

Charity registration number 1088545 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 01454069

AVON VALLEY RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr R Eynon	
	Mr K Goodway	
	Mr J Dean	
	Mr A Gamlin	
	Mr M Davies	(Appointed 27 September 2024)
	Mr N Parsonson	(Appointed 27 September 2024)
	Ms S Peasgood	(Appointed 27 September 2024)
Charity number	1088545	
Company number	01454069	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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

To restore, preserve, exhibit and operate railway locomotives, carriages, wagons, vehicles and other artefacts of historical interest and the structures connected therewith for the benefit and education of the public and to conserve books, drawings, records, documents, sound and visual recordings, cinematography films and photographs and other archives relating to such artefacts and vehicles, their history and their development.

In reviewing our aims, we are satisfied that we have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Committee.

The Trustees are able to report that despite the general economic situation the Trust has continued to develop during the year and continues to meet its stated objectives and liabilities. The Trust's current principal aims are;

- To operate to the very highest of safety standards in complete accordance with Health and Safety legislation, regulatory body rules and guidance and best railway industry practices.
- To preserve and enhance the appreciation of the heritage of the Railway for current and future generations to enjoy. To continually improve and develop the core heritage railway and its structures and to continually add to our customer experiences to attract an increasing number of visitors.
- To increase engagement with local schools and other educational and special needs establishments to provide an attractive visit destination for educational and remedial purposes and, in doing so, improve community learning and well-being appeal to a future generation of supporters, visitors, volunteers and potential employees.
- To increase engagement with the local communities, local and county councils and other stakeholders and thus raise our profile, encourage more awareness of our offering and generate additional support.
- To widen the visitor demographic and to build upon our progress in becoming more attractive to family groups – the AVRHT has an ageing railway enthusiast visitor profile and needs to be appealing more to a younger generation to protect long term visitor numbers.
- To develop and expand our volunteer engagement, including a concentration on younger volunteers.
- To strive for commercial excellence and to run the business as a profitable venture to protect the heritage and to provide reinvestment in infrastructure.
- To develop a variety of fundraising strategies and events to boost Trust funds.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Review of the business

We are running all our operations normally, which results in increased passenger accommodation which should attract more visitors and increased income. We ran a Christmas Santa programme throughout December, which was not as successful in bookings as previous years, but still provided much needed income.

We unfortunately suffered from the fraudulent activities of an ex-employee, currently sought by the police for these actions and others across the country. These unauthorised activities by him resulted in the Trust having to pay out nearly £40,000 to creditors to retain our reputation. This continues to impact on our progress with projects. Fortunately, we received a council grant which has allowed us to replace the heritage style fencing around the car park.

The Trust were also successful in getting grants and a private donation to bring our gents toilets up to an acceptable standard. The work took place in February.

AVON VALLEY RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

Ongoing funding

The impact of the pandemic and recession has naturally resulted in several routes to funding being temporary closed off as non-diversity/deprivation related projects are not being considered currently by a large number of trusts and grant-making bodies.

It is fair to say that the Trust is not considering any new projects at present which do not have a pre-existed funding agreement (projects currently being planned such as the rebuilding of locomotives etc all have clear restricted funds) or where the additional funding required would be provided by achievable grant funding or individual appeals.

Lease

Following the 65-year lease being agreed with South Gloucestershire Council for the Bitton site and line within South Gloucestershire, the trust is in discussion with BANES Council to agree a lease for the line and associated land in their ownership for an equivalent term. We thank Rob May for his work on our behalf.

Locomotives

We have progressed works on our locomotive - Avonside 0-6-0 Steam Loco No 1798. We are currently ascertaining the restoration methodology on our other two out of service locomotives - Robert Stephenson Hawthorn 0-6-0 steam locomotive No 7151- The Littleton 0-6-0 Number 5. The Fry's Sentinel continues to be a significant attraction when it operates, with talks being given by members on the history surrounding being well received.

Carriage & Wagon

The Carriage team are progressing works on First Open 3089, Buffet Car 1971, as well as undertaking remedial action on several other items of rolling stock.

Subsidiary

The Trust has required its subsidiary to undertake extensive improvement works to the permanent way, crossings and other Trust assets to ensure that there is compliance to the requirements of the Office of Rail and Road and other legal and safety requirements. In particular, the South Crossing has been completely renewed with Strail panels, the excellent work done by a team of staff and volunteers. The associated fencing has been replaced with correct LMS slanted fencing, which will be the benchmark for similar fencing in the future.

Volunteers

We are very pleased to have a team of younger volunteers grow in number, with the creation, as well, of a younger aged loco group who will focus on the locomotive restoration. This growth is in no small way due to the activities of our new Volunteer Services Officer, Matilda Snook. Our thanks go to her.

Fundraising

The Trust's Annual Charity English Wine Tasting in June had a profit of £2K.

Museum Project

The Trust continues collating and recording AVR historical documents both visual and audio. We are looking at extending the range of our educational and interpretation offerings in order that the public are afforded a greater opportunity to engage in our history.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

Financial review

Incoming resources for the Charity were £50,097 in 2024/25 compared to £50,357 in 2023/24. Expenditure was £122,517 in 2024/25 compared to £81,079 in 2023/24. The subsidiary turnover was £898,223 with cost of sales being £536,731 and administrative expenses £406,517.

Reserves policy

Reserves are the resources the Charity has or can make available to spend, for any or all of the Charity's purposes, once it has met its commitments and covered its planned expenditure.

The Trustees consider that unrestricted funds need to be increased:-

- To provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable those projects to be undertaken at short notice.
- To cover 6 months operating costs
- To protect it from insolvency
- To prevent serious disruption to its charitable work
- To meet any shortfall between the anticipated income of the Charity and its budgeted outgoings and its unforeseen expenditure
- To replace assets as necessary.
- To provide third party funding towards the grant funding of major projects

The reserves required at current operating levels would amount to between £50,000 and £70,000. Free reserves at the balance sheet date were -£50,722 (2024: -£15,119).

The Trustees will continue to endeavour to restore reserves to the desired level in stages consistent with the Charity's overall financial position and its need to maintain and develop its charitable activities. The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees and reported as part of the Annual Report.

Investment powers & policy

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Charity has the power to make any investment that Trustees see fit.

Risk management

Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of effective internal control procedures, which ensure both appropriate authorisation of all transactions and projects, and consistent quality of delivery for all aspects of the Charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed for their continuing effectiveness. The Charity uses the operations of the AVR as the avenue for achieving its goals of exhibiting and operating its railway related assets. The Trust Board feels that the level of involvement and general cooperation between the two organisations has justified its investment and reduced the risk of commercial failure. The Safety Management System was recently reviewed by the AVRCo and updated to ensure it still instills best practice. The Board is responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets and so ensures that relevant levels of insurance cover are provided where appropriate. The Charity jointly ensures its risks with the AVRCo to ensure that there are no gaps or duplication in cover across the two organisations. The cover held by the Charity is reviewed annually and approved by the Board.

Plans for future periods

Discussion on further extension of the railway will continue along with the development of Bitton Station yard. The Trust is considering various "Green" issues and studies are actively being undertaken to install a solar PV solution to reduce our current £50K electricity bill.

The Trustees wish to record their thanks to all members for their valued support and, with careful management of resources, are anticipating further improvement in the year ahead.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

Structure, governance and management

Governing document & constitution

Avon Valley Railway Heritage Trust – 'The Charity' - (formerly Bitton Railway Company Limited) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. Its company registration number is 01454069 and its charity number is 1088545. It was first incorporated on 15 October 1979 and was registered as a Charity on 24 September 2001. Each paid up member of the Charity is a member of the Company and has a right to attend and vote at company general meetings. In the event of the company being wound up each member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £6.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R Eynon	
Mr K Goodway	
Mr AR Matthews	(Resigned 27 November 2024)
Mr N Carter	(Resigned 16 August 2024)
Mr J Dean	
Mr A Gamlin	
Mr M Davies	(Appointed 27 September 2024)
Mr N Parsonson	(Appointed 27 September 2024)
Ms S Peasgood	(Appointed 27 September 2024)

Appointment of new trustees

New Trustees can be nominated for election by Trust members at the Trust's Annual General Meeting. All nominees will receive in advance details of Trust responsibilities and duties in the form of booklets etc. as produced by the Charities Commission and training/advice programmes from the Trust's charity advisors Evans & Partners Ltd.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

Organisational structure & decision making

The Charity is managed by an elected board of Trustees and supported by volunteer Officers for achieving its day-to-day activity. The Charitable Trust has a wholly owned subsidiary company, 'The Avon Valley Railway Company Limited' (AVRCo), which is delegated the responsibility for running the day-to-day railway operations and related activities under the name 'Avon Valley Railway'. The directors of AVRCo are responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of AVR, appointing staff and reporting to the Trustees.

Trustee meetings are held monthly or bi-monthly and during those meetings all decisions are minuted for future record. In between meetings, matters requiring the Board's authorisation are dealt with by email and/or telephone and then ratified and minuted at its next meeting. Joint Strategy days with the AVRCo board of directors and the senior management team are organised throughout the year to enable a joined up approach to the organisations strategy development and to deal with issues that affect both parties.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Mr R Eynon
Trustee

Date:

22/12/25

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Avon Valley Railway Heritage Trust for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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AVON VALLEY RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF AVON VALLEY RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Avon Valley Railway Heritage Trust (the Charity) for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. In connection with my examination, the following matters have come to my attention:

1) Evidence of fraud: Unauthorised fraudulent transactions made by a former employee were identified and these are been investigated by the trustees. Approximately £40,500 of costs were incurred on items purchased on behalf of the Trust. Other than the resulting penalties and legal fees, in most cases the items purchased were put to use by the Trust.

2) Lack of financial controls: The charity was unable to detect the fraud due to inadequate controls. It is understood that the Trustees have improved controls, but no assessment has been made of this.

Other than the items reported above:

3) The financial statements do comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; and

4) The financial statements have 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 financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Accordingly, I **cannot confirm** that no matters have come to my attention which give reasonable cause to believe that the requirements of the Charities Act have been met.

Oliver Evans FCA

Evans & Partners

9 Bank Road
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Dated:

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	11,925	17,520	29,445	11,856	20,095	31,951
Charitable activities	4	15,515	-	15,515	11,888	-	11,888
Other trading activities	5	4,073	-	4,073	5,365	-	5,365
Investments	6	1,064	-	1,064	1,153	-	1,153
Total income		32,577	17,520	50,097	30,262	20,095	50,357
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	11,604	-	11,604	5,448	-	5,448
Charitable activities	8	89,251	21,399	110,650	62,074	13,557	75,631
Other	13	263	-	263	-	-	-
Total expenditure		101,118	21,399	122,517	67,522	13,557	81,079
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(68,541)	(3,879)	(72,420)	(37,260)	6,538	(30,722)
Gross transfers between funds		10,187	(10,187)	-	3,349	(3,349)	-
Net movement in funds		(58,354)	(14,066)	(72,420)	(33,911)	3,189	(30,722)
Fund balances at 1 February 2024		478,987	92,461	571,448	512,898	89,272	602,170
Fund balances at 31 January 2025		420,633	78,395	499,028	478,987	92,461	571,448

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15	471,255		494,006	
Investments	17	100		100	
		<u>471,355</u>		<u>494,106</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	18	13,798		7,251	
Cash at bank and in hand		56,448		102,196	
		<u>70,246</u>		<u>109,447</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(37,173)		(22,115)	
Net current assets		<u>33,073</u>		<u>87,332</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>504,428</u>		<u>581,438</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	21	(5,400)		(9,990)	
Net assets		<u>499,028</u>		<u>571,448</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds		78,395		92,461	
Unrestricted funds		420,633		478,987	
		<u>499,028</u>		<u>571,448</u>	

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

22/12/25



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Mr R Eynon
Trustee

Company registration number 01454069

AVON VALLEY RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Avon Valley Railway Heritage Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Bitton Railway Station, Bath Road, Bitton, Bristol, BS30 6HD.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the Charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amounts can be measured reliably.
- Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers. All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the Charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:
- Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs, which contribute to more than one activity and support costs, which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Tracks & structures	25 years straight line
Plant & machinery	10 years straight line
Fixtures & fittings	10 years straight line
Locos & rolling stock	25 years straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Heritage assets

Where heritage assets have been acquired and there are records available, these are recognised at cost together with direct restoration costs. Where no such records are available, the heritage assets are not recognised on the balance sheet on the grounds that the cost of obtaining this information would outweigh the benefit in doing so.

The heritage assets acquired are considered to have indefinite lives by the Trustees and are therefore not depreciated. Annually at the reporting date, the heritage assets are reviewed by the Trustees for indications of impairment.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Charity. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors 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 the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	11,925	15,287	27,212	11,856	11,430	23,286
Government grants	-	-	-	-	7,000	7,000
Other	-	2,233	2,233	-	1,665	1,665
	<u>11,925</u>	<u>17,520</u>	<u>29,445</u>	<u>11,856</u>	<u>20,095</u>	<u>31,951</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Membership subscriptions	11,989	8,386
Events	3,526	3,502
	<u>15,515</u>	<u>11,888</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	-	1,300
Sponsorships and social lotteries	4,073	4,065
Other trading activities	<u>4,073</u>	<u>5,365</u>

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>1,064</u>	<u>1,153</u>

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Managing member subscriptions	<u>11,604</u>	<u>5,448</u>
	<u>11,604</u>	<u>5,448</u>

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8 Charitable activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Heritage Railway Operation	101,293	2,507	103,800	69,089
Governance costs	-	6,850	6,850	6,542
	101,293	9,357	110,650	75,631
	101,293	9,357	110,650	75,631
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	79,894	9,357	89,251	62,074
Restricted funds	21,399	-	21,399	13,557
	101,293	9,357	110,650	75,631

9 Net movement in funds

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	-	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	34,755	34,279
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	263	-

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner and associates:	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	1,665	1,800
Non-independent examination services		
Preparation of the Charity's annual accounts	1,935	2,210

11 Trustees' expenses

During the year, trustees were reimbursed for expenses incurred while carrying out their duties. These expenses on behalf of the charity primarily related fraud payments pursued by creditors.

Total amount reimbursed: £3,323 (2024: Nil)
Total number of trustees reimbursed: 1 (2024: Nil)

No remuneration or other benefits from employments with the Charity or a related entity were received by the Trustees.

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12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	3,305	5,189
	<u>3,305</u>	<u>5,189</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	263	-
	<u>263</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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15 Tangible fixed assets

	Tracks & structures £	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Locos & rolling stock £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 February 2024	632,435	20,991	57,434	333,752	1,044,612
Additions	6,500	1,800	1,105	4,600	14,005
Disposals	-	-	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
At 31 January 2025	638,935	22,791	58,539	335,852	1,056,117
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 February 2024	357,775	13,139	32,044	147,648	550,606
Depreciation charged in the year	22,941	1,384	5,234	5,197	34,756
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(500)	(500)
At 31 January 2025	380,715	14,523	37,279	152,345	584,862
Carrying amount					
At 31 January 2025	258,220	8,268	21,260	183,507	471,255
At 31 January 2024	274,660	7,852	25,390	186,104	494,006

16 Heritage assets

The Charity has also received by way of a donation, a unique steam locomotive 'Littleton No. 5', one of only two large 18inch cylindered Manning Wardle 0-6-0ST, constructed in 1922. This is held by the Charity, but has not been included in the accounts as the Trustees do not consider it practicable to obtain an accurate valuation for the locomotive as any valuation obtained would be too subjective.

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17 Fixed asset investments

	Other investments
Cost or valuation	
At 1 February 2024 & 31 January 2025	100
Carrying amount	
At 31 January 2025	100
At 31 January 2024	100

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other investments comprise:			
Investments in subsidiaries	25	100	100

18 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	3,297	-
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	4,640	4,640
Other debtors	5,861	2,251
Prepayments and accrued income	-	360
	<u>13,798</u>	<u>7,251</u>

19 Loans and overdrafts

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts	-	81
Bank loans	9,945	14,360
	<u>9,945</u>	<u>14,441</u>
Payable within one year	4,545	4,451
Payable after one year	5,400	9,990

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20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	19	4,545	4,451
Trade creditors		20,729	12,708
Members loans		7,570	300
Accruals and deferred income		4,329	4,656
		<u>37,173</u>	<u>22,115</u>

21 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	19	<u>5,400</u>	<u>9,990</u>

22 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 February 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers At 31 January 2025 £	£
General funds	<u>478,987</u>	<u>32,577</u>	<u>(101,118)</u>	<u>10,187</u>	<u>420,633</u>
Previous year:	At 1 February 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers At 31 January 2024 £	£
General funds	<u>512,898</u>	<u>30,262</u>	<u>(67,522)</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>478,987</u>

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23 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 January 2025

	At 1 Feb 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Jan 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Edwin Hulse Fund	29,688	216	(105)	-	29,799
Track	9,224	45	(13,129)	3,861	1
Fry's Sentinel Loco	8,911	-	-	-	8,911
RBR 1971	371	-	-	-	371
Loco & Rolling Stock	385	2,208	(991)	-	1,601
RSH	6,676	-	-	-	6,676
Railway Development Fund	5,389	2,233	(625)	(2,100)	4,897
Chocolate Train	356	-	-	-	356
Littleton	12,832	-	-	-	12,832
LMS Brake Van	7,258	-	-	-	7,258
Signalling	340	15	-	-	355
Bitton Lamphut	882	-	-	(882)	-
Bath/Extension Restoration	200	-	-	-	200
Jubilee Grant	96	-	-	-	96
IT Improvement Fund	234	-	-	-	234
Visiting Engine Fund	66	9,191	(7,030)	-	2,227
Oldland Common Station	1,917	-	(605)	-	1,312
Gardeners Fund	536	413	(188)	-	761
Wickham Trolley Fund	100	-	-	-	100
Toilet Block Project	7,000	-	(7,035)	35	-
Car Park Fencing	-	3,200	(2,791)	-	409
	<u>92,461</u>	<u>17,520</u>	<u>(32,499)</u>	<u>914</u>	<u>78,396</u>

Restricted funds - from time to time the Charity runs an appeal to purchase or restore and item of rolling stock or railway asset or to hold a special event. Income & expenditure on these funds is shown above.

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23 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 January 2025

	At 1 Feb 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Jan 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	471,963	32,577	(101,118)	10,187	413,609
Motive Power Fund	7,024	-	-	-	7,024
	<u>478,987</u>	<u>32,577</u>	<u>(101,118)</u>	<u>10,187</u>	<u>420,633</u>
 Total funds	 <u>571,448</u>	 <u>50,097</u>	 <u>(133,617)</u>	 <u>11,101</u>	 <u>499,029</u>

Motive Power Fund - The Trustees decided to set aside into this designated fund any hire fees received from the operation of the Charity's locomotives. This money being put aside to ensure the capital required to overhaul and maintain the locomotives owned by the Charity is available and liquid enough to be used to keep all locomotives in service.

For the year ended 31 January 2024

	At 1 Feb 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Jan 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Edwin Hulse Fund	29,425	338	(74)	-	29,689
Track	9,224	-	-	-	9,224
Fry's Sentinel Loco	13,368	-	(4,457)	-	8,911
RBR 1971	371	-	-	-	371
Loco & Rolling Stock	889	200	(704)	-	385
RSH	6,245	431	-	-	6,676
Railway Development Fund	6,178	1,665	(1,206)	(1,248)	5,389
Chocolate Train	356	-	-	-	356
Littleton	12,832	-	-	-	12,832
LMS Brake Van	7,258	-	-	-	7,258
Signalling	315	25	-	-	340
Bitton Lamphut	882	-	-	-	882
Bath/Extension Restoration	200	-	-	-	200
Jubilee Grant	96	-	-	-	96
IT Improvement Fund	234	-	-	-	234
South Glos MAF	1,080	-	(1,142)	62	-
Visiting Engine Fund	320	1,246	(1,500)	-	66
Oldland Common Station	-	2,828	(912)	-	1,916
Gardeners Fund	-	588	(52)	-	536
Wickham Trolley Fund	-	100	-	-	100
Robbery Fund	-	5,673	(3,510)	(2,163)	-
Toilet Block Project	-	7,000	-	-	7,000
	<u>89,273</u>	<u>20,094</u>	<u>(13,557)</u>	<u>(3,349)</u>	<u>92,461</u>

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23 Movement in funds

For the year ended 31 January 2024

	At 1 Feb 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Jan 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	507,174	28,961	(67,522)	3,349	471,963
Motive Power Fund	5,724	1,300	-	-	7,024
	<u>512,898</u>	<u>30,261</u>	<u>(67,523)</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>478,987</u>
Total funds	<u>602,171</u>	<u>50,355</u>	<u>(81,079)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>571,448</u>

24 Related party transactions

There was a loan from a member of the Charity totalling £300 (2024 - £300). This loan is interest free and repayable within three years.

There was a loan from a trustee of the Charity totalling £7,270 (2024 - £Nil). This loan is interest free and repayable within five years.

25 Subsidiaries

These financial statements are separate Charity financial statements for the Avon Valley Railway Company Ltd (company number 04311647)

Details of the Charity's subsidiaries at 31 January 2025 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct Indirect
The Avon Valley Railway Company Ltd	United Kingdom	Railway	Ordinary	100.00

The aggregate capital and reserves and the result for the year of subsidiaries was as follows:

Name of undertaking	Profit/(Loss) £	Capital and Reserves £
The Avon Valley Railway Company Ltd	(39,659)	3,192