602
Social security costs	76,491	83,964
Pension costs	17,507	16,243
	1,032,608	1,082,809

The Swanage Railway Company Limited had 35 (2023: 39) employees at the year end, excluding directors. All staff members are employed by Swanage Railway Company Limited.

None of the directors of The Swanage Railway Trust or Company received any remuneration for their services. Expenses were reimbursed to the directors during the year for out of pocket expenses incurred in accordance with their duties as directors.

Key Management Personnel salaries for the year to 31 January 2024 was £214,193 (2023: £247,908).

The Swanage Railway Trust and the Swanage Railway Company Limited are both heavily reliant on volunteer staff in all areas of their activities.

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000 in the Swanage Railway Company or Swanage Railway Trust.

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Subsidiary						Total Company	Trust						Total Trust	Total
	Land and Buildings	Heritage Assets	Machinery and Equipment	Shop Fittings and Equipment	Permanent Way and Other Assets	Assets Under Construction		Land and Buildings	Long Leasehold	Heritage Assets	Machinery and Equipment	Assets Under Construction			
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
At 1 Feb 2023	911,387	1,031,635	1,610,128	3,387	1,874,484	556,189	5,987,210	177,971	-	1,176,562	33,898	25,387	1,413,818	7,401,028	
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	30,755	30,755	12,350	-	300,196	-	950	313,496	344,251	
Disposals	(4,004)	-	(48,311)	-	-	-	(52,315)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(52,315)	
Revaluation	-	198,365	-	-	-	-	198,365	-	-	(117,125)	-	-	(117,125)	81,240	
Reclassification	(26,008)	-	31,217	-	26,008	(31,217)	-	-	188,133	(188,133)	-	-	-	-	
As 31 Jan 2024	881,375	1,230,000	1,593,034	3,387	1,900,492	555,727	6,164,015	190,321	188,133	1,171,500	33,898	26,337	1,610,189	7,774,204	
Depreciation															
At 1 Feb 2023	415,240	-	968,624	3,305	471,517	-	1,858,686	42,729	-	-	30,548	-	73,277	1,931,963	
Charge for the year	38,377	-	123,942	18	43,924	-	206,261	9,055	12,099	-	645	-	21,799	228,060	
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(38,952)	-	-	-	(38,952)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(38,952)	
At 31 Jan 2024	453,617	-	1,053,614	3,323	515,441	-	2,025,995	51,784	12,099	-	31,193	-	95,076	2,121,071	
Net Book Value															
At 31 Jan 2024	427,758	1,230,000	539,420	64	1,385,051	555,727	4,138,020	138,537	176,034	1,171,500	2,705	26,337	1,515,113	5,653,133	
At 31 Jan 2023	496,147	1,031,635	641,504	82	1,402,967	556,189	4,128,524	135,242	-	1,176,562	3,350	25,387	1,340,541	5,469,065	

Heritage assets were revalued as at 31st January 2024.

The subsidiary company capital expenditure during the year comprised the construction of a new pad for the lifting jacks in the goods shed road.

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7. Tangible fixed assets (Continued)

The group continues to acquire new heritage assets in accordance with its acquisitions policy. In the last five years, acquisitions have been made as follows:

Heritage Assets	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Additions - Funded	300,196	189,515	165,370	245,000	212,067
Additions - Donated	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals (net book value)	-	-	(1,500)	(250)	(32,500)
Proceeds from disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment to Heritage assets	- 188,133.00	-	(350)	37,003	-

8. INVESTMENT IN THE SWANAGE RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED (company number 01412568)

The Trust discharges part of its charitable objectives through its subsidiary, the Swanage Railway Company Limited, which operates the Swanage Railway and undertakes the associated trading activities.

The share structure of the Swanage Railway Company Limited is such that The Swanage Railway Trust is the only shareholder who can hold voting shares in the Company. The effect of this structure is that The Swanage Railway Trust controls the Swanage Railway Company Limited. The trust owns 96% of the issued share capital of The Swanage Railway Company Limited.

An extract of the subsidiary's income statement is in note 2 to these accounts.

An extract from the Balance Sheet of the Swanage Railway Company Limited at 31 January 2024 is as follows:-

	2024	2023
	£	£
	as restated	
Fixed assets	4,138,020	4,128,524
Current assets	248,066	284,883
Current liabilities	(974,030)	(780,067)
Total assets less current liabilities	3,412,056	3,633,340
Creditors due in more than one year	(2,222,688)	(2,426,208)
Provisions for liabilities	(22,117)	(34,272)
	<u>1,167,251</u>	<u>1,172,860</u>
Called up share capital - owned by trust see page 18	470,605	470,605
Called up share capital - owned by members	16,358	16,358
Revaluation reserve	569,567	371,202
Profit and loss account	110,721	314,695
	<u>1,167,251</u>	<u>1,172,860</u>

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9. INVESTMENTS IN LISTED ENTITIES

	£
Market value at 1 February 2023 as restated	3,486
Additions	100,125
Disposals	-
Net investment (losses)/gains	(8,451)
Market value at 31 January 2024	<u><u>95,160</u></u>

10. STOCKS

	Trust and Subsidiary		Trust	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
		as restated		as restated
	£	£	£	£
Shop stocks for resale	33,895	29,775	-	-
Catering stock	3,541	4,863	-	-
Consumable stocks	47,763	47,578	-	-
Special events stock	-	1,666	-	-
Driver experience	162	173	-	-
	<u>85,361</u>	<u>84,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Trust and Subsidiary		Trust	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
		as restated		as restated
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	45,971	26,359	124	4,014
Loan to the Swanage Railway Company Limited	-	-	455,719	135,719
Other debtors	289,767	276,267	289,767	276,269
Prepayments and accrued income	53,751	46,448	23,288	13,629
VAT	23,480	37,932	16,765	15,331
	<u>412,969</u>	<u>387,006</u>	<u>785,663</u>	<u>444,962</u>

The total amount outstanding on the Winter Loan from Swanage Railway Trust Limited to Swanage Railway Company Limited at 31 January 2024 was £320,000 (2023: £nil).

Interest is charged at 1.5% above the banks base lending rate and the amount of interest charged in the year was £20,722 (2023 - £nil).

At 31 January 2024, there was an other debtor of £455,719 (2023: £135,719) due from Swanage Railway Company Limited to Swanage Railway Trust.

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12. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

Due within one year	Trust and Subsidiary		Trust	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	as restated		as restated	
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	684,089	596,617	549,641	326,015
Taxation and social security	18,336	29,375	-	-
Bank loans	50,000	50,000	-	-
Members loans	-	-	-	-
Life membership equalisation account	12,930	11,700	12,930	11,700
Other creditors, accruals, deferred income	203,992	189,635	20,540	23,526
	<u>969,347</u>	<u>877,327</u>	<u>583,111</u>	<u>361,241</u>

Deferred income relates to ticket sales in advance for events taking place after the year end.

Due more than one year	Trust and Subsidiary		Trust	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	as restated		as restated	
	£	£	£	£
Members Loans	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000
Bank loans	104,205	154,202	-	-
Life membership equalisation account	49,598	51,458	49,598	51,458
Other creditors and accruals	1	25,525	-	2,124
	<u>206,804</u>	<u>284,185</u>	<u>102,598</u>	<u>106,582</u>

13. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

LifeTime membership subscriptions are credited to the accounts and released over ten years.

The movements during the year were:-

	2024	2023
	£	£
	as restated	
Ordinary Life, Lifetime Travel and Premier Life Memberships brought forward	63,158	57,858
New memberships in the year	12,300	17,000
Premier life memberships released over 10 years	-	-
Life member subscriptions released over 10 years	(12,930)	(11,700)
Balance of life memberships at close of year	<u>62,528</u>	<u>63,158</u>
Shown in:-		
Creditors under 1 year	12,930	11,700
Creditors over 1 year	<u>49,598</u>	<u>51,458</u>
	<u>62,528</u>	<u>63,158</u>

Both Premier Life Membership and Ordinary Life membership have now closed to new applicants. The Life Time Travel Membership continues.

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14. FUNDS

The balance of the unrestricted fund may be reconciled as follows:-

	Opening balance at 1 February 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ (losses) on revaluation £	Closing balance at 31 January 2024 £
General funds - Charity	1,501,587	721,722	(463,624)	22,620	(125,576)	1,656,729
Designated funds for;						
Restoration	69,735	8,834			-	78,569
Other capital expenditure	58,464			(25,900)	-	32,564
Other projects	68,643				-	68,643
4TC designated	18,323		(551)		-	17,772
T3 Restoration	113,649		(1,215)		-	112,434
Carriage shed	207,605				-	207,605
Strategic reserves	250,000					250,000
Governance review	15,000					15,000
Total designated	801,419	8,834	(1,766)	(25,900)	-	782,587
Restricted funds;						
Museum Group	163,291	186,653	(52,934)	3,280	-	300,290
Swanage 4TC Group	246,909	10,666			-	257,575
T3 Restoration	412,650	222,623			-	635,273
Carriage shed	72,397				-	72,397
Total restricted	895,247	419,942	(52,934)	3,280	-	1,265,535
Total Charity Funds	3,198,253	1,150,498	(518,324)	-	(125,576)	3,704,851
General funds - Company	2,696,222	2,718,541	(3,035,740)	-	-	2,379,022
Revaluation reserve	371,202	-	-	-	198,365	569,567
Total - Consolidated	6,265,677	3,869,039	(3,554,064)	-	72,789	6,653,440

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14. FUNDS - comparative note

The balance of the unrestricted fund may be reconciled as follows:-

	Opening balance at 1 February 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains/ (losses) on revaluation £	Closing balance at 31 January 2023 £
General funds - Charity	1,528,879	431,037	(232,467)	(224,762)	(1,100)	1,501,587
Designated funds for;						
Restoration	69,650	14,081	(3,061)	(10,935)	-	69,735
Other capital expenditure	64,307	-	(26,540)	20,697	-	58,464
Other projects	68,805	-	(162)	-	-	68,643
4TC designated	18,323	-	-	-	-	18,323
T3 Restoration	118,052	-	(1,420)	(2,983)	-	113,649
Carriage shed	207,605	-	-	-	-	207,605
Strategic reserves	50,000	-	-	200,000	-	250,000
Governance review	-	-	-	15,000	-	15,000
Total designated	596,742	14,081	(31,183)	221,779	-	801,419
Restricted funds;						
Museum Group	152,227	44,882	(33,818)	-	-	163,291
Swanage 4TC Group	239,137	7,772	-	-	-	246,909
T3 Restoration	305,576	104,091	-	2,983	-	412,650
Carriage shed	76,518	-	(4,121)	-	-	72,397
Total restricted	773,458	156,745	(37,939)	2,983	-	895,247
Total Charity Funds	2,899,079	601,863	(301,589)	-	(1,100)	3,198,253
General funds - Company	3,243,467	2,808,782	(3,225,460)	-	-	2,696,222
Revaluation reserve	371,202	-	-	-	-	371,202
Total - Consolidated	6,513,748	3,410,645	(3,527,049)	-	(1,100)	6,265,677

The designated funds for purposes as described above are designated and reviewed annually by the Council of Management. Incoming resources are received into the general fund and are subsequently reallocated to the designated funds at the discretion of the directors.

The revaluation reserve is in respect of Heritage Assets and Listed Fixed Asset Investments.

Included within general funds is £16,378 of share capital representing non voting shares in Swanage Railway Company Limited which are owned by members of the company. The funds raised on issue of the shares were included in unrestricted income and are not due back to shareholders. Minority shareholders have no entitlement to profit.

Transfers have been made from restricted funds to general funds to account for grants that have been fully expended on fixed assets in line with the restriction. The original restriction is therefore released on these funds.

The purpose of each of the restricted funds is as follows:-

- Museum Group –donations towards the upkeep and development of the Museums at Norden and Corfe
- The Swanage 4TC Group – fundraising for and restoration of a 4TC unit to be based at Swanage to provide a push-pull set working with a Class 33/1 diesel electric locomotive

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15. RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL FUNDS TO NET ASSETS

	Fixed Assets	Bank	Current Assets	Creditors <1year	Creditors >1year	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	4,046,702	688,987	264,177	(807,312)	(156,804)	4,035,750
Designated funds	32,957	749,630	-	-	-	782,587
Restricted funds	1,099,067	166,468	234,153	(184,153)	(50,000)	1,265,535
Revaluation	569,567	-	-	-	-	569,567
	<u>5,748,293</u>	<u>1,605,085</u>	<u>498,330</u>	<u>(991,465)</u>	<u>(206,804)</u>	<u>6,653,439</u>

15. RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL FUNDS TO NET ASSETS - comparative

	Fixed Assets	Bank	Assets	Liabilities	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	4,571,623	481,475	405,092	(1,008,903)	4,449,287
Designated funds	9,837	791,582	-	-	801,419
Restricted funds	650,452	244,795	65,969	(186,881)	774,335
Revaluation	371,202	-	-	-	371,202
	<u>5,603,114</u>	<u>1,517,852</u>	<u>471,061</u>	<u>(1,195,784)</u>	<u>6,396,243</u>

16. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The group is committed to paying the following remaining lease payments on non-cancellable operating leases;

	Trust and Subsidiary		Trust	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Lease expiring				
-in under 1 year	299,188	296,501	-	19,506
-after 1 year but within 5 years	1,484,520	1,487,207	-	-
-after 5 years	4,782,085	5,078,587	-	-
	<u>6,565,793</u>	<u>6,862,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,506</u>

Locomotive hire agreements

a) The Swanage Railway Trust's trading subsidiary, Swanage Railway Company Limited, utilises the motive power and engineering support provided by Southern Locomotives Engineering Limited for which there is an agreement under which Swanage Railway Company Limited pays a fixed amount each year. As detailed further in this note, a number of the directors of The Swanage Railway Trust and the directors of the trading subsidiary are also shareholders in Southern Locomotives Limited, the holding company of Southern Locomotives Engineering Limited.

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16. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS - continued

The amount billed in respect of the year to the trading subsidiary by Southern Locomotives Hire Limited was £156,000 (2023 - £151,550). At the year end, an amount of £12,000 (2023: £12,000) was owed to Southern Locomotives Hire Limited.

b) The Swanage Railway Trust's trading subsidiary, Swanage Railway Company Limited, utilised the locomotive power provided by JMB Locomotive Services. The amount invoiced by JMB Locomotive Services to the trading subsidiary for the supply of motive power in respect of the year was £168,480 (2023: £154,440). A total of £28,080 was the outstanding balance at the year end (2023: £28,080).

17. PROVISIONS FOR DEFERRED TAXATION

The Swanage Railway Company, the subsidiary of The Swanage Railway Trust produced a net loss before taxation of £215,830 for the year ending 31 January 2024.

A deferred tax liability of £22,238 has been calculated as a result of timing differences and has been accounted for as a liability in the Company's entity level accounts. This year the deferred tax liability has reduced by £12,033. This is due to the tax losses incurred in the period having an affect on the deferred liability calculation. The calculation has been disclosed in the Company's accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024, a copy of the Swanage Railway Company Limited's financial statements are publicly available from Companies House.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Swanage Railway Company Limited is a 96% owned subsidiary of Swanage Railway Trust.

The total amount outstanding on loans made to the company by Swanage Railway Trust at 31 January 2024 was £455,719 (2023: £135,719).

Interest is charged on the above loans at 1.5% above the Bank of England base rate. Interest charged in the year to 31 January 2024 was £20,722 (2023: £nil).

Four trustees/directors have a shareholding in the parent of a Locomotives group which Swanage Railway group use as a supplier. For the year ended 31 January 2024, Swanage Railway Group (though the subsidiary company) had transactions totalling £156,000 (2023: £151,550). There was £12,000 outstanding at the year end (2023: £12,000).

Trustees donated amounts totalling £700 (2023: £300) of which £400 was donated towards the T3 appeal. The remaining donations were without conditions.