

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1092723

Details

Other names SVR ROLLING STOCK TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04341280](#)

Registered 2002-07-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE ACQUISITION, RESTORATION, PRESERVATION AND OPERATION OF HERITAGE RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES, CARRIAGES, WAGONS, STATION BUILDINGS, TRACK AND OTHER ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE; (2) ESTABLISHING BUILDINGS TO HOUSE AND PRESERVE THE CHARITY'S ROLLING STOCK COLLECTION; (3) THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL AND INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC; AND (4) THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING USED IN THE RESTORATION, REPAIR AND OPERATION OF HISTORIC RAILWAYS TO ENSURE THEIR LONG TERM SURVIVAL.

Activities: Owning, repairing and preserving railway heritage, coaching stock and associated artifacts for use and appreciation by the public on the Severn Valley Railway.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Shropshire
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,336,903	£817,993	£3,393,755	1
2023-06-30	£1,576,437	£1,281,175	£2,689,945	8
2022-06-30	£856,313	£1,380,507	£2,286,193	8
2021-06-30	£1,491,826	£846,356	£3,015,157	7
2020-06-30	£1,420,746	£2,267,859	£2,095,853	7

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Judith Meredith	Chair	2023-04-27
Christopher Wareing Walton		2023-04-27
Dr Dhushyanthan Surendra Kumar		2023-04-27
Hugh McQuade		2025-06-18
Martin George Leontine Creese		2025-10-15
Michael Allan Howard		2023-04-27
PAUL CHRISTOPHER FATHERS		2019-04-08
Paul Anthony Hobson		2024-03-06
Rachel Helen Heath		2025-06-18

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Trustees

R Treverton-Jones, Trustee (deceased 18 April 2025)
P C Fathers, Vice Chair
L M Shoaf (CBE), Trustee (resigned 12 June 2024)
D E Malyon, Trustee (resigned 10 May 2024)
D S Kumar, Trustee
M A Howard, Secretary
P A Hobson, Trustee (appointed 6 March 2024)
J Meredith, Chair
C W Walton, Trustee

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Chair presents their statement for the period.

I will start by remembering Ron Treverton-Jones, our former Chairman, who died on 18th April 2025. Ron became seriously ill in the Summer of 2024, and his condition deteriorated earlier this year. He gave tremendous service to the Charitable Trust, most recently as Chairman. Ron chaired the Investments Review Committee and introduced the Trust to many funders before joining the Board. He was generous to the Trust in many ways, and we miss his presence in the office. Ron guided the Trust with wisdom and steadiness during his time as Chairman.

I was elected Chair at the September 2024 Board Meeting on 11 September 2024. I would like to thank Paul Fathers and Michael Howard for continuing as Deputy Chairman and Company Secretary respectively, and for the support of the trustees on the Board. As the last Trustees' Report stated, several paid staff left the Trust. It is our policy now to rely on specialist contract staff, Trustees, or volunteers to reduce our staffing expenses and to give us flexibility.

We have changed our company year-end date to 31st December, so this set of accounts runs from 1st July 2023 to 31st December 2024. We have also upgraded to a new Customer Relationship Management system: Access. Sarah Thompson, who came in as our contract Project Manager, did this important task for us, as well as reviewing our policies, processes, and records. Whilst the upgrade to Access has involved cost, there are significant efficiencies in administration, production of management information and greater security of record keeping. Paul Knighton, our contract Finance Administrator, has done much work on Xero, our accounting system and other financial processes. Sarah has also upgraded our webpage, adding a facility to donate on-line via Stripe, as well as putting in place formalized plans and processes to keep us on track. She also led the development of a comprehensive Strategic Plan. Thank you again to Paul and Sarah, the trustees and to our volunteer, Sue Cranmore, for her hard work.

The Trust is fully supportive of the philosophy of One Railway, and did obtain legal advice on the issues raised. After careful consideration, however, the Trust is not going to join the proposed Charitable Community Benefit Society at this stage with SVRH and SVRG. For the Trust as a charity to join with any other organization is complex, and likely to be protracted in view of Charity Commission involvement. It could also deprive SVRCT of legacy payments. Many supporters leaving legacies typically name three or four charities to receive legacies, commonly with a provision that, if a charity does not exist when the legacy became payable, the legacy will fail and be divided up amongst the other named charities. Serious losses of future income could be at stake which we cannot risk. The Trust also owns assets, especially our rolling stock. If the Trust were to merge with another organization, our members would have to agree to the transfer of assets, and agree to amending the charity's objectives, which would then require Charity Commission approval.

Whilst the Charitable Trust has continued to change over the past eighteen months, it is now on a very firm footing. We are pleased to have been able to continue to support the Railway across a wide range of projects. Thank you to everyone who has supported us over this period. It is teamwork that has enabled us to make this progress.



J Meredith
Chair

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (SVRCT) are:

1. To advance education for the benefit of the public by financing the acquisition, restoration, preservation and operation of heritage locomotives, coaches, wagons, buildings, track and other associated infrastructure.
2. Establishing buildings to house and preserve the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust rolling stock collection.
3. Providing educational and interpretive displays for the travelling public.
4. Providing education and skills training used in the restoration, repair and operation of historic railways to ensure their long-term survival.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Charity has a strong network of volunteers with experience in a range of areas. The Trustees are very appreciative of the support provided by the volunteers as they are essential to allowing the Trust to perform its Charitable activities.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Trustees meet quarterly to monitor and assess the affairs of the Charity to ensure the objectives are met.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Fund raising and financial affairs of the Charity are monitored and controlled by the Finance & General Purposes Committee which meets regularly as required.

Grant applications are formally reviewed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and then referred to the Board of Trustees for their recommendation.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Social investment policies

The social investment of the Charity is met through the objectives, specifically through providing "education and skills training used in the restoration, repair and operation of historic railways to ensure their long-term survival."

e. Grant-making policies

Grant making policy is set out by the Grants Policy of the Charity. This is freely available via the Charitable Trust website.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

During the period 1 July 2023 - 31 December 2024 the following Grants were made:

Reupholstery of Mk 1 Corridor 25346 and modified door locks for GWR carriage	SVR(H)	£12,940
Bewdley Signal: South Signal Box underpinning to stabilise structure and bank behind	SVR(H)	£22,284
Kidderminster No 14 points KR14	SVR(H)	£12,000
9581 Wheelchair Access Buffet Carriage	SVR(H)	£8,160
Bridgnorth Yard: phase 2a of relaying	SVR(H)	£88,400
Bridgnorth Yard: BR 993898 Ballast Plough Brake (Shark) repairs	SVR(H)	£5,808
Roof & Crane: Moving the CNC Machine Bridgnorth Locomotive Department	SVR(H)	£12,000
Roof & Crane: Refit gas to white metal bay Bridgnorth Locomotive Department	SVR(H)	£1,700
Diesel Facility: KDR TMD & diesel shunter enhancements: infrastructure	SVR(H)	£9,032
Diesel Facility: 2 x oil pumps fitted to two diesels: 09017 and D4100	SVR(H)	£2,000
LMS 26921 conversion to wheelchair saloon	SVR(H)	£7,500
Creation of disabled toilet on Platform 1 at Bewdley station	SVR(H)	£6,990
Rope Access inspection of masonry for three viaducts	SVR(H)	£9,210
Education: Road-Rail Vehicle Training for SVRH employee	SVR(H)	£3,800
Road Transport costs of moving 3-car DMU 101 to the Severn Valley Railway	DMU Group (West Midlands)	£7,784
Heritage Apprentice Scheme	SVR(H)	£16,199
Survival Fund Support payment of grant to support coal and utilities	SVR(H)	£300,000
	TOTAL	£525,807

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Key performance indicators

The setting of KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) is limited by the nature of charitable fund-raising. Approximately 50% of the income to the Charity is provided through bequests over which the Charity has no control. The remaining income is dependent upon fund-raising campaigns for specific projects. These vary from year-to-year determining the income of the Charity.

c. Review of activities

Once again, the Charity had a busy year supporting the Severn Valley Railway continuing its recovery from the effects of the pandemic.

d. Factors relevant to achieve objectives

Grant applications are formally reviewed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee after internal checks and then referred to the Board of Trustees for their recommendation. Grant agreements are issued with the terms of the grant. Processes are kept under review to ensure compliance with charitable law and practice.

e. Fundraising Policy

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited raises income from a wide range of funding streams to include, from individuals: single, regular, legacy and gifts in memory. From corporate sponsorship and gift in kind, and project funding from grant-making bodies to include, lottery, statutory, Trusts and foundations.

- The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a voluntary member of the Information Commissioner's Office, a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising
- The Charity is not aware of any failure by the Charity, or by any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or scheme.
- Fundraising standards are monitored on an ongoing basis.
- No complaints have been received during the year.
- A safeguarding policy is in place.
- In addition, all fundraising messages are not intrusive and supporters are contacted on an infrequent basis for a mix of messages which include feedback on the impact of their donation and light requests for funding additional projects. Collection pots are not shaken and are static around the Railway. We do not practice telephone fundraising or face to face fundraising. GDPR regulations are adhered to.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

f. Investment policy and performance

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund and all funds restricted or designated for long-term use are held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

The Trustees' aim to achieve a balance between total return primarily through capital growth with a medium risk investment policy over the long term i.e. over a period 10 years or more. They seek to achieve long term growth of capital and income maintaining the value of both in real terms over time. The Trustees assess the investment performance on the combined capital appreciation and income return approach should be taken as it is likely that income will be accumulated for some years to establish a substantial Endowment Fund to safeguard the future of the SVR. At that time there may be an increasing income requirement to help to protect the Railway's rolling stock, bridges, viaducts, buildings, other infrastructure and educational offerings and in so doing safeguard the future of the Railway.

The Trustees, in consultation with the Investment Manager, have agreed the following Investment Strategy: The investment of the funds should follow a total return (excluding inflation) approach; aiming to generate income and capital growth in order to achieve the SVR Endowment Fund objective of growing the income and capital in real terms over time.

Brewin Dolphin have used the WMA Balanced Total Return Index to determine the value of the fund in real terms. It is measured by Brewin Dolphin and reported to the Trustees who review the performance on a regular basis.

Investment income of £60,302 (2023: £37,827) has been generated during the year.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Reserves policy of the Charity is to maintain a level of unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible assets, which will enable the Charity to ensure continuity of activity and have the ability to adjust, in a measured way, to any significant changes in resources. The Reserves policy recognises that reserves are necessary to maintain the day to day operations of the Charity for a period of up to 6 months.

The appropriate measure of free reserves is calculated as unrestricted funds (£1,049,059), less designated funds (currently standing at £Nil as the Futures Fund was undesignated), less fixed assets attributable to unrestricted funds (£Nil following the asset impairment review). This equates to free reserves of £1,049,059.

The Trust finds itself with substantial reserves at the end of the financial year. We welcome grant applications which are in accordance with our objectives, relevant terms of our Articles of Association and any other requirements of charity law, together with supporting documentation meeting our audit requirements. All grants made will require the approval of our trustees, and a signed grant agreement.

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c. Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Trust is exposed and to ensure appropriate measures are considered for areas of considered risk. The Trust adheres to its Risk Policy and Framework, which is reviewed annually.

A Risk Register is in place, which is reviewed monthly. Identified risks are evaluated on the possible severity, assessing both impact and likelihood. Rather than giving equal weight to likelihood and impact the Trust uses a heat map with greater focus on the impact, and therefore uses the scoring of (impact x likelihood) + impact.

d. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees endeavour to continually raise funds and to further support the Severn Valley Railway within the charity law boundaries. The principal risks associated with the organisational activities are categorised as a loss of income mitigated by implementing strong and targeted marketing and fundraising strategies. Financial fraud and error will be mitigated with robust processes and procedures which incorporate segregation of duties and practises. The Trust is currently in a strong financial position.

e. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The financial situation of the Charity is carefully monitored by the trustees to ensure continuity. Grants are awarded only when the financial stability of the Charity is confirmed through the Reserves Policy.

f. Principal funding

Funding of the Charity is dependent upon several factors. Approximately 50% of income to the Charity is provided through bequests over which the Charity has no control. The remaining income is dependent upon fund raising campaigns for specific projects. These vary from year-to-year affecting the income of the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited, which changed its name from SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company on 29 June 2012, was incorporated and registered as a company limited by guarantee, company registration number 04341280, on 17 December 2001, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 1 July 2002, registration number 1092723. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were last amended on 8 April 2019.

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust was established to raise funds to ensure the long-term survival of the Severn Valley Railway (SVR).

The day-to-day income the SVR receives from passenger fares, shops, cafes and pubs can only cover the cost of running trains, along with standard maintenance and restoration. These activities do not generate enough income to improve and develop the Railway. The Charitable Trust provides essential funds to enable the Railway to develop and widen its offerings to its visitors.

The Charitable Trust offers tax-efficient ways of giving, and helps ensure the future of this amazing piece of living history, so that it can continue to delight, thrill and inform generations to come.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

There shall be a maximum of nine Trustees unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members of the Charity. Of the nine Trustees, two shall be ex officio the chairman of each of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc and Severn Valley Railway Company Limited or if any such chairman does not wish to act as Trustee, such other person nominated by such chairman to act as Trustee. Such a Trustee (whether a chairman or his nominee) shall be referred to an "ex officio Trustee". Any person nominated by a chairman to act as a Trustee may from time to time be removed and replaced by their appointor.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director provided that person is not at the time such resolution is passed a director of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc or Severn Valley Railway Limited (but for the avoidance of doubt this proviso shall not apply to ex officio directors mentioned above).

Trustees are elected for a three-year period at the AGM by the members of the Trust.

All the Charity Trustees receive an induction into their legal and administrative responsibilities, with an ongoing training programme as and when needed for issues arising during their term of office.

The Trustees are aware of the 7 principles of the Charity Governance Code and continue to improve the Trust's governance addressing the codes guidelines.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

During the year, several key staff left the Charity. This caused the Trustees to take a greater role in the day-to-day affairs of the Charity, which has reduced salary costs and provided greater funds for the awarding of grants. Decision making and policy decisions are made by the Trustees.

Plans for future periods

The Charity managed the SVR Survival Appeal during the course of the year, which was then replaced by the Resilience Fund, managed by the Severn Valley Railway Company Ltd. The Survival Fund proceeds have been administered in accordance with the Trust's objects.

The policy of the Trustees is now to encourage greater use of contract services for finance and projects management, rather than rely on paid staff. This will help reduce costs and provide greater flexibility with the workforce. Volunteers will be engaged when they are available and have the appropriate skills in order to minimise salaries.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Crowe U.K. LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office. The Trustees will propose a motion to appoint auditors and determine their remuneration.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M A Howard
Secretary and Trustee
Date:

18 June 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the period ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Trustees 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 Trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 an Auditor's report 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 our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities to be within income recognition and the override of control by management, and the Board of Trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with Charity Commission and reading minutes of meetings for those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent risk of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatement in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws 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 Auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Helen Blundell

Helen Blundell LLB FCA FCIE DChA (Senior statutory auditor)

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Date: *18 June 2025*

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	1,059,226	210,806	-	1,270,032	1,537,176
Investments	5	12,293	5,785	48,793	66,871	39,261
Total income and endowments		1,071,519	216,591	48,793	1,336,903	1,576,437
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6,7	128,056	1,849	15,596	145,501	147,672
Charitable activities	8	179,876	492,616	-	672,492	1,133,503
Total expenditure		307,932	494,465	15,596	817,993	1,281,175
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains on investments		763,587	(277,874)	33,197	518,910	295,262
Net gains on investments		17,551	17,739	149,610	184,900	108,490
Net income/(expenditure)		781,138	(260,135)	182,807	703,810	403,752
Transfers between funds	20	(54,460)	54,460	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		726,678	(205,675)	182,807	703,810	403,752
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		321,281	994,220	1,374,444	2,689,945	2,286,193
Net movement in funds		726,678	(205,675)	182,807	703,810	403,752
Total funds carried forward		1,047,959	788,545	1,557,251	3,393,755	2,689,945

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

The notes on pages 19 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04341280

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	31 December 2024 £	30 June 2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	-	52,391
Investments	15	2,126,172	1,896,869
		<u>2,126,172</u>	<u>1,949,260</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	16	8,640	11,973
Debtors	17	16,413	98,314
Cash at bank and in hand		1,271,856	663,290
		<u>1,296,909</u>	<u>773,577</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(29,326)	(32,892)
Net current assets		<u>1,267,583</u>	<u>740,685</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,393,755</u>	<u>2,689,945</u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	20	1,557,251	1,374,444
Restricted funds	20	788,545	994,220
Unrestricted funds	20	1,047,959	321,281
Total funds		<u><u>3,393,755</u></u>	<u><u>2,689,945</u></u>

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED

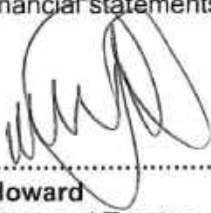
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

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

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



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M A Howard
Secretary and Trustee

Date: 18 June 2025

The notes on pages 19 to 40 form part of these financial statements.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	586,098	189,907
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	66,871	39,261
Proceeds from sale of investments	106,605	725,754
Purchase of investments	(151,008)	(876,690)
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Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	22,468	(111,675)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period	608,566	78,232
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	663,290	585,058
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1,271,856	663,290
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The notes on pages 19 to 40 form part of these financial statements

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. General information

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee in England, whose registered office is Number One, Comberton Place, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 1QR. The company's registered number is 04341280. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Rolling Stock	-	10% Straight Line
Artefacts	-	10% Straight Line
Office equipment	-	33% Straight Line

2.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical areas of judgment:

Valuation of the rolling stock which is based on past experience and expert knowledge.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations				
Donations	220,037	141,906	-	361,943
Gift Aid Reclaimable	43,661	5,243	-	48,904
Total donations	<u>263,698</u>	<u>147,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>410,847</u>

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4. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Legacies	793,017	5,000	-	798,017
Grants	-	58,657	-	58,657
Corporate	2,511	-	-	2,511
	<u>795,528</u>	<u>63,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>859,185</u>
	<u>1,059,226</u>	<u>210,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,270,032</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations				
Donations	149,742	517,283	11,654	678,679
Gift Aid Reclaimable	15,313	69,339	1,995	86,647
Total donations	<u>165,055</u>	<u>586,622</u>	<u>13,649</u>	<u>765,326</u>
Legacies	440,295	168,950	-	609,245
Grants	-	160,937	-	160,937
Other income	1,668	-	-	1,668
Subtotal	<u>441,963</u>	<u>329,887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>771,850</u>
	<u>607,018</u>	<u>916,509</u>	<u>13,649</u>	<u>1,537,176</u>

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Dividend income	5,724	5,785	48,793	60,302
Interest receivable	6,569	-	-	6,569
	<u>12,293</u>	<u>5,785</u>	<u>48,793</u>	<u>66,871</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Dividend income	3,591	3,447	30,789	37,827
Interest receivable	1,434	-	-	1,434
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>5,025</u>	<u>3,447</u>	<u>30,789</u>	<u>39,261</u>

6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fundraising costs	310	-	310
Support costs	92,650	-	92,650
Depreciation	555	-	555
Wages and salaries	29,388	-	29,388
National Insurance	3,323	-	3,323
	<u>126,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,226</u>

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6. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Fundraising costs	8,093	13,255	21,348
Support costs	52,167	-	52,167
Depreciation	928	-	928
Wages and salaries	48,140	-	48,140
Costs of raising voluntary income - NI	5,143	-	5,143
Costs of raising voluntary income - pension costs	8,325	-	8,325
	<u>122,796</u>	<u>13,255</u>	<u>136,051</u>

7. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment managers costs	1,830	1,849	15,596	19,275

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Investment managers costs	1,103	1,115	9,403	11,621

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Wages and Salaries	36,080	-	36,080
Governance costs	53,132	-	53,132
Depreciation	23,505	-	23,505
Railway Restoration	38,828	472,617	511,445
Engineering academy and education	-	19,999	19,999
Impairment of fixed assets	28,331	-	28,331
	<u>179,876</u>	<u>492,616</u>	<u>672,492</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Wages and Salaries	109,099	-	109,099
Governance costs	18,345	-	18,345
Depreciation	15,758	-	15,758
Railway Restoration	308,226	682,075	990,301
	<u>451,428</u>	<u>682,075</u>	<u>1,133,503</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Wages and Salaries	-	36,080	36,080
Governance costs	-	53,132	53,132
Depreciation	23,505	-	23,505
Railway Restoration	511,445	-	511,445
Engineering academy and education	19,999	-	19,999
Impairment of fixed assets	28,331	-	28,331
	<u>583,280</u>	<u>89,212</u>	<u>672,492</u>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Wages and Salaries	9,092	100,007	109,099
Governance costs	791	17,554	18,345
Depreciation	15,758	-	15,758
Railway Restoration	990,301	-	990,301
	<u>1,015,942</u>	<u>117,561</u>	<u>1,133,503</u>

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10. Analysis of grants

	31 December 2024 £	30 June 2023 £
Included within Railway Restoration are the following grants		
Severn Valley Railway (Holdings)	518,023	882,117
DMU Group (West Midlands)	7,784	2,000
	525,807	884,117
	525,807	884,117

11. Auditor's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	14,100	11,000
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
VAT advisory	300	-
Preparation of the annual accounts	4,500	5,750
	4,800	5,750
	4,800	5,750

12. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	59,384	147,618
Social security costs	5,989	13,751
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	3,418	9,338
	68,791	170,707
	68,791	170,707

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the period was as follows:

	2024	2023
	1	5
	1	5

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the period ended 31 December 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Rolling Stock £	Artefacts £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 July 2023	259,450	3,445	1,471	264,366
Disposals	-	-	(556)	(556)
At 31 December 2024	259,450	3,445	915	263,810
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2023	207,672	3,445	858	211,975
Charge for the period	23,505	-	457	23,962
On disposals	-	-	(556)	(556)
Impairment charge	28,273	-	156	28,429
At 31 December 2024	259,450	3,445	915	263,810
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	-	-	-	-
At 30 June 2023	51,778	-	613	52,391

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15. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Other fixed asset investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 July 2023	1,872,434	24,435	1,896,869
Additions	151,008	-	151,008
Disposals	(106,845)	-	(106,845)
Revaluations	184,900	-	184,900
Transfers between classes	240	-	240
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,101,737</u>	<u>24,435</u>	<u>2,126,172</u>

Investments at market value comprise:

UK Listed investments: £2,101,737 (2023: £1,872,434)

Market value of shares held in SVR (Holdings) Plc: £24,435 (2023: £24,435)

All fixed asset investments are held in the UK.

Cash held by the Investment, included in the above is £69,400 (2023: £27,966).

The endowment fund has been invested on a total return basis. Currently, there are no unapplied total returns as all income generated is to be re invested in the fund. During the period, donations of £NIL (2023: £97,677) have been invested. This amount has been transferred into the Broker account for Brewin Dolphin to invest in line with the investment policy. Investment income of £66,871 (2023: £39,261) has been generated during the year which remains within the endowment fund.

During the year £NIL (2023: £NIL) from unrestricted funds and £NIL (2023: £NIL) from restricted funds have been invested with Brewin Dolphin alongside the total return endowment funds. The total income and capital gains generated during the year have been apportioned between funds based on the proportion of restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds invested with Brewin Dolphin at the point of each new cash injection.

16. Stocks

	31 December 2024 £	30 June 2023 £
Parts	<u>8,640</u>	<u>11,973</u>

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17. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 December 2024 £	30 June 2023 £
Trade debtors	709	96,549
Prepayments and accrued income	15,704	1,765
	16,413	98,314
	16,413	98,314

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 December 2024 £	30 June 2023 £
Trade creditors	6,118	-
Other taxation and social security	-	2,642
Other creditors	-	7,465
Accruals and deferred income	23,208	22,785
	29,326	32,892
	29,326	32,892

19. Financial instruments

	31 December 2024 £	30 June 2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	2,126,172	1,896,869
	2,126,172	1,896,869

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of listed investments and shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc.

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20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current period

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Futures fund	137,307	-	-	(137,307)	-	-
General funds						
General Funds - all funds	183,974	1,071,519	(307,932)	82,847	17,551	1,047,959
Total Unrestricted funds	321,281	1,071,519	(307,932)	(54,460)	17,551	1,047,959
Endowment funds						
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment fund	1,374,444	48,793	(15,596)	-	149,610	1,557,251
Restricted funds						
Roof and Crane HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	8,455	-	(13,700)	5,245	-	-
Hinton Manor 7819	517,381	5,785	(1,849)	-	17,739	539,056
Hagley Hall 4930	20,790	10,265	-	-	-	31,055
Diesel Facility	36,970	7,304	-	-	-	44,274
Engineering Academy	33,874	4,251	(11,032)	-	-	27,093
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	16,951	24,633	(16,199)	-	-	25,385
	5,752	2,846	-	-	-	8,598

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current period (continued)

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	-	-	-	-	18,209
Bridgnorth Yard Fund	98,744	440	(88,400)	-	-	10,784
Falling Sands Viaduct	1,683	-	(354)	-	-	1,329
GWR Buffet 9581	20,931	18,667	(8,160)	-	-	31,438
Emergency Appeal	7,073	1,040	-	-	-	8,113
SVRCT Roof & Housing	-	-	(12,513)	12,513	-	-
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	-	24,000	(29,274)	5,274	-	-
Survival Fund	188,592	110,295	(300,000)	1,113	-	-
Miscellaneous restricted funds	18,815	2,660	(12,984)	5,315	-	13,806
General projects fund	-	4,405	-	25,000	-	29,405
	<u>994,220</u>	<u>216,591</u>	<u>(494,465)</u>	<u>54,460</u>	<u>17,739</u>	<u>788,545</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,689,945</u></u>	<u><u>1,336,903</u></u>	<u><u>(817,993)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>184,900</u></u>	<u><u>3,393,755</u></u>

During the year the Trustees agreed to undesignate the Futures fund and thus transferred £137,307 from the Futures fund to unrestricted funds.

£25,000 was transferred from unrestricted funds to the General projects fund to correct the opening fund balances.

£23,115 was transferred from unrestricted funds to various restricted funds to cover project expenditure in excess of the relevant available restricted fund.

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior period

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Futures fund	137,307	-	-	-	137,307
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	136,960	612,043	(575,327)	10,298	183,974
Total Unrestricted funds	274,267	612,043	(575,327)	10,298	321,281
Endowment funds					
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment fund	1,251,625	44,438	(9,403)	87,784	1,374,444

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Roof and Crane	12,775	14,081	(18,401)	-	8,455
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	404,964	103,124	(1,115)	10,408	517,381
Hinton Manor 7819	20,357	433	-	-	20,790
Hagley Hall 4930	41,838	5,456	(10,324)	-	36,970
Diesel Facility	31,436	2,438	-	-	33,874
Engineering Academy	418	51,533	(35,000)	-	16,951
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	2,879	2,873	-	-	5,752
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	-	-	-	18,209
Bridgnorth Yard Fund	64,248	196,998	(162,502)	-	98,744
Falling Sands Viaduct	37,210	69,221	(104,748)	-	1,683
GWR Buffet 9581	13,281	7,650	-	-	20,931
Emergency Appeal	628	6,445	-	-	7,073
SVRCT Roof & Housing	100,000	70,000	(170,000)	-	-
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Survival Fund	-	362,947	(174,355)	-	188,592
Miscellaneous restricted funds	12,058	6,757	-	-	18,815
	<u>760,301</u>	<u>919,956</u>	<u>(696,445)</u>	<u>10,408</u>	<u>994,220</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,286,193</u></u>	<u><u>1,576,437</u></u>	<u><u>(1,281,175)</u></u>	<u><u>108,490</u></u>	<u><u>2,689,945</u></u>

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21. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current period

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Designated funds	137,307	-	-	(137,307)	-	-
General funds	183,974	1,071,519	(307,932)	82,847	17,551	1,047,959
Endowment funds	1,374,444	48,793	(15,596)	-	149,610	1,557,251
Restricted funds	994,220	216,591	(494,465)	54,460	17,739	788,545
	<u>2,689,945</u>	<u>1,336,903</u>	<u>(817,993)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,900</u>	<u>3,393,755</u>

Summary of funds - prior period

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Designated funds	137,307	-	-	-	137,307
General funds	136,960	612,043	(575,327)	10,298	183,974
Endowment funds	1,251,625	44,438	(9,403)	87,784	1,374,444
Restricted funds	760,301	919,956	(696,445)	10,408	994,220
	<u>2,286,193</u>	<u>1,576,437</u>	<u>(1,281,175)</u>	<u>108,490</u>	<u>2,689,945</u>

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21. Summary of funds (continued)

Futures Fund	This is a designated fund for the purpose of providing alternative source of funding for the SVR Charitable Trust in the years to come. This means the trust does not have to rely on new fundraising for every single project.
HLF Catalyst Endowment Fund	This is an endowment fund for the purpose of creating future income for the Trust for the continuance of its activities. Monies raised were match funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) up to a maximum of £500,000 which has been reached.
Roof and Crane Fund	This restricted fund is to fund a much-needed replacement to the engine shed at Bridgnorth. The second objective is the purchase and installation of a crane, which will facilitate much more efficient and safe works on the heritage rolling stock.
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purposes of creating future income ("Futures Fund") for the Trust for the continuance of its activities since the end of the matching funding arrangement with HLF. Dividends received on the investments held by Brew in Dolphin are recognised here, with the funds being restricted for the purpose of preserving Severn Valley Railway Rolling Stock.
Hinton Manor 7819 Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of returning the locomotive to service.
Hagley Hall Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall to service.
Diesel Facility Fund	This is a restricted fund to support Diesel activities of the SVR.
Engineering Academy Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing heritage skills to the SVR.
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the station.
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the turntable at Bridgnorth
Bridgnorth Locomotive Yard Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of repairing the yard.
Falling Sands Viaduct Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of the restoration of the viaduct and educational offering.
GWR9581 Wheelchair Access Buffet Carriage Fund	This is a restricted fund to convert carriage 9581, into wheelchair-user-access buffet carriage.
Emergency Appeal Fund	This is a restricted fund in place to raise funds for immediate application to areas of the SVR's activities which met the charitable objects. The funds were to compensate for lost income due to COVID-19.
SVRCT Roof & Housing	This is a restricted fund to support and maintain provision of buildings to house and preserve SVRCT owned rolling stock.
Road Railer Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of purchasing a Road Railer vehicle to support the maintenance of the railway's infrastructure.
Survival Fund	This is a restricted fund to restore the railway's position following the Covid Pandemic.
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	These are restricted funds for the purposes of replacing the main post of the larger Bewdley South Bracket Signal and replacing the wheelchair access for visitors at Bewdley Station.
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing dining facilities for wheelchair passengers.
Educational Fund	This is a restricted fund to educate the public.
LMS & BR Coach Department Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LMS & BR built department vehicles to original condition.
LNER Coach Department Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LNER built vehicles to original condition
LNER Coach 52255	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of improving LNER coach 52255.
Mark 1 TSO 4509	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of completion of restoration.
Toad A Brake Van 17410 Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the vehicle to service.

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22. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 31 December 2024 £	Restricted funds 31 December 2024 £	Endowment funds 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Fixed asset investments	383,717	201,632	1,540,823	2,126,172
Current assets	693,568	586,913	16,428	1,296,909
Creditors due within one year	(29,326)	-	-	(29,326)
Total	<u>1,047,959</u>	<u>788,545</u>	<u>1,557,251</u>	<u>3,393,755</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 30 June 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 30 June 2023 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 30 June 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 30 June 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	52,391	-	-	52,391
Fixed asset investments	173,598	365,255	1,358,016	1,896,869
Current assets	128,184	628,965	16,428	773,577
Creditors due within one year	(32,892)	-	-	(32,892)
Total	<u>321,281</u>	<u>994,220</u>	<u>1,374,444</u>	<u>2,689,945</u>

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23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	31 December 2024 £	<i>30 June 2023 £</i>
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	703,810	<i>403,752</i>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	23,962	<i>15,758</i>
Impairment charges	28,429	<i>-</i>
Gains on investments	(184,900)	<i>(108,490)</i>
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(66,871)	<i>(39,261)</i>
Decrease in stocks	3,333	<i>-</i>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	81,901	<i>(71,098)</i>
Decrease in creditors	(3,566)	<i>(10,754)</i>
Net cash provided by operating activities	586,098	<i>189,907</i>

24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	31 December 2024 £	<i>30 June 2023 £</i>
Cash in hand	1,271,856	<i>663,290</i>
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,271,856	<i>663,290</i>

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 July 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	663,290	608,566	1,271,856
	663,290	608,566	1,271,856

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26. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to these funds.

27. Related party transactions

During the year the Charity donated £503,089 (2023: £965,120) to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc. In addition to this, invoiced recharges of £56,745 (2023: £136,050) were also paid to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc.

During the year, Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc collected donations totalling £56,404 (2023: £191,534) on behalf of the Charity.

Included with creditors is an amount of £709 (2023: £11,998) owed to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc which relates to recharges. Included within debtors is an amount of £Nil (2023: £16,932) owed from Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc for donations collected on behalf of the Charity.

Donations totalling £3,350 were made by 5 Trustees of the Charity.

There are no other related party transactions.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1092723

Accounts

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Charity number: 1092723

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees	K R Norton, Chair (resigned 13 December 2022) R Treverton-Jones, Chair A B Owens (OBE), Trustee (resigned 27 April 2023) P C Fathers, Vice Chair L M Shoaf (CBE), Trustee (resigned 12 June 2024) T A Hargest, Trustee (resigned 13 February 2023) M Ball, Trustee (resigned 31 March 2023) D E Malyon, Trustee (appointed 22 September 2021, resigned 10 May 2024) D S Kumar, Trustee (appointed 27 April 2023) M A Howard, Secretary (appointed 27 April 2023) P A Hobson, Trustee (appointed 6 March 2024) J Meredith, Trustee (appointed 27 April 2023) C W Walton, Trustee (appointed 27 April 2023)
Company registered number	04341280
Charity registered number	1092723
Registered office	Number One Comberton Place Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Church Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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The chairman presents his statement for the year.

The past 20 months have seen significant changes at the Trust. Shelagh Paterson, the Executive Director left in October 2022 and Paul Walker the Finance Manager left very suddenly in June 2023. Following this, the three remaining staff all took extended periods of sick leave and all have subsequently left the Trust.

The Trust is now an all volunteer organisation, with some of the Trustees and volunteers working in the office on Wednesdays. Professional services are purchased from external specialists as required. This has led to a significant reduction in running costs.

R Treverton-Jones
Chairman

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (SVRCT) are:

1. To advance education for the benefit of the public by financing the acquisition, restoration, preservation and operation of heritage locomotives, coaches, wagons, buildings, track and other associated infrastructure.
2. Establishing buildings to house and preserve the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust rolling stock collection.
3. Providing educational and interpretive displays for the travelling public.
4. Providing education and skills training used in the restoration, repair and operation of historic railways to ensure their long-term survival.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Charity has a strong network of volunteers with experience in a range of areas. The Trustees are very appreciative of the support provided by the volunteers as they are essential to allowing the Trust to perform its Charitable activities.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Trustees meet quarterly to monitor and assess the affairs of the Charity to ensure the objectives are met.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Fund raising and financial affairs of the Charity are monitored and controlled by the Finance & General Purposes Committee which meets regularly as required.

Grant making is controlled by the Grants Committee which manages grant applications to ensure compatibility with the objects

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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Social investment policies

The social investment of the Charity is met through the objectives, specifically through providing “education and skills training used in the restoration, repair and operation of historic railways to ensure their long-term survival.”

e. Grant-making policies

Grant making policy is set out by the Grants Policy of the Charity. This is freely available via the Charitable Trust website.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

During the period 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023 the following Grants were made:

Bridgnorth Yard Phase 1	SVRH	£150,000
Heritage Apprentice Scheme	SVRH	£35,000
Engine House 2022 operational costs: which houses Hinton Manor	SVRH	£100,000
Carriage LNER 43612	SVRH	£70,000
Epoxy Floor – Bridgnorth MPD	SVRH	£14,618
RoadRailer Vehicle	SVRH	£40,000
82045	SVRH	£10,000
Engine House 2023 operational costs (houses Hinton Manor)	SVRH	£200,000
Hagley Hall interpretation films	SVRH	£9,624
Bridgnorth Yard project films	SVRH	£3,000
ESMP Running Maintenance Team and support for HOPS roll-out.	SVRH	£86,875
DMU Bogie Overhaul top up funding	DMU Group (West Midlands)	£2,000
Maintaining Heritage	SVRH	£163,000
	TOTAL	£884,117

b. Key performance indicators

The setting of KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) is limited by the nature of charitable fund-raising. Approximately 50% of the income to the Charity is provided through bequests over which the Charity has no control. The remaining income is dependent upon fund-raising campaigns for specific projects. These vary from year-to-year determining the income of the Charity.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Review of activities

Once again, the Charity had a busy year supporting the Severn Valley Railway during a difficult period as the railway began its recovery from the effects of the pandemic.

d. Factors relevant to achieve objectives

Grants applications are managed by the Grants Committee. Their recommendations are put to the Board of Trustees who consider the applications before grants are made. The process is therefore monitored against the objectives of the Charity to ensure compliance.

e. Fundraising Policy

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited raises income from a wide range of funding streams to include, from individuals: single, regular, legacy and gifts in memory. From corporate sponsorship and gift in kind, and project funding from grant-making bodies to include, lottery, statutory, Trusts and foundations.

- The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a voluntary member of the Information Commissioner's Office, a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising
- The Charity is not aware of any failure by the Charity, or by any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or scheme.
- Fundraising standards are monitored on an ongoing basis by the Director of Development.
- Any complaints received during the year were addressed.
- A safeguarding policy is in place.
- In addition, all fundraising messages are not intrusive and supporters are contacted on an infrequent basis for a mix of messages which include feedback on the impact of their donation and light requests for funding additional projects. Collection pots are not shaken and are static around the Railway. We do not practice telephone fundraising or face to face fundraising. GDPR regulations are adhered to.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

f. Investment policy and performance

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund and all funds restricted or designated for long-term use are held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

The Trustees' aim to achieve a balance between total return primarily through capital growth with a medium risk investment policy over the long term i.e. over a period 10 years or more. They seek to achieve long term growth of capital and income maintaining the value of both in real terms over time. A total return approach should be taken as it is likely that income will be accumulated for some years to establish a substantial Endowment Fund to safeguard the future of the SVR. At that time there may be an increasing income requirement to help to protect the Railway's rolling stock, bridges, viaducts, buildings, other infrastructure and educational offerings and in so doing safeguard the future of the Railway.

The Trustees, in consultation with the Investment Manager, have agreed the following Investment Strategy: The investment of the funds should follow a total return (excluding inflation) approach; aiming to generate income and capital growth in order to achieve the SVR Endowment Fund objective of growing the income and capital in real terms over time.

Brewin Dolphin have used the WMA Balanced Total Return Index to determine the value of the fund in real terms. It is measured by Brewin Dolphin and reported to the Trustees who review the performance on a regular basis.

Investment income of £37,827 (2022: £27,271) has been generated during the year.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Reserves policy of the Charity is to maintain a level of unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible assets, which will enable the Charity to ensure continuity of activity and have the ability to adjust, in a measured way, to any significant changes in resources. The Reserves policy recognises that reserves are necessary to maintain the day to day operations of the Charity for a period of up to 6 months. This would currently equate to approximately £150,000.

The appropriate measure of free reserves is calculated as unrestricted funds (£321,281), less designated funds (£137,307), less fixed assets attributable to unrestricted funds (£52,391). This equates to free reserves of £131,583. It is recognised that the free reserves are £18,417 below the £150,000 required for day to day operations but plans are in place to build up the free reserves back up by raising unrestricted income.

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c. Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Trust is exposed and to ensure appropriate measures are considered for areas of considered risk. The Trust adheres to its Risk Policy and Framework, which is reviewed annually.

A Risk Register is in place, which is reviewed monthly. Identified risks are evaluated on the possible severity, assessing both impact and likelihood. Rather than giving equal weight to likelihood and impact the Trust uses a heat map with greater focus on the impact, and therefore uses the scoring of (impact x likelihood) + impact.

d. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees endeavour to continually raise funds and to further support the Severn Valley Railway. The principal risks associated with the organisational activities are categorised as a loss of income mitigated by implementing strong and targeted marketing and fundraising strategies. Financial fraud and error will be mitigated with robust processes and procedures which incorporate segregation of duties and practises. Lack of fundraising ability is mitigated with a dedicated fundraising team with the correct skills base to deliver a targeted fundraising strategy.

e. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The financial situation of the Charity is carefully monitored by the trustees to ensure continuity. Grants are awarded only when the financial stability of the Charity is confirmed through the Reserves Policy.

f. Principal funding

Funding of the Charity is dependent upon several factors. Approximately 50% of income to the Charity is provided through bequests over which the Charity has no control. The remaining income is dependent upon fund raising campaigns for specific projects. These vary from year-to-year affecting the income to the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited, which changed its name from SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company on 29 June 2012, was incorporated and registered as a company limited by guarantee, company registration number 04341280, on 17 December 2001, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 1 July 2002, registration number 1092723. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were last amended on 8 April 2019.

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust was established to raise funds to ensure the long-term survival of the Severn Valley Railway (SVR).

The day-to-day income the SVR receives from passenger fares, shops, cafes and pubs can only cover the cost of running trains, along with standard maintenance and restoration. These activities do not generate enough income to improve and develop the Railway. The Charitable Trust provides essential funds to enable the Railway to develop and widen its offerings to its visitors.

The Charitable Trust offers tax-efficient ways of giving, and helps ensure the future of this amazing piece of living history, so that it can continue to delight, thrill and inform generations to come.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

There shall be a maximum of nine Trustees unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members of the Charity. Of the nine Trustees, two shall be ex officio the chairman of each of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc and Severn Valley Railway Company Limited or if any such chairman does not wish to act as Trustee, such other person nominated by such chairman to act as Trustee. Such a Trustee (whether a chairman or his nominee) shall be referred to an "ex officio Trustee". Any person nominated by a chairman to act as a Trustee may from time to time be removed and replaced by their appointor.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director provided that person is not at the time such resolution is passed a director of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc or Severn Valley Railway Limited (but for the avoidance of doubt this proviso shall not apply to ex official directors mentioned above).

Trustees are elected for a three-year period at the AGM by the members of the Trust.

All the Charity Trustees receive an induction into their legal and administrative responsibilities, with an ongoing training programme as and when needed for issues arising during their term of office.

The Trustees are aware of the 7 principles of the Charity Governance Code and continue to improve the Trust's governance addressing the codes guidelines.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

During the year, several key staff left the Charity. This caused the Trustees to take a greater role in the day-to-day affairs of the Charity, which has reduced salary costs and provided greater funds for the awarding of grants. Decision making and policy decisions are made by the Trustees.

Plans for future periods

The Charitable Trust has experienced several changes in staff and trustees. Some staff have left the Charity during the year including the Head of Charity, Shelagh Patterson. To reduce overheads the Charity is becoming increasingly reliant upon volunteers, many of whom are Trustees. This has reduced salary costs, improving the ROI (return on Investment) considerably, allowing more funds to become available towards helping the SVR.

The Charity has managed the SVR Survival Appeal during the course of the year.

The policy of the Trustees is now to encourage greater use of contract services for finance and project management, rather than rely on paid staff. This will help reduce costs and provide greater flexibility with the workforce. Volunteers will be engaged when they are available and have the appropriate skills in order to minimise salaries.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity had unrestricted, undesignated reserves of £183,974 (2022: £136,960), designated reserves of £137,307 (2022: £137,307), restricted reserves of £994,220 (2022: £760,301) and endowment funds of £1,374,444 (2022: £1,251,625).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Crowe U.K. LLP, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M A Howard
Secretary
Date: 31 July 2024

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

Other matter

For the year ended 30 June 2022 the company was audit exempt, and consequently the financial statements for that period, which comprise the corresponding information presented in these financial statements, is unaudited.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- 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 trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Trustees 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 Trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an Auditor's report 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 our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below: We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities to be within income recognition and the override of control by management, and the Board of Trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with Charity Commission and reading minutes of meetings for those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent risk of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws 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 Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


Kerry Brown
Crowe U.K. LLP
Senior Statutory Auditor
Black Country House
Rounds Green Road
Oldbury
West Midlands
B69 2DG

31 July 2024

Crowe U.K. LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	607,018	916,509	13,649	1,537,176	828,893
Investments	5	5,025	3,447	30,789	39,261	27,421
Total income and endowments		612,043	919,956	44,438	1,576,437	856,314
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6,7	123,899	14,370	9,403	147,672	156,167
Charitable activities	8	451,428	682,075	-	1,133,503	1,224,345
Total expenditure		575,327	696,445	9,403	1,281,175	1,380,512
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments						
		36,716	223,511	35,035	295,262	(524,198)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		10,298	10,408	87,784	108,490	(204,771)
Net movement in funds		47,014	233,919	122,819	403,752	(728,969)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		274,267	760,301	1,251,625	2,286,193	3,015,162
Net movement in funds		47,014	233,919	122,819	403,752	(728,969)
Total funds carried forward		321,281	994,220	1,374,444	2,689,945	2,286,193

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04341280

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	52,391	68,158
Investments	15	1,896,869	1,667,706
		<u>1,949,260</u>	<u>1,735,864</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	16	11,973	11,973
Debtors	17	98,314	27,206
Cash at bank and in hand		663,290	554,796
		<u>773,577</u>	<u>593,975</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(32,892)	(43,646)
		<u>740,685</u>	<u>550,329</u>
Net current assets		<u>740,685</u>	<u>550,329</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,689,945</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>2,689,945</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,689,945</u></u>	<u><u>2,286,193</u></u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	20	1,374,444	1,251,625
Restricted funds	20	994,220	760,301
Unrestricted funds	20	321,281	274,267
		<u>2,689,945</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>
Total funds		<u><u>2,689,945</u></u>	<u><u>2,286,193</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04341280

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

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

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



M A Howard

Secretary

Date: 31 July 2024

The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	189,907	<i>(543,012)</i>
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	39,261	<i>27,421</i>
Proceeds from sale of investments	725,754	<i>208,088</i>
Purchase of investments	(876,690)	<i>(231,530)</i>
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Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(111,675)	3,979
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	78,232	(539,033)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	613,024	<i>1,152,057</i>
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	691,256	<i>613,024</i>
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The notes on pages 18 to 39 form part of these financial statements

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. General information

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee in England, whose registered office is Number One, Comberton Place, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 1QR. The companies registered number is 04341280. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £264,366 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Rolling Stock	-	10% Straight Line
Artefacts	-	10% Straight Line
Office equipment	-	33% Straight Line

2.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical areas of judgment:

Valuation of the rolling stock which is based on past experience and expert knowledge.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations				
Donations	149,742	517,283	11,654	678,679
Gift Aid Reclaimable	15,313	69,339	1,995	86,647
Subtotal detailed disclosure	165,055	586,622	13,649	765,326

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4. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Legacies	440,295	168,950	-	609,245
Grants	-	160,937	-	160,937
Other income	1,668	-	-	1,668
Subtotal	441,963	329,887	-	771,850
	607,018	916,509	13,649	1,537,176
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations				
Donations	153,953	208,599	2,624	365,176
Gift Aid Reclaimable	20,776	33,761	684	55,221
Subtotal detailed disclosure	174,729	242,360	3,308	420,397
Legacies	42,415	136,000	20,000	198,415
Grants	-	201,969	-	201,969
Other income	8,112	-	-	8,112
Subtotal	50,527	337,969	20,000	408,496
	225,256	580,329	23,308	828,893

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5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Dividend income	3,591	3,447	30,789	37,827
Interest receivable	1,434	-	-	1,434
	<u>5,025</u>	<u>3,447</u>	<u>30,789</u>	<u>39,261</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Dividend income	2,925	99	24,247	27,271
Interest receivable	150	-	-	150
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>3,075</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>24,247</u>	<u>27,421</u>

6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising costs	8,093	13,255	21,348
Support costs	52,167	-	52,167
Depreciation	928	-	928
Wages and salaries	48,140	-	48,140
National Insurance	5,143	-	5,143
Pension costs	8,325	-	8,325
	<u>122,796</u>	<u>13,255</u>	<u>136,051</u>

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6. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Fundraising costs	11,237	4,274	15,511
Support costs	36,354	-	36,354
Depreciation	217	-	217
Wages and salaries	95,000	-	95,000
	<u>142,808</u>	<u>4,274</u>	<u>147,082</u>

7. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment managers costs	1,103	1,115	9,403	11,621

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Investment managers costs	974	33	8,078	9,085

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Wages and Salaries	109,099	-	109,099
Governance costs	18,345	-	18,345
Depreciation	15,758	-	15,758
Railway Restoration	308,226	682,075	990,301
	<u>451,428</u>	<u>682,075</u>	<u>1,133,503</u>
	<u><u>451,428</u></u>	<u><u>682,075</u></u>	<u><u>1,133,503</u></u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Wages and Salaries	147,920	-	147,920
Governance costs	1,770	-	1,770
Depreciation	22,758	-	22,758
Railway Restoration	320,363	730,934	1,051,297
Engineering academy and education	-	600	600
	<u>492,811</u>	<u>731,534</u>	<u>1,224,345</u>
	<u><u>492,811</u></u>	<u><u>731,534</u></u>	<u><u>1,224,345</u></u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Wages and Salaries	9,092	100,007	109,099
Governance costs	791	17,554	18,345
Depreciation	15,758	-	15,758
Railway Restoration	990,301	-	990,301
	<u>1,015,942</u>	<u>117,561</u>	<u>1,133,503</u>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2022 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Wages and Salaries	40,758	107,162	147,920
Governance costs	-	1,770	1,770
Depreciation	22,758	-	22,758
Railway Restoration	1,051,297	-	1,051,297
Engineering Academy and Restoration	600	-	600
	<u>1,115,413</u>	<u>108,932</u>	<u>1,224,345</u>

10. Analysis of grants

	2023 £	2022 £
Included within Railway Restoration are the following grants		
Severn Valley Railway (Holdings)	882,117	1,044,672
DMU Group (West Midlands)	2,000	-
	<u>884,117</u>	<u>1,044,672</u>

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11. Auditor's remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	11,000	-
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor in respect of:		
The Charity's independent examination	-	1,740
Preparation of the annual accounts	5,750	-
	<u>16,750</u>	<u>-</u>

12. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	147,618	210,246
Social security costs	13,751	13,105
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	9,338	19,569
	<u>170,707</u>	<u>242,920</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	5	8
	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	-	1

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Rolling Stock £	Artefacts £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 July 2022	259,450	3,445	4,592	267,487
Additions	-	-	915	915
Disposals	-	-	(4,036)	(4,036)
At 30 June 2023	<u>259,450</u>	<u>3,445</u>	<u>1,471</u>	<u>264,366</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2022	192,005	3,358	3,966	199,329
Charge for the year	15,667	87	928	16,682
On disposals	-	-	(4,036)	(4,036)
At 30 June 2023	<u>207,672</u>	<u>3,445</u>	<u>858</u>	<u>211,975</u>
Net book value				
At 30 June 2023	<u>51,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>52,391</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>67,445</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>68,158</u>

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15. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Other fixed asset investments £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 July 2022	1,643,270	24,435	1,667,705
Additions	1,008,990	-	1,008,990
Disposals	(737,375)	-	(737,375)
Revaluations	108,490	-	108,490
Transfers between classes	(150,941)	-	(150,941)
	<u>1,872,434</u>	<u>24,435</u>	<u>1,896,869</u>
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,872,434</u>	<u>24,435</u>	<u>1,896,869</u>
Net book value			
At 30 June 2023	<u>1,872,434</u>	<u>24,435</u>	<u>1,896,869</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,643,270</u>	<u>24,435</u>	<u>1,667,705</u>

Investments at market value comprise:

UK Listed investments: £1,872,434 (2022: £1,643,271)

Market value of shares held in SVR (Holdings) Plc: £24,435 (2022: £24,435)

All fixed asset investments are held in the UK.

The endowment fund has been invested on a total return basis. Currently, there are no unapplied total returns as all income generated is to be re invested in the fund. During the year, donations of £97,677 (2022: £29,683) have been invested. This amount has been transferred into the Broker account for Brewin Dolphin to invest in line with the investment policy. Investment income of £34,618 (2022: £27,271) has been generated during the year which remains within the endowment fund.

During the year NIL (2022: £NIL) from unrestricted funds and NIL (2022: £NIL) from restricted funds have been invested with Brewin Dolphin alongside the total return endowment funds. The total income and capital gains generated during the year have been apportioned between funds based on the proportion of restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds invested with Brewin Dolphin at the point of each new cash injection.

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16. Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Parts	11,973	11,973

17. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	96,549	25,587
Prepayments and accrued income	1,765	1,619
	98,314	27,206

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	2,642	4,718
Other creditors	7,465	1,845
Accruals and deferred income	22,785	37,083
	32,892	43,646

19. Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	1,896,869	1,667,706

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise of listed investments and shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc.

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20. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Futures fund	137,307	-	-	-	137,307
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	136,960	612,043	(575,327)	10,298	183,974
Total Unrestricted funds	274,267	612,043	(575,327)	10,298	321,281
Endowment funds					
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment fund	1,251,625	44,438	(9,403)	87,784	1,374,444
Restricted funds					
Roof and Crane	12,775	14,081	(18,401)	-	8,455
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	404,964	103,124	(1,115)	10,408	517,381
Hinton Manor 7819	20,357	433	-	-	20,790
Hagley Hall 4930	41,838	5,456	(10,324)	-	36,970
Diesel Facility	31,436	2,438	-	-	33,874
Engineering Academy	418	51,533	(35,000)	-	16,951
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	2,879	2,873	-	-	5,752
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	-	-	-	18,209
Bridgnorth Yard Fund	64,248	196,998	(162,502)	-	98,744
Falling Sands Viaduct	37,210	69,221	(104,748)	-	1,683
GWR Buffet 9581	13,281	7,650	-	-	20,931
Emergency Appeal	628	6,445	-	-	7,073
SVRCT Roof & Housing	100,000	70,000	(170,000)	-	-
Road Railer	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Survival Fund	-	362,947	(174,355)	-	188,592
Miscellaneous restricted funds	12,058	6,757	-	-	18,815

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
	<u>760,301</u>	<u>919,956</u>	<u>(696,445)</u>	<u>10,408</u>	<u>994,220</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,286,193</u></u>	<u><u>1,576,437</u></u>	<u><u>(1,281,175)</u></u>	<u><u>108,490</u></u>	<u><u>2,689,945</u></u>

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Futures fund	154,820	5,425	(974)	(21,964)	137,307
General funds					
General fund - all funds	524,683	222,905	(610,628)	-	136,960
Total Unrestricted funds	679,503	228,330	(611,602)	(21,964)	274,267
Endowment funds					
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	1,417,516	24,247	(8,078)	(182,060)	1,251,625
Restricted funds					
Roof and Crane	275,224	220,393	(482,842)	-	12,775
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	382,456	23,287	(33)	(746)	404,964
Hinton Manor 7819	19,989	368	-	-	20,357
Mark 1 TSO 4509	2,791	-	-	-	2,791
LMS & BR Coach Department	19,188	-	(15,961)	-	3,227
LNER Coach 52255 & Dept.	2,095	1,255	(2,074)	-	1,276
Hagley Hall 4930	38,530	16,208	(12,900)	-	41,838
Diesel Facility	28,720	4,396	(1,680)	-	31,436
Engineering Academy	41,943	85,849	(127,374)	-	418
Toad A Brake Van 17410	3,075	-	-	-	3,075
Bridgnorth Station restoration Fund	16,105	5,409	(18,635)	-	2,879
Bridgnorth Turntable fund	18,209	-	-	-	18,209
Bridgnorth Yard Fund	-	65,615	(1,367)	-	64,248
Disable Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	264	125	-	-	389
Eardington Holt	-	138	-	-	138
Falling Sands Viaduct	48,868	36,269	(47,927)	-	37,210

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20. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2022 £</i>
Education Fund	600	-	(600)	-	-
GWR Buffet 9571	2,518	10,763	-	-	13,281
GWR Restoration Fund	807	50	(795)	-	62
Emergency Appeal	10,236	29,730	(39,338)	-	628
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	6,520	3,880	(9,300)	-	1,100
SWCT Roof & Housing	-	100,000	-	-	100,000
	<u>918,138</u>	<u>603,735</u>	<u>(760,826)</u>	<u>(746)</u>	<u>760,301</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>3,015,157</u></u>	<u><u>856,312</u></u>	<u><u>(1,380,506)</u></u>	<u><u>(204,770)</u></u>	<u><u>2,286,193</u></u>

21. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Designated funds	137,307	-	-	-	137,307
General funds	136,960	612,043	(575,327)	10,298	183,974
Endowment funds	1,251,625	44,438	(9,403)	87,784	1,374,444
Restricted funds	760,301	919,956	(696,445)	10,408	994,220
	<u><u>2,286,193</u></u>	<u><u>1,576,437</u></u>	<u><u>(1,281,175)</u></u>	<u><u>108,490</u></u>	<u><u>2,689,945</u></u>

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21. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2022 £</i>
Designated funds	154,820	5,425	(974)	(21,964)	137,307
General funds	524,683	222,905	(610,628)	-	136,960
Endowment funds	1,417,516	24,247	(8,078)	(182,060)	1,251,625
Restricted funds	918,138	603,735	(760,826)	(746)	760,301
	<u>3,015,157</u>	<u>856,312</u>	<u>(1,380,506)</u>	<u>(204,770)</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>

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21. Summary of funds (continued)

Futures Fund	This is a designated fund for the purpose of providing alternative source of funding for the SVR Charitable Trust in the years to come. This means the trust does not have to rely on new fundraising for every single project.
HLF Catalyst Endowment Fund	This is an endowment fund for the purpose of creating future income for the Trust for the continuance of its activities. Monies raised were match funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) up to a maximum of £500,000 which has been reached.
Roof and Crane Fund	This restricted fund is to fund a much-needed replacement to the engine shed at Bridgnorth. The second objective is the purchase and installation of a crane, which will facilitate much more efficient and safe works on the heritage rolling stock.
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purposes of creating future income ("Futures Fund") for the Trust for the continuance of its activities since the end of the matching funding arrangement with HLF. Dividends received on the investments held by Brew in Dolphin are recognised here, with the funds being restricted for the purpose of preserving Severn Valley Railway Rolling Stock.
Hinton Manor 7819 Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of returning the locomotive to service.
Hagley Hall Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall to service.
Diesel Facility Fund	This is a restricted fund to support Diesel activities of the SVR.
Engineering Academy Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing heritage skills to the SVR.
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the station.
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the turntable at Bridgnorth
Bridgnorth Locomotive Yard Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of repairing the yard.
Falling Sands Viaduct Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of the restoration of the viaduct and educational offering.
GWR9581 Wheelchair Access Buffet Carriage Fund	This is a restricted fund to convert carriage 9581, into wheelchair-user-access buffet carriage.
Emergency Appeal Fund	This is a restricted fund in place to raise funds for immediate application to areas of the SVR's activities which met the charitable objects. The funds were to compensate for lost income due to COVID-19.
SVRCT Roof & Housing	This is a restricted fund to support and maintain provision of buildings to house and preserve SVRCT owned rolling stock.
Road Railer Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of purchasing a Road Railer vehicle to support the maintenance of the railway's infrastructure.
Survival Fund	This is a restricted fund to restore the railway's position following the Covid Pandemic.
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	These are restricted funds for the purposes of replacing the main post of the larger Bewdley South Bracket Signal and replacing the wheelchair access for visitors at Bewdley Station.
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing dining facilities for wheelchair passengers.
Educational Fund	This is a restricted fund to educate the public.
LMS & BR Coach Department Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LMS & BR built department vehicles to original condition.
LNER Coach Department Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LNER built vehicles to original condition
LNER Coach 52255	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of improving LNER coach 52255.
Mark 1 TSO 4509	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of completion of restoration.
Toad A Brake Van 17410 Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the vehicle to service.

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22. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	52,391	-	-	52,391
Fixed asset investments	173,598	365,255	1,358,016	1,896,869
Current assets	128,184	628,965	16,428	773,577
Creditors due within one year	(32,892)	-	-	(32,892)
Total	321,281	994,220	1,374,444	2,689,945

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	68,158	-	-	68,158
Fixed asset investments	161,117	254,964	1,251,625	1,667,706
Current assets	65,164	528,811	-	593,975
Creditors due within one year	(20,172)	(23,474)	-	(43,646)
Total	274,267	760,301	1,251,625	2,286,193

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23. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	403,752	(728,969)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	15,758	22,978
Gains/(losses) on investments	(108,490)	204,770
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(39,261)	(27,421)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(71,098)	31,434
Decrease in creditors	(10,754)	(45,809)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	189,907	(543,017)

24. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	663,290	554,796
Cash held by broker	27,966	58,228
Total cash and cash equivalents	691,256	613,024

25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 July 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 30 June 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	554,796	108,494	663,290
	554,796	108,494	663,290

26. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to these funds.

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27. Related party transactions

During the year the Charity donated £965,120 (2022: £1,044,672) to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc. In addition to this, invoiced recharges of £136,050 (2022: £169,423) were also paid to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc.

During the year, Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc collected donations totalling £191,534 on behalf of the Charity.

Included with creditors is an amount of £11,998 (2022: £32,788) owed to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc which relates to recharges. Included within debtors is an amount of £16,932 (2022: £nil) owed from Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc for donations collected on behalf of the Charity.

Donations totalling £6,685 were made by 8 Trustees of the charity.

There are no other related party transactions.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1092723

Accounts

Registered number: 04341280
Charity number: 1092723

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

Trustees	K R Norton, Chair (resigned 13 December 2022) R Treverton-Jones A D Owen (OBE) P C Fathers L M Shoaf (CBE) T A Hargest (resigned 13 February 2023) M Ball (appointed 22 September 2021) D E Malyon
Company registered number	04341280
Charity registered number	1092723
Registered office	Number One Comberton Place Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR
Company secretary	P Walker
Independent examiner	Crowe U.K. LLP Black Country House Rounds Green Road Oldbury West Midlands B69 2DG
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Church Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR
Senior Management Team	Shelagh Paterson - Executive Director (Resigned 31 October 2022)

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

INTRODUCTION FROM THE OUTGOING CHAIR

As the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust journeyed into its 10th anniversary year, it was a privilege to come on board as the new Chair.

The anniversary was a great time to celebrate the incredible £8.74m raised for the Severn Valley Railway over the decade. During the 10 years, £5.3m donations from generous donors have helped preserve the precious history and heritage of the Railway. In addition to funding to support the Railway now, £1.24m was raised for long-term investment in our Future Fund endowment, which currently sits at £1.6m. As this grows, it will play a key part in supporting the SVR in the future. The Trust also secured £2.2m in emergency grants for SVR Holdings during the Covid-19 pandemic from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

This financial year, the Railway continued to experience challenges as a result of Covid-19 and rapidly rising energy, fuel and materials costs. Despite this, following the £475,000 successfully raised by the Charitable Trust as part of the Home & Dry appeal, the transformation of the locomotive works in Bridgnorth is on track to be completed on time and on budget. Once the new roof is finished, energy-efficient measures fitted (including lighting and insulation) and a second-hand travelling crane installed, the facility will be safer, lighter and, crucially, dry. We're very grateful to over 3,000 donors as well as all the volunteers who supported this vital project.

We also began fundraising for the next key infrastructure project – the restoration of Bridgnorth Yard – which is used daily for steam locomotive servicing and maintenance. £65,615 was raised by the end of the financial year with the target of raising £250,000 by the end of 2022 to cover the most critical first phase of the project including the main station turnout and the cross over to the main line. The remainder of this important project will be delivered in multiple phases over the coming years.

A key highlight for the year was locomotive 4930's return to steam, following a £1.4m restoration project and we look forward to its official launch and first passenger service later in the year following 36 years at rest. It was also great to see the development of an inspirational educational experience celebrating both the successful completion of the Falling Sands Viaduct restoration and the history of the Railway. Two exhibits – located at the Engine House and a guard's van at Kidderminster Station – have received positive reviews from visitors as well as the National Lottery Heritage Fund. In addition, there has been an innovative programme of public engagement.

Finally, it is with sadness that Executive Director, Shelagh Paterson will be leaving the Trust and trustee, Nick Paul, also departed. We are thankful to them both for the huge impact they have both had over the years and wish them the very best as they journey onto new destinations.

Keith Norton
Chair
SVR Charitable Trust

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**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
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UPDATE FROM THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the support of a strong team dedicated to ensuring the Railway receives funding vital for its future, the Charitable Trust raised £0.8m during the financial year ending 30 June 2022. Impacting this was a reduced level of legacy income which is believed to be due to a delay in probate and backlog of legal administration caused by Covid-19. The Trust expects to receive these legacies in the next financial year and is grateful for these gifts which will make a big difference to the Railway.

As the Railway continues to be impacted by rising energy, fuel and material costs as well as other challenges, the Charitable Trust is particularly grateful for unrestricted donations (which can support any requirement) as they allow us to provide flexible support during unpredictable times.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, we were able to donate £1.05m of assistance to the Railway during the year, for key projects including Roof & Crane, the restoration of locomotive 4930 'Hagley Hall', public engagement around the Falling Sands Viaduct, developments at the Engine House, and more.

The Trust has also been working hard to deepen relationships with grant makers which has generated vital funding for a variety of important projects including the Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme, access projects and infrastructure.

It's been an honour and a privilege to have led the Charitable Trust over the last 10 years as it's grown to support the evolving needs of the Railway. As the Charitable Trust looks to the future, we are delighted that, in his role as Chair, Keith Norton provides a steadying steer and vital expertise as a new Executive Director is recruited to lead the Charitable Trust into its next phase, especially as he has also been supporting the Railway directly with a strategy for the future.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Charitable Trust during the year, including donors, legacy pledgers, grant makers and corporate members as well as our Trustees and the team, both volunteer and paid. Together, this makes a big difference to the Railway.

Shelagh Paterson,
Executive Director
SVR Charitable Trust

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KEY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The financial year saw the completion of one major appeal and the launch of a second, focused activity to secure grants for a number of key projects as well as campaigns to increase the volume and value of regular gifts plus gifts in Wills that help to fund projects vital to the Railway's future.

Roof & Crane appeal

A major appeal was launched in the last financial year to raise £475,000 for the SVR locomotive works at Bridgnorth. The roof was worn out, was full of holes and leaked badly. The facility was also in desperate need of better lighting, insulation and energy-efficiency measures as well as an overhead travelling crane to improve working conditions and reduce energy costs.

Thanks to the generosity of over 3,000 donors, the final £220,393 was raised earlier this financial year, enabling the works to go ahead, with completion expected by September 2022.

Bridgnorth Yard appeal

With the Roof & Crane project well underway, the Charitable Trust turned its attention to fundraising for the next most critical project: the restoration of Bridgnorth Locomotive Yard. Track work and points are wearing out fast, and drainage across the yard is clogged, accelerating the deterioration of the sleepers. If they fail, locomotives will not be able to get into the Locomotive Works for maintenance and repairs which could severely impact the SVR's ability to operate.

By the end of the financial year, £65,615 had been raised for the project following the launch of the appeal, thanks to the support of donors. It is estimated that £150k will be required for the first phase of the project – to be completed in the early 2023 shutdown – with £500,000 to be raised for the full programme. Future phases are set to be carried out over years in order of criticality.

Grants

During the financial year, £156,250 in grants were secured from 31 Charitable Trusts. Of these, 13 supported the Railway for the first time. Key projects included the Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme; access projects; repairs to the listed Bridgnorth Station; and the Roof & Crane works.

In addition, £9,500 was received from the Heritage Lottery Fund as the final instalment of the £95,000 grant awarded for the restoration of locomotive 4930 'Hagley Hall' and interpretation as well as £36,219 for the Filling Sands Viaduct project as part of the overall £853k grant.

KEY CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Progress was made across key locomotive, infrastructure and educational projects funded by the Charitable Trust despite the continued challenges of Covid-19.

Restoration of locomotive 4930 'Hagley Hall'

A momentous moment in the £1.4m restoration of locomotive 4930 'Hagley Hall' was reached when the engine moved under its own steam for the first time in 36 years. The moment held a great deal of significance for everyone connected with the overhaul of the SVR's 'flagship' locomotive. In addition to grants received, over 75% of the restoration was made possible by donations, particularly gifts in Wills, in addition to the tireless fundraising of the Friends of Hagley Hall and the generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

There is still much more work to be done to get 'Hagley Hall' ready for its relaunch. The event is expected to take place in September 2022, at which point, it will re-enter passenger service.

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Roof & Crane project

Work is progressing at pace on the restoration of Bridgnorth Locomotive Works. The main ground works for the crane bases and concreting are now complete. The roof is on its way to being watertight and the insulation is underway. Works to the wall cladding, fitting of LED lighting and the installation of the second-hand travelling crane will be completed soon.

The Roof & Crane project is due to be finished by September 2022, on time and on budget, and will make a remarkable difference to working conditions for both volunteers and staff.

Falling Sands Viaduct Public Engagement

The Falling Sands Viaduct restoration – which received prestigious recognition at the National Railway Heritage Awards in late 2021 – has acted as a springboard for many exciting and innovative events and activities to bring to life the significance of the viaduct as well as the building of the Severn Valley Railway, in an accessible way.

Core to the extensive public engagement programme are innovative exhibitions at the Engine House at Highley and in a Guard's Van at Kidderminster station which are proving popular with visitors. Volunteers have carried out surveys of the two exhibitions and the response from visitors has been very positive, with many expressing their fascination at the pre-preservation story of the Railway, its Victorian origins and social history, in particular.

The public engagement programme also included an oral history project to capture the fascinating stories of people who have been key to the Railway including founding members, volunteers and staff; an education programme benefitting over 200 students; a spectacular illumination event featuring the songs and poems written and performed by young people; the development of a game with Kidderminster College; and a virtual reality experience with the University of Birmingham to help dementia patients remember wonderful memories of travelling by train in times gone by.

The public engagement project also attracted £90,000 of additional contributions such as volunteer time working on activities such as historical research, education, interpretation and professional services during the restoration work on the viaduct, which exceeded expectations.

Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme

The Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme was established to address the decline in heritage engineering skills in the UK. Since its inception, the Trust continues to play a key role in its funding. Within the four-year apprenticeship programme, young people work and learn across diverse departments, including locomotive running, boiler shop, carriage mechanical and carriage bodywork. This rotation enables apprentices to gain experience and knowledge across a range of trades.

After two years, apprentices are assigned to one of the departments to pursue a specialisation. As well as intensive on-the-job training, apprentices work towards nationally-recognised NVQ 2 and 3 level qualifications. The Railway also trains apprentices on shorter courses in specialised areas such as heritage signal maintenance and boiler shop work. As the apprentices gain experience, as well as restore the SVR's rolling stock, their skills are also used to deliver external contract work for other heritage organisations, generating additional income for the Railway. It costs £21,000 to fund an apprentice for one year, and while the Railway did not recruit new apprentices during the financial year, there are currently two apprentices progressing through the scheme. In addition, four previous apprentices are now working in permanent roles, using their skills to help preserve the Railway.

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Engine House

As part of the first large-scale educational project the Charitable Trust has funded, outside of the apprenticeship scheme and the Falling Sands viaduct, £105,000 was secured for the Engine House at Highley. More than 10,000 children visit the Railway each year as part of educational programmes so the benefits are wide-reaching. The Engine House has also been enhanced to draw in more visitors and encourage people of all ages to take a greater interest in the Railway's heritage, so much so that some visitors have become volunteers who now help to maintain the Railway.

Access projects

Progress was made on a number of access projects as part of a wider programme to enhance accessibility for wheelchair users across the Railway. Works during the year included the provision of wheelchair access to island platforms 2 and 3 at Bewdley Station and continued work on the restoration and conversion of carriage no. 9581 to create a wheelchair accessible buffet car.

Smaller projects

Many smaller projects were also supported throughout the year including funding toward new, period lighting at Bridgnorth Station, a pump at the Diesel Depot and Bewdley South Bracket Signal. These projects may be small but, together, they are important to preserving the precious history of the Railway and ensuring vital parts of the SVR's operations can continue.

Emergency support

With the Railway continuing to be impacted by the pandemic, a vital lifeline was provided through £183,000 in emergency support for the engineering team as well as £65,000 toward emergency civil engineering requirements during the heart of the challenges.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The Trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 June 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited, which changed its name from SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company on 29 June 2012, was incorporated and registered as a company limited by guarantee, company registration number 04341280, on 17 December 2001, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 1 July 2002, registration number 1092723. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were last amended on 8 April 2019.

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust was established to raise funds to ensure the long-term survival of the Severn Valley Railway (SVR).

The day-to-day income the SVR receives from passenger fares, shops, cafes and pubs can only cover the cost of running trains, along with standard maintenance and restoration. These activities do not generate enough income to improve and develop the Railway. The Charitable Trust provides essential funds to enable the Railway to develop and widen its offerings to its visitors.

The Charitable Trust offers tax-efficient ways of giving, and helps ensure the future of this amazing piece of living history, so that it can continue to delight, thrill and inform generations to come.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

There shall be a maximum of nine Trustees unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members of the Charity. Of the nine Trustees, two shall be ex officio the chairman of each of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc and Severn Valley Railway Company Limited or if any such chairman does not wish to act as Trustee, such other person nominated by such chairman to act as Trustee. Such a Trustee (whether a chairman or his nominee) shall be referred to an "ex officio Trustee". Any person nominated by a chairman to act as a Trustee may from time to time be removed and replaced by their appointor.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director provided that person is not at the time such resolution is passed a director of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc or Severn Valley Railway Limited (but for the avoidance of doubt this proviso shall not apply to ex official directors mentioned above).

Trustees are elected for a three-year period at the AGM by the members of the Trust.

All the Charity Trustees receive an induction into their legal and administrative responsibilities, with an ongoing training programme as and when needed for issues arising during their term of office.

The Trustees are aware of the 7 principles of the Charity Governance Code and continue to improve the Trust's governance addressing the codes guidelines.

Organisational structure and decision making

The board of Trustees has delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the senior management team. The board of Trustees meets at least four times a year to review the Charity's performance and administration generally and to decide policy issues arising.

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Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Trust is exposed and to ensure appropriate measures are considered for areas of considered risk. The Trust adheres to its Risk Policy and Framework, which is reviewed annually.

A Risk Register is in place, which is reviewed monthly. Identified risks are evaluated on the possible severity, assessing both impact and likelihood. Rather than giving equal weight to likelihood and impact the Trust uses a heat map with greater focus on the impact, and therefore uses the scoring of (impact x likelihood) + impact.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees endeavour to continually raise funds and to further support the Severn Valley Railway. The principal risks associated with the organisational activities are categorised as a loss of income mitigated by implementing strong and targeted marketing and fundraising strategies. Financial fraud and error will be mitigated with robust processes and procedures which incorporate segregation of duties and practises. Lack of fundraising ability is mitigated with a dedicated fundraising team with the correct skills base to deliver a targeted fundraising strategy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Policies and objectives

The objectives of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (SVRCT) are:

1. To advance education for the benefit of the public by financing the acquisition, restoration, preservation and operation of heritage locomotives, coaches, wagons, buildings, track and other associated infrastructure.
2. Establishing buildings to house and preserve the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust rolling stock collection.
3. Providing educational and interpretive displays for the travelling public.
4. Providing education and skills training used in the restoration, repair and operation of historic railways to ensure their long-term survival.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Charity has a strong network of volunteers with experience in a range of areas. The Trustees are very appreciative of the support provided by the volunteers as they are essential to allowing the Trust to perform its Charitable activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Reserves policy of the Charity is to maintain a level of unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible assets, which will enable the Charity to ensure continuity of activity and have the ability to adjust, in a measured way, to any significant changes in resources. The Reserves policy recognises that reserves are necessary to maintain the day to day operations of the Charity for a period of up to 6 months. This would currently equate to approximately £150,000.

The appropriate measure of free reserves is calculated as unrestricted funds (£274,267), less designated funds (£137,307), less fixed assets attributable to unrestricted funds (£68,158). This equates to free reserves of

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£68,801. It is recognised that the free reserves are £81,199 below the £150,000 required for day to day operations but plans are in place to build up the free reserves back up by raising unrestricted income.

Future Plans

The Charitable Trust has experienced a number of changes in staff and trustees. At the time of writing staff vacancies are on hold whilst discussions take place between all three Railway companies as to the most appropriate structure for the companies going forward. Three candidates for Trustee positions are being proposed at the Annual General Meeting to serve the usual three-year term.

Many projects continue, including completion of the first phase of Bridgnorth Locomotive Yard. Meanwhile, the Charitable Trust will be focussed on raising unrestricted funds to ensure the short-term survival and long-term financial future of the Railway. Those funds will be used by the railway in accordance with the agreed objectives of the Charitable Trust which are mainly the railway operations, restoration of rolling stock, and education.

At the balance sheet date, the Charity had unrestricted, undesignated reserves of £136,960 (2021: £524,683), designated reserves of £137,307 (2021: £154,820), restricted reserves of £760,301 (2021: £918,138) and endowment funds of £1,251,625 (2020: £1,417,516).

Monthly management accounts are prepared and circulated to the officers and the board of Trustees. Quarterly management accounts are circulated to the senior officer and the board of Trustees. The annual accounts have an independent examination. It is considered that there is an adequate system of internal control in place.

An annual plan and an annual budget are approved by the Trustees; regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties, and identification and management of risks. The officers review external developments and consider the risks and opportunities these present to the Charity in fulfilling its objects.

Investment policy

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund and all funds restricted or designated for long-term use are held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

The Trustees' aim to achieve a balance between total return primarily through capital growth with a medium risk investment policy over the long term i.e. over a period 10 years or more. They seek to achieve long term growth of capital and income maintaining the value of both in real terms over time. A total return approach should be taken as it is likely that income will be accumulated for some years to establish a substantial Endowment Fund to safeguard the future of the SVR. At that time there may be an increasing income requirement to help to protect the Railway's rolling stock, bridges, viaducts, buildings, other infrastructure and educational offerings and in so doing safeguard the future of the Railway.

The Trustees, in consultation with the Investment Manager, have agreed the following Investment Strategy:

The investment of the funds should follow a total return (excluding inflation) approach; aiming to generate income and capital growth in order to achieve the SVR Endowment Fund objective of growing the income and capital in real terms over time.

Brewin Dolphin have used the WMA Balanced Total Return Index to determine the value of the fund in real terms. It is measured by Brewin Dolphin and reported to the Trustees who review the performance on a regular basis.

Investment income of £27,271 (2021: £26,170) has been generated during the year.

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Fundraising Policy

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited raises income from a wide range of funding streams to include, from individuals: single, regular, legacy and gifts in memory. From corporate sponsorship and gift in kind, and project funding from grant-making bodies to include, lottery, statutory, Trusts and foundations.

- The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a voluntary member of the Information Commissioner's Office, a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising
- The Charity is not aware of any failure by the Charity, or by any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or scheme.
- Fundraising standards are monitored on an ongoing basis by the Director of Development.
- Any complaints received during the year were addressed.
- A safeguarding policy is in place.
- In addition, all fundraising messages are not intrusive and supporters are contacted on an infrequent basis for a mix of messages which include feedback on the impact of their donation and light requests for funding additional projects. Collection pots are not shaken and are static around the Railway. We do not practice telephone fundraising or face to face fundraising. GDPR regulations are adhered to.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are remunerated in line with sector averages. Salary reviews take place annually and are approved by the Trustees. Payment is made monthly in arrears.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

- Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:
 - so far as that Trustees are aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the Charitable company's independent examiner are unaware, and
 - that Trustees have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of
 - any information needed by the charitable company's independent examiner in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

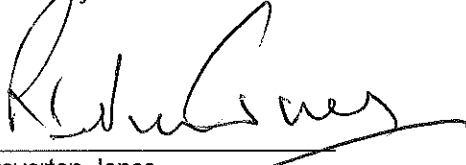
Company and Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 (FRS 102);
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



R Treverton-Jones
(Acting Chair and Trustees)

Date: 29/4/23

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 set out on pages 15 to 36.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'; and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kerry Brown FCA
Crowe U.K. LLP
Chartered Accountants
Black Country House
Rounds Green Road
Oldbury
West Midlands
B69 2DG

Kerry Brown

Date: 24 April 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	225,256	603,636	0	828,892	1,445,012
Charitable activities	5	0	0	0	0	20,423
Investments	6	<u>3,075</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>24,247</u>	<u>27,421</u>	<u>26,391</u>
Total income and endowments		<u>228,331</u>	<u>603,735</u>	<u>24,247</u>	<u>856,313</u>	<u>1,491,826</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7,8	143,777	4,307	8,078	156,162	156,185
Charitable activities	9	<u>467,826</u>	<u>756,519</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,224,345</u>	<u>690,171</u>
Total expenditure		<u>611,603</u>	<u>760,826</u>	<u>8,078</u>	<u>1,380,507</u>	<u>846,356</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		(408,257)	(132,106)	16,169	(524,194)	645,470
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(21,964)</u>	<u>(746)</u>	<u>(182,060)</u>	<u>(204,770)</u>	<u>273,834</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(430,221)</u>	<u>(132,852)</u>	<u>(165,891)</u>	<u>(728,964)</u>	<u>919,304</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		679,503	918,138	1,417,516	3,015,157	2,095,853
Net movement in funds		<u>(430,221)</u>	<u>(132,852)</u>	<u>(165,891)</u>	<u>(728,964)</u>	<u>919,304</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>249,282</u>	<u>785,286</u>	<u>1,251,625</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>	<u>3,015,157</u>

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

The notes on pages 18 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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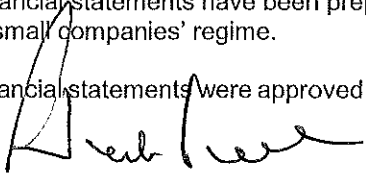
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	68,158	91,135
Investments	14	<u>1,667,706</u>	<u>1,827,635</u>
		<u>1,735,864</u>	<u>1,918,770</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	11,973	11,973
Debtors	16	27,206	58,640
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>554,796</u>	<u>1,115,228</u>
		<u>593,975</u>	<u>1,185,841</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>(43,646)</u>	<u>(89,454)</u>
Net current assets		<u>550,329</u>	<u>1,096,387</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,286,193</u>	<u>3,015,157</u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	19	1,251,625	1,417,516
Restricted funds	19	760,301	918,138
Unrestricted funds	19	<u>274,267</u>	<u>679,503</u>
Total funds		<u>2,286,193</u>	<u>3,015,157</u>

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

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

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


R Treverton-Jones
(Acting Chair and Trustee)

Date:

28/4/22

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	22	<u>(543,012)</u>	<u>648,634</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		27,421	26,391
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		0	(10,256)
Proceeds from sale of investments		208,088	406,130
Purchase of investments		<u>(231,530)</u>	<u>(467,143)</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>3,979</u>	<u>(44,878)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(539,033)	603,756
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>1,152,057</u>	<u>548,301</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23	<u>613,024</u>	<u>1,152,057</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

1. General information

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee in England, whose registered office is Number One, Cornberton Place, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 1QR. The companies registered number is 04341280. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2 Going concern

The company has cash resources and has no requirements for external funding. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives,

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Artefacts	- 10%	straight line
Rolling stock	- 10%	straight line
Office equipment	- 33%	straight line

2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund is held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

2.8 Investment Income

Income generated from the Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment fund is treated as restricted income. The income is restricted to the restoration of rolling stock.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

2.10 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.11 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.12 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

Cash

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours.

There are no complex financial instruments.

2.13 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.14 Role of volunteers

The Charity relies on the efforts of its volunteers. The value of these volunteers is not incorporated within the accounts.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

Critical areas of judgement:

Valuation of the rolling stock which is based on past experience and expert knowledge.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations and legacies	196,368	367,222	563,590	921,853
Income tax reclaimable	20,776	34,445	55,221	68,007
Grants	0	201,969	201,969	448,476
Government grants	0	0	0	2,939
Other income	8,112	0	8,112	3,737
	<u>225,256</u>	<u>603,636</u>	<u>828,892</u>	<u>1,445,012</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>530,890</u>	<u>914,122</u>	<u>1,445,012</u>	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Restoration costs recharged to SVRH	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,423</u>
Total 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>20,423</u>	<u>20,423</u>	

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6. Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Endowment funds 2022	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Dividend income	2,925	99	24,247	27,271	26,170
Interest receivable	<u>150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>221</u>
	<u>3,075</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>24,247</u>	<u>27,421</u>	<u>26,391</u>
Total 2021	<u>3,556</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>22,599</u>	<u>26,250</u>	

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	11,237	4,274	15,511	21,272
Support costs	36,349	0	36,349	30,127
Wages and Salaries	95,000	0	95,000	92,990
Support costs - depreciation	<u>217</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>571</u>
	<u>142,803</u>	<u>4,274</u>	<u>147,077</u>	<u>144,960</u>
Total 2021	<u>141,702</u>	<u>3,258</u>	<u>144,960</u>	

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8. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Investment managers costs	<u>974</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>8,078</u>	<u>9,085</u>
<u>Total 2021</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>9,746</u>	<u>11,225</u>

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

9a. Analysis of charitable costs

	Direct costs	Support costs	Total funds	Total funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>1,115,413</u>	<u>108,932</u>	<u>1,224,345</u>	<u>690,171</u>
<u>Total 2021</u>	<u>615,538</u>	<u>74,633</u>	<u>690,171</u>	

9b. Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities	Total funds	Total funds
	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	40,758	40,758	35,093
Depreciation	22,758	22,758	24,917
Railway restoration	1,051,297	1,051,297	535,105
Engineering academy and education	600	600	0
Railway restoration recharged to SVRH	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,423</u>
	<u>1,115,413</u>	<u>1,115,413</u>	<u>615,538</u>
<u>Total 2021</u>	<u>615,538</u>	<u>615,538</u>	

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9c. Analysis of Support costs

	Support costs	Total funds	Total funds
	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	107,162	107,162	67,703
Governance costs	<u>1,770</u>	<u>1,770</u>	<u>6,930</u>
	<u>108,932</u>	<u>108,932</u>	<u>74,633</u>
Total 2021	<u>74,633</u>	<u>74,633</u>	

10. Independent Examiners remuneration

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner	<u>1,740</u>	<u>0</u>
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for preparation of the annual accounts	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Fees payable to Charity's auditor for the audit of the annual accounts	<u>0</u>	<u>5,400</u>

11. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	210,246	175,766
Social security costs	13,105	6,216
Pension costs	19,569	13,804
	<u>242,920</u>	<u>195,786</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

2022	2021
<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

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The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL-).

During the year ended 30 June 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL-).

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Artefacts	Rolling Stock	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 July 2021	3,445	259,450	4,592	267,487
Additions	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>3,445</u>	<u>259,450</u>	<u>4,592</u>	<u>267,487</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2021	3,270	169,332	3,749	176,351
Charge for the year	<u>88</u>	<u>22,673</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>22,978</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>3,358</u>	<u>192,005</u>	<u>3,966</u>	<u>199,329</u>
Net book value				
At 30 June 2022	<u>87</u>	<u>67,445</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>68,158</u>
At 30 June 2021	<u>174</u>	<u>90,118</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>91,135</u>

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14. Fixed asset investments

	Listed securities	Shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 July 2021	1,803,200	24,435	1,827,635
Additions	231,530	0	231,530
Disposals	(208,088)	0	(208,088)
Revaluations	(204,770)	0	(204,770)
Transfers between classes	<u>21,399</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,399</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,643,271</u>	<u>24,435</u>	<u>1,667,706</u>

Investments at market value comprise:

UK Listed investments: £1,643,271 (2021: £1,803,200).

Market Value of shares held in SVR (Holdings) Plc £24,435 (2021: £24,435).

All fixed asset investments are held in the UK.

The endowment fund has been invested on a total return basis. Currently, there are no unapplied total returns as all income generated is to be re-invested in the fund. During the year, donations of £29,683 (2021: £35,411) have been invested. This amount has been transferred into the Broker account for Brewin Dolphin to invest in line with the investment policy. Investment income of £27,271 (2021: £26,170) has been generated during the year which remains within the endowment fund.

During the year NIL (2021: £NIL) from unrestricted funds and NIL (2021: £NIL) from restricted funds have been invested with Brewin Dolphin alongside the total return endowment funds. The total income and capital gains generated during the year have been apportioned between funds based on the proportion of restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds invested with Brewin Dolphin at the point of each new cash injection.

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15. Stocks		2022	2021
		£	£
Parts		<u>11,973</u>	<u>11,973</u>
16. Debtors			
		2021	2020
		£	£
Other debtors		25,587	57,021
Prepayments		<u>1,619</u>	<u>1,619</u>
		<u>27,206</u>	<u>58,640</u>
17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
		2022	2021
		£	£
Other taxation and social security		4,718	1,989
Wages and pensions		1,845	1,655
Accruals		<u>37,083</u>	<u>85,810</u>
		<u>43,646</u>	<u>89,454</u>
18.			
Financial instruments			
		2021	2020
		£	£
Financial assets			
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure		<u>1,667,706</u>	<u>1,827,635</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise listed investments and shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc .

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain / (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Futures fund	154,820	5,425	(974)	(21,964)	137,307
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>524,683</u>	<u>222,905</u>	<u>(610,628)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>136,960</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>679,503</u>	<u>228,330</u>	<u>(611,602)</u>	<u>(21,964)</u>	<u>274,267</u>
Endowment funds					
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	<u>1,417,516</u>	<u>24,247</u>	<u>(8,078)</u>	<u>(182,060)</u>	<u>1,251,625</u>
Restricted funds					
Roof and Crane	275,224	220,393	(482,842)	0	12,775
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	382,456	23,287	(33)	(746)	404,964
Hinton Manor 7819	19,989	368	0	0	20,357
Mark 1 TSO 4509	2,791	0	0	0	2,791
LMS & BR Coach Department	19,188	0	(15,961)	0	3,227
LNER Coach 52255 & Dept.	2,095	1,255	(2,074)	0	1,276
Hagley Hall 4930	38,530	16,208	(12,900)	0	41,838
Diesel Facility	28,720	4,396	(1,680)	0	31,436
Engineering Academy	41,943	85,849	(127,374)	0	418
Toad A Brake Van 17410	3,075	0	0	0	3,075
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	16,105	5,409	(18,635)	0	2,879
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	0	0	0	18,209

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19. Statement of funds continued

	Balance at 1 July 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains / (Losses)	Balance at 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgnorth Yard Fund	0	65,615	(1,367)	0	64,248
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	264	125	0	0	389
Eardington Holt	0	138	0	0	138
Falling Sands Viaduct	48,868	36,269	(47,927)	0	37,210
Education Fund	600	0	(600)	0	0
GWR Buffet 9581	2,518	10,763	0	0	13,281
GWR Restoration Fund	807	50	(795)	0	62
Emergency Appeal	10,236	29,730	(39,338)	0	628
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	6,520	3,880	(9,300)	0	1,100
SWCT Roof & Housing	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Restricted funds	<u>918,138</u>	<u>603,735</u>	<u>(760,826)</u>	<u>(746)</u>	<u>760,301</u>
Total of funds	<u>3,015,157</u>	<u>856,312</u>	<u>(1,380,506)</u>	<u>(204,770)</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/(Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Futures fund	154,820	0	0	0	154,820
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	<u>318,335</u>	<u>531,111</u>	<u>(324,763)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>524,683</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>473,155</u>	<u>531,111</u>	<u>(324,763)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>679,503</u>
Endowment funds					
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	<u>1,213,091</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(11,225)</u>	<u>215,650</u>	<u>1,417,516</u>
Restricted funds					
Roof and Crane	12,515	269,332	(6,623)	0	275,224
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	118,462	207,404	(1,594)	58,184	382,456
Hinton Manor 7819	19,330	659	0	0	19,989
Mark 1 TSO 4509	2,791	0	0	0	2,791
LMS & BR Coach Department	18,143	1,075	(30)	0	19,188
LNER Coach 52255	8,674	1,170	(7,749)	0	2,095
Hagley Hall 4930	31,860	8,134	(1,464)	0	38,530
Diesel Facility	17,020	11,700	0	0	28,720
Engineering Academy	1,251	40,692	0	0	41,943
Toad A Brake Van 17410	3,075	0	0	0	3,075
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	5,297	10,808	0	0	16,105
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	0	0	0	18,209
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	264	0	0	0	264
Falling Sands Viaduct	73,294	393,026	(417,452)	0	48,868
Education Fund	600	0	0	0	600

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19. Statement of funds - prior year continued

	Balance at 1 July 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains/(Losses)	Balance at 30 June 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
GWR Buffet 9581	2,512	6	0	0	2,518
GWR Restoration Fund	1,563	0	(756)	0	807
Emergency Appeal	74,747	10,189	(74,700)	0	10,236
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	<u>0</u>	<u>6,520</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,520</u>
	<u>409,607</u>	<u>960,715</u>	<u>(510,368)</u>	<u>58,184</u>	<u>918,138</u>
Total of funds	<u>2,095,853</u>	<u>1,491,826</u>	<u>(846,356)</u>	<u>273,834</u>	<u>3,015,157</u>

20. Summary of funds

	Balance at 1 July 21	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Balance at 30 June 22
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	154,820	5,425	(974)	(21,964)	137,307
General funds	524,683	222,905	(610,628)	0	136,960
Endowment funds	1,417,516	24,247	(8,078)	(182,060)	1,251,625
Restricted funds	<u>918,138</u>	<u>603,735</u>	<u>(760,826)</u>	<u>(746)</u>	<u>760,301</u>
Total of funds	<u>3,015,157</u>	<u>856,312</u>	<u>(1,380,506)</u>	<u>(204,770)</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>

	Balance at 1 July 20	Income	Expenditure	Gains/Losses	Balance at 30 Jun 21
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated funds	154,820	0	0	0	154,820
General funds	318,335	531,111	(324,763)	0	524,683
Endowment funds	1,213,091	0	(11,225)	215,650	1,417,516
Restricted funds	<u>409,607</u>	<u>960,715</u>	<u>(510,368)</u>	<u>58,184</u>	<u>918,138</u>
Total of funds	<u>2,095,853</u>	<u>1,491,826</u>	<u>(846,356)</u>	<u>273,834</u>	<u>3,015,157</u>

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20. Summary of funds (continued)	
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	These are restricted funds for the purposes of replacing the main post of the larger Bewdley South Bracket Signal and replacing the wheelchair access for visitors at Bewdley Station.
Bridgnorth Locomotive Yard Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of repairing the yard.
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the station.
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the turntable at Bridgnorth
Designated Futures Fund	This is an unrestricted fund for the purposes of creating future income, made up of transfers approved by Trustees of unrestricted reserve surpluses.
Diesel Facility Fund	This is a restricted fund to support Diesel activities of the SVR.
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing dining facilities for wheelchair passengers.
Educational Fund	This is a restricted fund to educate the public.
Emergency Appeal Fund	This is a restricted fund in place to raise funds for immediate application to areas of the SVR's activities which met the charitable objects. The funds were to compensate for lost income due to COVID-19.
Engineering Academy Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing heritage skills to the SVR.
Falling Sands Viaduct Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of the restoration of the viaduct and educational offering.
GWR9581 Wheelchair Access Buffet Carriage Fund	This is a restricted fund to convert carriage 9581, into wheelchair-user-access buffet carriage.
Hagley Hall Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall to service.
HLF Catalyst Endowment Fund	This is an endowment fund for the purpose of creating future income for the Trust for the continuance of its activities. Monies raised were match funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) up to a maximum of £500,000 which has been reached.
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purposes of creating future income ("Futures Fund") for the Trust for the continuance of its activities since the end of the matching funding arrangement with HLF. Dividends received on the investments held by Brewin Dolphin are recognised here, with the funds being restricted for the purpose of preserving Severn Valley Railway Rolling Stock.
Hinton Manor 7819 Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of returning the locomotive to service.
LMS & BR Coach Department Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LMS & BR built department vehicles to original condition.
LNER Coach 52255	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of improving LNER coach 52255.
LNER Coach Department Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LNER built vehicles to original condition
Mark 1 TSO 4509	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of completion of restoration.
Roof and Crane Fund	This restricted fund is to fund a much needed replacement to the engine shed at Bridgnorth. The second objective is the purchase and installation of a crane, which will facilitate much more efficient and safe works on the heritage rolling stock.
SVRCT Roof & Housing	This is a restricted fund to support and maintain provision of buildings to house and preserve SVRCT owned rolling stock.
Toad A Brake Van 17410 Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the vehicle to service.

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	68,158	0	0	68,158
Fixed asset investments	161,117	254,964	1,251,625	1,667,706
Current assets	65,164	528,811	0	593,975
Creditors due within one year	<u>(20,172)</u>	<u>(23,474)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(43,646)</u>
Total	<u>274,267</u>	<u>760,301</u>	<u>1,251,625</u>	<u>2,286,193</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	91,135	0	0	91,135
Fixed asset investments	27,663	382,456	1,417,516	1,827,635
Current assets	601,001	584,840	0	1,185,841
Creditors due within one year	<u>(40,296)</u>	<u>(49,158)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(89,454)</u>
Total	<u>679,503</u>	<u>918,138</u>	<u>1,417,516</u>	<u>3,015,157</u>

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22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(728,964)</u>	<u>919,304</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	22,978	25,448
(Gains)/losses on investments	204,770	(273,834)
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(27,421)	(26,391)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	31,434	6,351
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>(45,809)</u>	<u>(2,244)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>(543,012)</u>	<u>648,634</u>

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash in hand	554,796	1,115,228
Cash held by Broker	<u>58,228</u>	<u>36,829</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>613,024</u>	<u>1,152,057</u>

	At 1 July 2021	Cash flows	At 30 June 2022
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,115,228	(560,432)	554,796
Cash equivalents	<u>36,829</u>	<u>21,399</u>	<u>58,228</u>
	<u>1,152,057</u>	<u>(539,033)</u>	<u>613,024</u>

24. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to these funds.

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25. Related party transactions

During the year the Charity donated £1,044,672 (2021: £576,282) to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc. In addition to this, invoiced recharges of £169,423 (2020: £146,408) were also paid to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc.

Included with creditors is an amount of £32,788 (2021: £24,887) owed to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc which relates to recharges. Included within debtors is an amount of £nil (2020: £nil) owed from Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc for services supplied.

There are no other related party transactions.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1092723

Accounts

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Charity number: 1092723

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees	D E Mead (resigned 17 May 2021) N C Paul (CBE) (resigned 21 September 2021) D C Williams (resigned 18 January 2021) P B Copsey (resigned 30 July 2021) R Treverton-Jones A D Owen (OBE) P C Fathers L M Shoaf (CBE) T A Hargest (appointed 17 May 2021) D E Malyon (appointed 18 January 2021) K R Norton, Chairman (appointed 19 April 2021)
Company registered number	04341280
Charity registered number	1092723
Registered office	Number One Comberton Place Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR
Company secretary	P Walker
Independent auditor	Crowe U.K. LLP Black Country House Rounds Green Road Oldbury West Midlands B69 2DG
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Church Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR
Senior Management Team	Shelagh Paterson - Executive Director

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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Introduction from outgoing Chair

The Severn Valley Railway has experienced another challenging year, with operations impacted by Covid-19. However, the support of Charitable Trust donors and grant makers has enabled the Railway to keep going. In fact, the Railway has been able to do more than tick over, with everyone coming together to ensure key projects were delivered - projects that are critical to the future.

The restoration of the majestic Falling Sands Viaduct was funded by donations and grants to the Charitable Trust and the work was completed by SVR Holdings. The project was delivered on time and under budget despite all of the challenges and surprises along the way – including the discovery of a live gas main and protected wildlife – thanks to the strong leadership of Nick Yarwood who was on site every day. The restoration was critical. If it were not completed, the Railway would have faced weight restrictions, limiting capacity and revenue. The scale of the project's donation wall at the Engine House in Highley – which lists the names of everyone who made a substantial donation – demonstrates the level of support for this project. The wall alone raised £400,000 of the £1.3 million project costs. Work to refine the Falling Sands educational experience now continues and the exhibits are due to open in 2022.

The Home & Dry Appeal was launched to raise funds for the locomotive works at Bridgnorth which suffers from holes in the roof and is leaking badly. The lighting is also poor and there is a desperate need for an overhead crane to improve working conditions. It is a priority project for the Railway and the Charitable Trust Trustees agreed this needed to be the next capital appeal to raise funds to support the SVR. With no more than 18 months of life left for the building, and with it being vital to work carried out on locomotives used right across the Railway, urgent support is needed. Following the success of the Falling Sands Viaduct restoration, which demonstrated the professionalism of the SVR, support for this new, large-scale project has been impressive.

The Charitable Trust has also been strengthening relationships with previous and existing grantmakers, as well as identifying new ones; increasing the value and volume of applications submitted. In total, £448,476 was secured in grants which have helped to fund key projects as well as the Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme and improved offerings for the Railway's wheelchair users.

Three new volunteer Trustees joined the board during the year - Diane Malyon, Tim Hargest and Keith Norton. Diane, a long-standing volunteer, is also chair of the SVR Company and a director of SVR Holdings. Tim Hargest is currently vice-president of Uniper and a heritage Railway enthusiast and signaller at the SVR. Keith Norton is a former management consultant with significant experience at board level, and has assisted in the development of the SVR-wide strategy.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have supported the Charitable Trust as Chair over the last 18 months and, as I approach retirement, I am delighted that Keith Norton has been elected as my replacement. I wish Keith and everyone at the SVR the very best for the future.

Peter B Copsey
Chair (resigned 8 July 2021), SVR Charitable Trust

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Executive Director's statement

Firstly, I would like to thank Chair, Peter Copsey, whose leadership has helped greatly during these challenging times and whose inclusive style has harnessed the expertise of all Trustees.

Despite all the challenges of the year, including rapidly adapting our processes so we could operate remotely, I am delighted to report that the team delivered above the annual targets.

In total, during the financial year ending 30 June 2021, the Charitable Trust raised £1,445,012, which was 6% higher than budgeted, largely due to the success so far of the Home & Dry Appeal. However, there was a shortfall of £129,409 in grant funding which should be received in the next financial year. There was an increase in spending for the Home & Dry Appeal and legal fees, however, savings were made by reducing other activities.

Thanks to the generosity of our Guardians, we received £516,357 in legacy income which, although less than budgeted, provided 36% of the total fundraising income. This income funded essential engineering and infrastructure projects following the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition to the income raised by the Trust, support was also provided to SVR Holdings with submitting grant applications, which secured £906,000 from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, Culture Recovery Fund. Round 1.

Thanks to kind supporters, we were also able to donate £576,282 of assistance to the Railway, of which £120,000 was for emergency work to Sterns, an area which has suffered from frequent land movement. SVR Holdings is hoping to solve this recurring problem with an innovative and cost-effective remedial solution.

In addition to the key projects mentioned by the chair, the SVR delivered many smaller projects and worked on the restoration of rolling stock, in particular, locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall, due to re-enter service in 2022.

£100,000 was also committed to the Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme which provides essential training and development for apprentices, who will be an important part of the Railway's future.

Our investment portfolio saw a healthy return of 20.31%, with the portfolio finishing at £1,803,201, up £325,134 from the previous 12 months.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Charitable Trust during the year, including donors, legacy pledgers, grantmakers and corporate members as well as our Trustees and the team, both volunteer and paid, for delivering such a strong performance during such a challenging time.

Shelagh Paterson
Executive Director, SVR Charitable Trust

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Key fundraising activities

Fightback fund

SVR Holdings' finances were severely impacted again this year as the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions were evident for a second year running. Significantly reduced passenger revenue, and the knock-on reduction in secondary spend, together with the limited way the Railway had to operate once restrictions were eased were all factors that have influenced income levels.

The Charitable Trust worked with SVR Holdings to submit and secure £906,000 funding through the government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Culture recovery Fund, Round 1 funding pot. On the day the awards were announced nationally, the SVR received special attention when it hosted the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Heritage, Nigel Huddleston MP. The Minister received a tour of Kidderminster station, meeting locomotive and train crews, station staff and volunteers. Wyre Forest MP, Mark Garnier, also attended along with Eilish McGuinness, the executive director of business delivery at The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Roof & Crane Appeal

A major appeal was launched to raise £475,000 for the SVR locomotive works at Bridgnorth. The roof is worn out, full of holes and leaks badly. It has been estimated that the roof has no more than an 18-month life span remaining in its current condition and could potentially put a stop to works at the locomotive shed if the problems are not addressed.

Funds raised through the appeal will be used to:

- Build a new roof with insulated panels.
- Provide improved and energy-efficient lighting for preserving locomotives.
- Install an overhead travelling crane to enhance safety.

Fundraising has had an impressive start with just under £200,000 secured within eight weeks of the appeal launch. The Charitable Trust is extremely grateful to the generous donors and raffle players who have supported this appeal so far.

Key charitable activities

Strong progress was made across key projects funded by the Charitable Trust, despite the challenges of Covid-19.

Falling Sands Viaduct restoration

A National Lottery Heritage Fund grant was awarded jointly to the Charitable Trust and SVR Holdings in March 2019. The grant awarded was for £853,800 – 68% of the total project costs – with the remaining 32% having been raised from individual donors, grant-making bodies and corporates. The project aims are to:

- Repair the viaduct successfully to ensure there is ongoing access to the whole line now and in the future.
- Broaden understanding of Victorian railways through interpretation and educational activities.
- Broaden heritage skills for staff, volunteers and apprentices.
- Engage the local community and schools, especially those situated near the Viaduct.

Phase 1 of the restoration project started in the previous financial year – December 2019 – with volunteers and paid staff lifting the track to prepare the site for Walsh Construction. Layer by layer, the viaduct fill was removed starting with the ballast, followed by the stones underneath the track, to uncover the original waterproofing. In January 2020, a live gas main was found and careful hand excavation was undertaken.

To repair the waterproofing, panels of fibre-reinforced concrete were cast over the arches. Nearly 3,000 tonnes of stockpiled fill was put back in and then, on top of that, the ballast. On the south side, concrete troughs were laid for signalling cables. Concrete fillets were then placed along both sides to keep the water from seeping out

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and two coats of special paints or 'Black Jack' was put over the concrete walls. Finally, concrete was poured into the structure covered with a layer of chippings.

Phase 1 was completed ahead of time and to budget.

In May 2020, the second phase of the project commenced - repairing the brickwork. Bats were identified near the structure and all work came to a halt whilst a license was obtained from Natural England. Following receipt of the licence in July 2020, work finally restarted on repairing the brickwork. Contractors used rope access to complete the brickwork repair. In November 2020, decorative brick corbelling was added to the viaduct. Despite looking exactly like brick, the corbelling was made of glass-reinforced plastic. To complete the restoration, four coping stones were lifted into place on the Bewdley end of Falling Sands Viaduct in November 2020.

Due to the pandemic, very limited community engagement activities were delivered. Following a project evaluation report, which recommended that further development of the exhibition elements of the project was required, the National Lottery Heritage Fund agreed to extend the completion date of the project to April 2022. This would allow sufficient time for the recommendations to be implemented. The grantmaker also agreed that capital underspends could be used to fund the required work and project management through to the conclusion.

The education and community engagement involves an exciting programme of activities and events to celebrate the importance of Victorian railways and the people who built them.

Community engagement includes working with local schools on a viaduct art project; archival research to discover more about the history of the viaduct; a celebration of navy culture through song and performance; and an oral history project to record volunteers' accounts of the SVR over the past 50 years. In addition, the funding has also enabled one of the Railway's restored brake vehicles – known as the Stove R – to be used as a mobile exhibition space to share the story of Victorian railways. Visitors can then continue to learn more through new exhibitions and displays at the Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley.

Sterns essential restoration

The Charitable Trust provided £120,000 for essential restoration work at Sterns following a serious landslip. Situated between Hampton Loade and Bridgnorth, Sterns is a maintenance trouble spot because of the 'slip plane' which slides toward the River Severn, especially after heavy rain. The latest project was to stabilise the land by installing a drainage network to direct water under the Railway and away to the river. If the work was not completed, there was a risk that, once winter weather returned, the track would become inoperational and SVR would not be able to offer a full-line journey to passengers, impacting the visitors' experience and SVR Holding's revenue.

Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme

The Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme was established to address the decline in heritage engineering skills in the UK. Since its inception, the Trust continues to play a key role in its funding. Within the four-year apprenticeship programme, young people work and learn across diverse departments, including locomotive running, boiler shop, carriage mechanical and carriage bodywork. This rotation enables apprentices to gain experience and knowledge across a range of trades.

After two years, apprentices are assigned to one of the departments to pursue a specialisation. As well as intensive on-the-job training, apprentices work towards nationally-recognised NVQ 2 and 3 level qualifications. The Railway also trains apprentices on shorter courses in specialised areas such as heritage signal maintenance and boiler shop work. As the apprentices gain experience, as well as restore SVR's rolling stock, their skills are also used to deliver external contract work for other heritage organisations, generating additional income for the Railway. It costs £21,000 to fund an apprentice for one year, and whilst the Railway did not recruit new apprentices in 2020/2021, there are currently five apprentices and three improvers within the scheme. Approximately 50% of the apprentice programme costs are funded by small to medium local grant-making bodies, to whom the Charitable Trust is extremely grateful. The remaining 50% comes from our generous visitors.

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Locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall

Thanks to the numerous donations and gifts in wills received by the Charitable Trust, progress continues to be made on the restoration of locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall. The boiler has undergone extensive restoration and driving wheels are now in place following hundreds of hours of skilled work refurbishing the axle boxes, frames, and the wheels themselves. The project has also been an excellent learning and resource tool for apprentices who are studying as part of the Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme.

The return of 4930 to service – expected in 2022 – has had just under £800,000 support from the Charitable Trust to date – particularly through legacies – in addition to £100,000 raised by the Friends of Hagley Hall and £95,000 funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

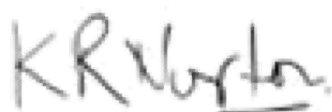
Dining and buffet carriages

Restoration of the GWR 9615 dining carriage has continued, with funding of £24,000 being provided by the Charitable Trust. The carriage was originally built in 1932 and had 30 years of service before being withdrawn and preserved at the SVR, appropriately alongside third-class restaurant carriage 9627, which it was regularly paired with during its working life.

In addition, the restoration of the GWR 9581 wheelchair-access buffet carriage – believed to be the first of its kind – continues. The accessible buffet car, fully funded by the Charitable Trust, is being created by LNER Carriage Group by transforming a moss-covered shell of a GWR third into a recognisable, watertight vehicle.

2242 GWR Hawksworth brake third

2242 GWR Hawksworth brake third received £12,000 from the Charitable Trust to ensure that the Railway's historic GWR coaching set includes a large brake vehicle in its formation which is needed to accommodate prams, bicycles and other large equipment. The coach was purchased by the Great Western (Severn Valley Railway) Association from the estate of the late Dennis Howells, who sadly passed away. The vehicle is due to enter service in late 2022.



Keith R Norton, Chairman and Trustee
Date: 23 March 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 June 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited, which changed its name from SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company on 29 June 2012, was incorporated and registered as a company limited by guarantee, company registration number 04341280, on 17 December 2001, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 1 July 2002, registration number 1092723. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were last amended on 8 April 2019.

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust was established to raise funds to ensure the long-term survival of the Severn Valley Railway (SVR).

The day-to-day income the SVR receives from passenger fares, shops, cafes and pubs can only cover the cost of running trains, along with standard maintenance and restoration. These activities do not generate enough income to improve and develop the Railway. The Charitable Trust provides essential funds to enable the Railway to develop and widen its offerings to its visitors.

The Charitable Trust offers tax-efficient ways of giving, and helps ensure the future of this amazing piece of living history, so that it can continue to delight, thrill and inform generations to come.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

There shall be a maximum of nine Trustees unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members of the Charity. Of the nine Trustees, two shall be ex officio the chairman of each of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc and Severn Valley Railway Company Limited or if any such chairman does not wish to act as Trustee, such other person nominated by such chairman to act as Trustee. Such a Trustee (whether a chairman or his nominee) shall be referred to an "ex officio Trustee". Any person nominated by a chairman to act as a Trustee may from time to time be removed and replaced by his appointor.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director provided that person is not at the time such resolution is passed a director of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc or Severn Valley Railway Limited (but for the avoidance of doubt this proviso shall not apply to ex official directors mentioned above).

Trustees are elected for a three year period at the AGM by the members of the Trust.

All the Charity Trustees receive an induction into their legal and administrative responsibilities, with an ongoing training programme as and when needed for issues arising during their term of office.

The Trustees are aware of the 7 principles of the Charity Governance Code and continue to improve the Trust's governance addressing the codes guidelines.

Organisational structure and decision making

The board of Trustees has delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the senior management team. The board of Trustees meets at least four times a year to review the Charity's performance and administration generally and to decide policy issues arising.

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Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the Trust is exposed and to ensure appropriate measures are considered for areas of considered risk. The Trust adheres to its Risk Policy and Framework, which is reviewed annually.

A Risk Register is in place, which is reviewed monthly. Identified risks are evaluated on the possible severity, assessing both impact and likelihood. Rather than giving equal weight to likelihood and impact the Trust uses a heat map with greater focus on the impact, and therefore uses the scoring of (impact x likelihood) + impact.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees endeavour to continually raise funds and to further support the Severn Valley Railway. The principle risks associated with the organisational activities are categorised as a loss of income mitigated by implementing strong and targeted marketing and fundraising strategies. Financial fraud and error will be mitigated with robust processes and procedures which incorporate segregation of duties and practisers. Lack of fundraising ability is mitigated with a dedicated fundraising team with the correct skills base to deliver a targeted fundraising strategy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Policies and objectives

The objectives of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (SVR CT) are:

1. To advance education for the benefit of the public by financing the acquisition, restoration, preservation and operation of heritage locomotives, coaches, wagons, buildings, track and other associated infrastructure.
2. Establishing buildings to house and preserve the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust rolling stock collection.
3. Providing educational and interpretive displays for the travelling public.
4. Providing education and skills training used in the restoration, repair and operation of historic railways to ensure their long term survival.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Charity has a strong network of volunteers with experience in a range of areas. The Trustees are very appreciative of the support provided by the volunteers as they are essential to allowing the Trust to perform its Charitable activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Reserves policy of the Charity is to maintain a level of unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible assets, which will enable the Charity to ensure continuity of activity and have the ability to adjust, in a measured way, to any significant changes in resources. The Reserves policy recognises that reserves are necessary to maintain the day to day operations of the Charity for a period of up to 6 months. This would currently equate to approximately £150,000.

The appropriate measure of free reserves is calculated as unrestricted funds (£679,503), less designated funds (£154,820), less fixed assets attributable to unrestricted funds (£91,135). This equates to free reserves of £433,548. The amount in excess of the £150,000 required for day to day operations is £283,548.

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At the balance sheet date the Charity had unrestricted, undesignated reserves of £524,683 (2020: £318,335), designated reserves of £154,820 (2020: £154,820), restricted reserves of £918,138 (2020: £409,607) and endowment funds of £1,417,516 (2020: £1,213,091).

Monthly management accounts are prepared and circulated to the officers and the board of Trustees. Quarterly management accounts are circulated to the senior officer and the board of Trustees. The annual accounts are audited. It is considered that there is an adequate system of internal control in place.

An annual plan and an annual budget are approved by the Trustees; regular consideration by the Trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties, and identification and management of risks. The officers review external developments and consider the risks and opportunities these present to the Charity in fulfilling its objects.

Investment policy

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund and all funds restricted or designated for long-term use are held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

The Trustees' aim to achieve a balance between total return primarily through capital growth with a medium risk investment policy over the long term i.e. over a period 10 years or more. They seek to achieve long term growth of capital and income maintaining the value of both in real terms over time. A total return approach should be taken as it is likely that income will be accumulated for some years to establish a substantial Endowment Fund to safeguard the future of the SVR. At that time there may be an increasing income requirement to help to protect the Railway's rolling stock, bridges, viaducts, buildings, other infrastructure and educational offerings and in so doing safeguard the future of the Railway.

The Trustees, in consultation with the Investment Manager, have agreed the following Investment Strategy:

The investment of the funds should follow a total return (excluding inflation) approach; aiming to generate income and capital growth in order to achieve the SVR Endowment Fund objective of growing the income and capital in real terms over time.

Brewin Dolphin have used the WMA Balanced Total Return Index to determine the value of the fund in real terms. It is measured by Brewin Dolphin and reported to the Trustees who review the performance on a regular basis.

Investment income of £26,170 (2020: £34,996) has been generated during the year.

Fundraising Policy

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited raises income from a wide range of funding streams to include, from individuals: single, regular, legacy and gifts in memory. From corporate sponsorship and gift in kind, and project funding from grant-making bodies to include, lottery, statutory, Trusts and foundations.

- The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a voluntary member of the Information Commissioner's Office, a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising
- The Charity is not aware of any failure by the Charity, or by any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or scheme.
- Fundraising standards are monitored on an ongoing basis by the Director of Development.
- Any complaints received during the year were addressed.
- A safeguarding policy is in place. In addition all fundraising messages are not intrusive and supporters are contacted on an infrequent basis for a mix of messages which include feedback on the impact of their donation and light requests for funding additional projects. Collection pots are not shaken and are static around the Railway. We do not practice telephone fundraising or face to face fundraising. GDPR regulations are adhered to.

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The Charity received one complaint in the year, which was dealt with quickly and the complainant was content with the procedure and the outcome.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are remunerated in line with sector averages. Salary reviews take place annually and are approved by the Trustees. Payment is made monthly in arrears.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustees are aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the Charitable company's auditor's are unaware, and
- that Trustees have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable company's auditor's in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable company's auditor's are aware of that information.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

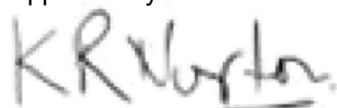
Company and Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



K R Norton
(Chair of Trustees)
Date: 23 March 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Trustees 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 Trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's 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 an Auditor's report 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 our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charitable company for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations were General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Health and safety legislation, and Employment legislation.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the recognition of income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Audit and Quality Assurance Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on income, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

These inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud as this may involve sophisticated schemes designed to avoid detection, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or the provision of intentional misrepresentations.


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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 Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Kerry Brown (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Crowe U.K. LLP

Statutory Auditor

Black Country House

Rounds Green Road

Oldbury

West Midlands

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30 March 2022

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	530,890	914,122	-	1,445,012	1,342,562
Charitable activities	5	-	20,423	-	20,423	40,977
Investments	6	221	26,170	-	26,391	37,207
Total income and endowments		531,111	960,715	-	1,491,826	1,420,746
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7,8	141,702	3,258	11,225	156,185	126,605
Charitable activities	9	183,061	507,110	-	690,171	2,141,254
Total expenditure		324,763	510,368	11,225	846,356	2,267,859
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments						
		206,348	450,347	(11,225)	645,470	(847,113)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	58,184	215,650	273,834	(9,195)
Net movement in funds		206,348	508,531	204,425	919,304	(856,308)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		473,155	409,607	1,213,091	2,095,853	2,952,161
Net movement in funds		206,348	508,531	204,425	919,304	(856,308)
Total funds carried forward		679,503	918,138	1,417,516	3,015,157	2,095,853

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

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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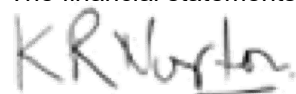
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	91,135	106,367
Investments	14	1,827,635	1,502,501
		<u>1,918,770</u>	<u>1,608,868</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	11,973	11,973
Debtors	16	58,640	64,991
Cash at bank and in hand		1,115,228	501,719
		<u>1,185,841</u>	<u>578,683</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(89,454)	(91,698)
		<u>1,096,387</u>	<u>486,985</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,096,387</u>	<u>486,985</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>3,015,157</u></u>	<u><u>2,095,853</u></u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	19	1,417,516	1,213,091
Restricted funds	19	918,138	409,607
Unrestricted funds	19	679,503	473,155
		<u>3,015,157</u>	<u>2,095,853</u>

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

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

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



K R Norton
 (Chair of Trustees)
 Date: 23 March 2022

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	22	648,634	<i>(818,458)</i>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		26,391	<i>37,207</i>
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(10,256)	<i>(307)</i>
Proceeds from sale of investments		406,130	<i>227,166</i>
Purchase of investments		(467,143)	<i>(227,938)</i>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(44,878)	36,128
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		603,756	(782,330)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		548,301	<i>1,330,631</i>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23	1,152,057	<i>548,301</i>

The notes on pages 19 to 38 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

1. General information

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee in England, whose registered office is Number One, Comberton Place, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 1QR. The company's registered number is 04341280. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2 Going concern

The company has cash resources and has no requirements for external funding. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.6 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Artefacts	-	10% straight line
Rolling stock	-	10% straight line
Office equipment	-	33% straight line

2.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund is held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

2.9 Investment Income

Income generated from the Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment fund is treated as endowment income, unless it relates to any unapplied total return. If this is the case, the income is treated as restricted and held in a separate fund of the same name. The income is restricted to the restoration of rolling stock.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

2.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.12 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.13 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

Cash

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours.

There are no complex financial instruments.

2.14 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Role of volunteers

The Charity relies on the efforts of its volunteers. The value of these volunteers is not incorporated within the accounts.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

Critical areas of judgement:

- i) Valuation of the rolling stock which is based on past experience and expert knowledge.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Donations and legacies	501,850	420,003	921,853	807,690
Income tax reclaimable	22,364	45,643	68,007	47,611
Grants	-	448,476	448,476	471,757
Government grants	2,939	-	2,939	4,717
Other income	3,737	-	3,737	10,787
	<u>530,890</u>	<u>914,122</u>	<u>1,445,012</u>	<u>1,342,562</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>639,562</u>	<u>703,000</u>	<u>1,342,562</u>	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Restoration costs recharged to SVRH	-	20,423	20,423	40,977
	<u>40,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,977</u>	
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>40,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,977</u>	

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Dividend income	-	26,170	26,170	34,996
Interest receivable	221	-	221	2,211
	<u>221</u>	<u>26,170</u>	<u>26,391</u>	<u>37,207</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>5,965</u>	<u>31,242</u>	<u>37,207</u>	

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Fundraising costs	18,044	3,228	21,272	10,091
Support costs	30,097	30	30,127	10,645
Wages and Salaries	92,990	-	92,990	95,235
Support costs - depreciation	571	-	571	748
	<u>141,702</u>	<u>3,258</u>	<u>144,960</u>	<u>116,719</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>114,714</u>	<u>2,005</u>	<u>116,719</u>	

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8. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment managers costs	-	-	11,225	11,225	9,886
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>8,790</u>	<u>9,886</u>	

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Charitable activities	615,538	74,633	690,171	2,141,254
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>2,064,615</u>	<u>76,639</u>	<u>2,141,254</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Wages and salaries	35,093	35,093	38,245
Depreciation	24,917	24,917	25,045
Railway restoration	535,105	535,105	1,954,348
Engineering academy and education	-	-	6,000
Railway restoration recharged to SVRH	20,423	20,423	40,977
	<u>615,538</u>	<u>615,538</u>	<u>2,064,615</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>2,064,615</u>	<u>2,064,615</u>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Wages and salaries	67,703	67,703	69,243
Governance costs	6,930	6,930	7,396
	<u>74,633</u>	<u>74,633</u>	<u>76,639</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>76,639</u>	<u>76,639</u>	

10. Auditor's remuneration

	2021 £	<i>2020 £</i>
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit of the annual accounts	5,400	5,400
Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for preparation of the annual accounts	1,500	1,500
	<u>6,900</u>	<u>6,900</u>

11. Staff costs

	2021 £	<i>2020 £</i>
Wages and salaries	175,766	175,976
Social security costs	13,804	11,350
Pension costs	6,216	15,397
	<u>195,786</u>	<u>202,723</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	<i>2020 No.</i>
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Artefacts £	Rolling stock £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 July 2020	3,445	249,750	4,036	257,231
Additions	-	9,700	556	10,256
At 30 June 2021	3,445	259,450	4,592	267,487
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2020	3,054	144,632	3,178	150,864
Charge for the year	217	24,700	571	25,488
At 30 June 2021	3,271	169,332	3,749	176,352
Net book value				
At 30 June 2021	174	90,118	843	91,135
At 30 June 2020	391	105,118	858	106,367

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14. Fixed asset investments

	Listed securities £	Shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 July 2020	1,478,066	24,435	1,502,501
Additions	466,525	-	466,525
Disposals	(406,130)	-	(406,130)
Revaluations	274,492	-	274,492
Transfers between classes	(9,753)	-	(9,753)
At 30 June 2021	<u>1,803,200</u>	<u>24,435</u>	<u>1,827,635</u>

Investments at market value comprise:

UK Listed investments: £1,803,200 (2020: £1,478,066).

Market Value of shares held in SVR (Holdings) Plc £24,435 (2020: £24,435).

All fixed asset investments are held in the UK.

The endowment fund has been invested on a total return basis. Currently, there are no unapplied total returns as all income generated is to be re-invested in the fund. During the year, donations of £35,411 (2020: £5,201) have been invested. This amount has been transferred into the Broker account for Brewin Dolphin to invest in line with the investment policy. Investment income of £26,170 (2020: £34,996) has been generated during the year which remains within the endowment fund.

During the year NIL (2020: £NIL) from unrestricted funds and NIL (2020: £NIL) from restricted funds have been invested with Brewin Dolphin alongside the total return endowment funds. The total income and capital gains generated during the year have been apportioned between funds based on the proportion of restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds invested with Brewin Dolphin at the point of each new cash injection.

15. Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Parts	<u>11,973</u>	<u>11,973</u>

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16. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	57,021	63,605
Prepayments	1,619	1,386
	<u>58,640</u>	<u>64,991</u>

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	1,989	4,201
Wages and pensions	1,655	1,354
Accruals	85,810	86,143
	<u>89,454</u>	<u>91,698</u>

18. Financial instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>1,827,635</u>	<u>1,502,501</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise listed investments and shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc .

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Futures fund	154,820	-	-	-	154,820
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	318,335	531,111	(324,763)	-	524,683
Total Unrestricted funds	473,155	531,111	(324,763)	-	679,503
Endowment funds					
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	1,213,091	-	(11,225)	215,650	1,417,516
Restricted funds					
Roof and Crane	12,515	269,332	(6,623)	-	275,224
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	118,462	207,404	(1,594)	58,184	382,456
Hinton Manor 7819	19,330	659	-	-	19,989
Mark 1 TSO 4509	2,791	-	-	-	2,791
LMS & BR Coach Department	18,143	1,075	(30)	-	19,188
LNER Coach 52255	8,674	1,170	(7,749)	-	2,095
Hagley Hall 4930	31,860	8,134	(1,464)	-	38,530
Diesel Facility	17,020	11,700	-	-	28,720
Engineering Academy	1,251	40,692	-	-	41,943
Toad A Brake Van 17410	3,075	-	-	-	3,075
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	5,297	10,808	-	-	16,105
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	-	-	-	18,209
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	264	-	-	-	264
Falling Sands Viaduct	73,294	393,026	(417,452)	-	48,868
Education Fund	600	-	-	-	600
GWR Buffet 9581	2,512	6	-	-	2,518

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
GWR Restoration Fund	1,563	-	(756)	-	807
Emergency Appeal	74,747	10,189	(74,700)	-	10,236
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	-	6,520	-	-	6,520
	<u>409,607</u>	<u>960,715</u>	<u>(510,368)</u>	<u>58,184</u>	<u>918,138</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,095,853</u></u>	<u><u>1,491,826</u></u>	<u><u>(846,356)</u></u>	<u><u>273,834</u></u>	<u><u>3,015,157</u></u>

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2019</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses)</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Futures fund	153,113	3,753	(1,060)	-	(986)	154,820
General funds						
General Funds - all funds	408,564	682,751	(777,922)	4,942	-	318,335
Total Unrestricted funds	561,677	686,504	(778,982)	4,942	(986)	473,155
Endowment funds						
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	1,230,056	-	(8,790)	-	(8,175)	1,213,091
Restricted funds						
Roof and Crane	-	12,515	-	-	-	12,515
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	82,089	36,443	(36)	-	(34)	118,462
Hinton Manor 7819	18,577	753	-	-	-	19,330
LNER Restaurant Composite 7960	283	-	-	(283)	-	-
Mark 1 TSO 4509	2,791	-	-	-	-	2,791
LMS & BR Coach Department	24,132	3,877	(9,866)	-	-	18,143

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2019</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses)</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
LNER Coach 52255	7,043	1,494	(146)	283	-	8,674
Hagley Hall 4930	66,242	53,389	(87,771)	-	-	31,860
Diesel Facility	12,811	4,209	-	-	-	17,020
Engineering Academy	8,893	48,286	(50,986)	(4,942)	-	1,251
Toad A Brake Van 17410	3,075	-	-	-	-	3,075
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	2,967	2,330	-	-	-	5,297
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	-	-	-	-	18,209
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	139	125	-	-	-	264
Falling Sands Viaduct	385,116	380,057	(691,879)	-	-	73,294
Education Fund	6,600	-	(6,000)	-	-	600
GWR Buffet 9581	18,288	21,224	(37,000)	-	-	2,512
GWR Restoration Fund	503,173	1,563	(503,173)	-	-	1,563
Emergency Appeal	-	167,977	(93,230)	-	-	74,747
	<u>1,160,428</u>	<u>734,242</u>	<u>(1,480,087)</u>	<u>(4,942)</u>	<u>(34)</u>	<u>409,607</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,952,161</u></u>	<u><u>1,420,746</u></u>	<u><u>(2,267,859)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(9,195)</u></u>	<u><u>2,095,853</u></u>

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20. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Designated funds	154,820	-	-	-	154,820
General funds	318,335	531,111	(324,763)	-	524,683
Endowment funds	1,213,091	-	(11,225)	215,650	1,417,516
Restricted funds	409,607	960,715	(510,368)	58,184	918,138
	<u>2,095,853</u>	<u>1,491,826</u>	<u>(846,356)</u>	<u>273,834</u>	<u>3,015,157</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
Designated funds	153,113	3,753	(1,060)	-	(986)	154,820
General funds	408,564	682,751	(777,922)	4,942	-	318,335
Endowment funds	1,230,056	-	(8,790)	-	(8,175)	1,213,091
Restricted funds	1,160,428	734,242	(1,480,087)	(4,942)	(34)	409,607
	<u>2,952,161</u>	<u>1,420,746</u>	<u>(2,267,859)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,195)</u>	<u>2,095,853</u>

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20. Summary of funds (continued)

HLF Catalyst Endowment Fund	This is an endowment fund for the purpose of creating future income for the Trust for the continuance of its activities. Monies raised were match funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) up to a maximum of £500,000 which has been reached.
Roof and Crane	This restricted fund is to fund a much needed replacement to the engine shed at Bridgnorth. The second objective is the purchase and installation of a crane, which will facilitate much more efficient and safe works on the heritage rolling stock.
HLF Catalyst Restricted Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of creating future income ('Futures Fund') for the Trust for the continuance of its activities since the end of the matched funding arrangement with HLF. Dividends received on the investments held by Brew in Dolphin are recognised here, with the funds being restricted for the purpose of preserving the Severn Valley Railway Rolling Stock.
Hinton Manor 7819	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of returning the locomotive to service.
Mark 1 TSO 4509	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of completion of restoration.
LMS & BR Coach	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LMS & BR built Department vehicles to original condition.
LNER Coach 52255	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of improving LNER coach 52255.
LNER Coach Department	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LNER built vehicles to original condition.
Hagley Hall 4930	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall to service.
Diesel Facility	This is a restricted fund to support diesel activities of the SVR.
Herritage Apprenticeship Scheme	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing heritage skills to the SVR.
Diesel Shunter	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive to Silver Spoon' service.
Toad A Brake Van 17410	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the vehicle to service.
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the station.
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the turntable.
Disabled Dining & Travel	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing dining facilities wheelchair.
Falling Sands Viaduct	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of the restoration of the viaduct and educational offering.
Education fund	This is a restricted fund to educate the public.
GWR Buffet 9581	This is a restricted fund to convert carriage 9581 into a wheelchair accessible buffet carriage.
GWR Restoration	This is a restricted fund specifically for 4930 Hagley Hall locomotive and / or a GWR turntable.
Emergency Appeal	This is a restricted fund in place to raise funds for immediate application to areas of the SVR's activities which met the charitable objects. The funds were to compensate for lost income due to COVID-19.
Bewdley Signal & Wheelchair	These are restricted funds for the purpose of replacing the wheelchair access for visitors at Bewdley Station.

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	91,135	-	-	91,135
Fixed asset investments	27,663	382,456	1,417,516	1,827,635
Current assets	601,001	584,840	-	1,185,841
Creditors due within one year	(40,296)	(49,158)	-	(89,454)
Total	679,503	918,138	1,417,516	3,015,157

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	106,367	-	-	106,367
Fixed asset investments	170,948	118,462	1,213,091	1,502,501
Current assets	240,527	338,156	-	578,683
Creditors due within one year	(44,687)	(47,011)	-	(91,698)
Total	473,155	409,607	1,213,091	2,095,853

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22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	919,304	<i>(856,308)</i>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	25,448	25,793
(Gains)/losses on investments	(273,834)	9,195
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(26,391)	<i>(37,207)</i>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	6,351	<i>(16,479)</i>
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(2,244)	56,548
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	648,634	<i>(818,458)</i>

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	1,115,228	501,719
Cash held by Broker	36,829	46,582
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,152,057	548,301

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 July 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 30 June 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	501,719	613,509	1,115,228
Cash equivalents	46,582	(9,753)	36,829
	548,301	603,756	1,152,057

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25. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to these funds.

26. Related party transactions

During the year the Charity donated £576,282 (2020: £1,896,956) to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc. In addition to this, invoiced recharges of £146,408 (2020: £169,550) were also paid to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc.

Included with creditors is an amount of £24,887 (2020: £23,317) owed to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc which relates to recharges. Included within debtors is an amount of £nil (2020: £203) owed from Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc for services supplied.

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Accounts

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Charity number: 1092723

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees	J Leftwich (deceased 28 April 2020) D E Mead N C Paul (CBE) D C Williams P B Copsey R Treverton-Jones A D Owen (OBE) P C Fathers L M Shoaf (appointed 30 March 2020)
Company registered number	04341280
Charity registered number	1092723
Registered office	Number One Comberton Place Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR
Company secretary	P B Copsey
Independent auditor	Crowe U.K. LLP Black Country House Rounds Green Road Oldbury West Midlands B69 2DG
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 31 Church Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1QR
Senior Management Team	Shelagh Paterson - Director of Development

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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The chairman presents his statement for the year.

We are delighted to report for the financial year ending 30 June 2020 the Trust raised £1,342,562, which was £501,815 higher than budgeted. Fundraising expenditure was £191,022, £17,589 lower than budgeted, giving us a return on investment of 6.0. The main factor for the significant increase in fundraising income was the substantial level of legacy income we received, and the Trustees give their heartfelt thanks to our donors who have sadly passed away, and who chose to leave their final and lasting donation in their Will to sustain the future of the Railway.

In addition, we were extremely fortunate to receive a tremendously high level of donations from supporters who gave to our emergency Fight Back Fund appeal, launched in March 2020, following lockdown and the closure of the Railway due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Railway suffered greatly in the last six months of the financial year. At the start of the 2020 season, the line was only partly open, with Kidderminster closed, and trains starting from Bewdley, whilst essential restoration work took place at Falling Sands Viaduct. Some 70% of our passengers would normally start their day out from Kidderminster, and the Railway therefore experienced a drop in passengers due to the closure of the station, which was further compounded following the floods from Storm Dennis and the greatly reduced access to Bewdley town and Bewdley Station. Just as the floods receded, we were hit with closure due to Covid-19 as the nation went into lockdown.

Heritage railways were one of the last sectors to receive government green light to re-open, and it was not until August 1st 2020 that the Railway opened, running a reduced service and greatly reduced passenger numbers to ensure we adhered to social distancing. The Railway is extremely fortunate to have three sets of compartment trains and hence we were able to offer our visitors their own compartment for up to a family of six; having the heritage isolation pod ensured passenger safety and enjoyment, with mask-free journeys in their allocated compartment.

With operations closed, and no income being generated from running trains or engineering works, the three organisations quickly worked together, forming a Gold Command team of non-executive directors from the three SVR boards along with senior executives. The outcome of the three companies working in a rapid and united form enabled the SVR to: -

- Launch the Fight Back Fund emergency appeal, raising £895,090 in just over three months.
- Secure a £1.5 million loan for SVR Holdings from the government-backed Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme.
- Secure a £250,000 Heritage Emergency Grant for SVR Holding's from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- Continue with the restoration of Falling Sands Viaduct funded by the Trust and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Phase 1 dealing with drainage was completed in March 2020.
- Furlough some of the Trust's staff and the bulk of SVR Holdings employees.
- Obtain a business rates holiday for SVR Holdings.
- Defer PAYE and National Insurance payments
- Enhance communications to staff, volunteers, shareholders, members, and donors.
- Develop new safety and operating procedures and timetable to comply with social distancing rules.

Because of the successes highlighted above, we did not have to seek permission from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to draw down income from the Trust's Future Fund Investment, safeguarding this vital income for the future growth and sustainability of the SVR.

Plans to launch an appeal for the much-needed replacement of the roof for the locomotive shed at Bridgnorth and an overhead crane came to an abrupt halt, along with our plans to further engage our high-value donors. These two crucial activities will recommence in the next financial year.

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The planned priorities pre Covid-19 are highlighted below: -

Charitable Activities

Deliver Phase 1 of the £1.25 million project to restore the Falling Sands Viaduct to time and budget and as part of the project, work with volunteers and apprentices to tell the stories of those who designed and built the railway and develop a range of accessible interpretation and activities to share these stories with our local community and visitors to the Severn Valley Railway.

Project-manage the delivery to time and budget of the complete overhaul of locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall and associated interpretation of the locomotive's history and its restoration.

Fundraising

Increase unrestricted income, through regular gifts from existing donors, shareholders and members.

Build stronger cases for support (rational and impacts) for projects requiring funding to secure more restricted funding through grants.

Promote the benefits of leaving a legacy to the Railway, and the impact of this way of giving, including invitations to visit and see the effect previous legacy donations have had on the Railway's sustainability.

Donor management and engagement

Improve retention of existing donors through enhanced communications. Work with existing high-value donors to ensure they are aware of the impact of their donations, including VIP visits to the Railway.

Ensure donor details and Gift Aid declarations are up to date and captured on the Trust's CRM database.

Administration

Launch new accounting, reporting and financial management and data management systems.

Governance

Review policies for the Trust, specifically our grant-making process and our governance and management.

Fundraising Summary

Donations in Wills & Commemorative plans

Legacies Pledged (Guardians)

It was a strong year for recruiting new Guardians (supporters planning on leaving a gift in their Will to the SVR Charitable Trust). 24 individuals or couples confirmed their intention to leave a gift to the SVR. Due to Covid-19 we were unable to hold our annual Legacy thank-you event, however one to one tours were carried out earlier in the year.

Thanks to the generosity of our Guardians, we received £469,491 in legacy income, which provided some 35% of the total fundraising income. This income funded essential engineering and infrastructure projects following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of those who have left legacies to the Charitable Trust, we are very extremely grateful for their kind donations.

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Dorothy June Round
Ernest Herbert Downs
Ian William Pamphilon
Joe Crocket
John Anthony Tooth
John Spencer
Leslie Bishop
Max Bowker
Nadia Mary Dunning
Neil Haynes
Norman Edward Alan Preedy
Peter Jeremy Lambert Morgan
Richard Brian Dimmock
Robert John Lovegrove
Roy Denison
William Frazer Dukes

We wish to thank volunteer Michael Howard who continued to successfully manage the administration of legacies, working closely with solicitors and family members.

The Commemorative garden at the Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley and an indoor Commemorative area were created to reflect and recognise individuals who have financially supported the Railway and / or volunteered.

Appeals and single gifts

We had planned to launch a £250,000 appeal for a much-needed new roof at Bridgnorth Motive Power Depot, along with a 10-tonne overhead travelling crane, however, with the closure of the Railway and a lack of income from passengers we diverted the focus and launched the emergency Fight Back Fund in March 2020. At a time of national emergency and widespread sorrow, it was uncomfortable asking for help, but our need was significant. Grant-making bodies and donors gave generously and we were overwhelmed with the level of support we received.

Some 4,000 people donated or purchased shares in SVR Holdings plc and at 30 June SVR had raised net £895,450. in total: £167,977 in donations to the Trust, £339,706 donations directly to SVR Holdings, and £387,767 in SVR Holdings shares.

Regular Gifts

The regular giving appeal earlier in the year was hugely successful, resulting in a 30% increase in the number of people choosing to give a monthly donation.

Falling Sands Viaduct Donation Wall

Just under 3,000 individuals, grant-making bodies, companies, groups, and clubs donated £50 or more each to see their name on the SVR's first ever donation wall, situated at The Engine House Visitor Centre, Highley. This was installed and ready to view in September 2019.

Grants

We did not have a Trust fundraiser in post until December 2019, and this had a significant impact on the number of grant-making bodies we were able to approach in the year. Following the UK lock-down from Covid-19, many of the small to medium trusts who would normally fund our work, redirected their support to charities providing front line services to assist in the pandemic.

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We did however receive funding from 16 grant-making bodies, totalling £471,757. Of this total £360,057 was from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Falling Sands Viaduct restoration and interpretation project.

In June 2020, we assisted SVR Holdings in applying for a £250,000 Heritage Emergency Fund grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and were informed of our success on the 7 July 2020.

We give thanks to the grant-making bodies who supported us during the year: -

Baron Davenport's Charity
Bransford Trust
Geoff Hill Charitable Trust
Grantham York Trust
Langdale Trust
National Lottery Heritage Fund
The Ian Addison Charitable Foundation
The Finnis Scott Foundation
The George Cadbury Fund
The Grimmitt Trust
The Owen Family Trust
The People's Postcode Lottery
The Pilgrim Trust
The Roger and Douglas Turner Charitable Trust
The Uncle Bill Trust
William A Cadbury Charitable Trust
Wyre Forest District Council

Companies and groups

We were unable to progress our corporate fundraising plan due to limited resources, the Railway being closed until 1 August 2020 and the required social distancing rules. We did however receive support from the 12 organisations listed below.

Allelys Heavy Haulage
Bewdley Brewery Ltd
Callow Oils
Coalyard Miniature Railway
Higgs & Sons
Hotelshopuk Ltd
MFG Solicitors
Nock Deighton
TXM Plant
Walsh Construction

Strategic planning

You may be aware the SVR consists of three independent organisations: SVRCT, SVRG and SVRH, plus many rolling stock owning groups. It is vital for the future success of the SVR that they exchange ideas and information to enable effective decision-making for the benefit of the whole Railway. This has led to the creation of a Tripartite Working Group of the three organisations that is working on a new strategy for the SVR in 2020/2021 and to agree capital expenditure plans. A Memorandum of Understanding to clarify and focus the roles and responsibilities of the three organisations has been ratified by the Trust Board.

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Administration, finance & governance

The Trustees mourned the loss of our fellow-trustee John Leftwich, who sadly died in April 2020. John was instrumental in widening the remit of the Trust and securing over £5 million since the creation of the SVR Charitable Trust. John will be greatly missed by me, and all who knew him. Whilst I had been acting Chairman for the previous 12 months, I was approached by my fellow trustees to become Chairman in June 2020, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

I am delighted to report that Laura Shoaf (Managing Director, Transport for West Midlands) joined the Board in March.

AGM

The 18th Annual General meeting took place using proxy votes on 30 March 2020, and the following resolutions were approved.

- Minutes of the previous meeting AGM17 (2019).
- Adoption of the reports and Financial Statements for year ending 30th June 2019.
- The re-election of auditors Crowe UK (Previously Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP).
- The authorisation for the directors to determine the Accountants remuneration.
- Re-election of directors Peter Copsey and Ron Treverton-Jones.
- The ratification of the appointment of Laura Shoaf as a director of the company.

Policies

A review of our policies was undertaken and improvements to our grant funding policy were made and a new governance policy was created.

Staffing

Two members of the team were furloughed for a combined total of 3.5 months.

Lesley Carr, previously responsible for delivering our individual giving fundraising and communications moved over to SVR Holdings as their Head of Communications. Frankie Spickernell, project manager for the Falling Sands Viaduct project, left the Trust in March 2020 with Laura Hines taking the mantle and keeping the project on track.

Bodies & Associations

We register with the Information Commissioner's Office and are registered with the Fundraising Regulator. In addition, we are organisational members of the Institute of Fundraising and the Foundation for Social Improvement.

Charitable Activities - Project funding & restoration during 2019-2020

Future Fund Investment. Portfolio valuation £1,478,066 (2019 £1,462,757)

A total of £1,201,274 has been invested since the fund's inception in 2015. The value as of 30 June 2020 is £1,478,066. The fund has therefore grown by £276,791.60, some 23% over the last five years.

Our Future Fund is a long-term investment, and its purpose, in the future, is to provide a steady funding stream to help protect and preserve the SVR's rolling stock and infrastructure and strengthen its educational offerings, thereby safeguarding the future of the Railway.

The Future Fund is invested in a portfolio, professionally managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited and overseen by an investment committee which meets twice a year. It consists of one trustee, two external representatives and the Trust's Director of Development. The Future Fund received a fantastic kick-start, thanks to £500,000 match funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund in 2017. Although the National Lottery Heritage Fund offer has now ended, we are still actively welcoming donations to the Future Fund investment, and we give thanks to those

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who did donate to the fund this year.

I am pleased to report that due to the fast action of the three SVR companies, with the launch of the Emergency Fight back fund appeal, an early application to the Heritage Lottery Fund grant, an overdraft increase and a bank loan, all for SVR Holdings we were able to safeguard the Investment Fund and we do not anticipate seeking approval from the National Lottery Heritage Fund the draw down this fund.

In line with the Railway's aims to reduce its carbon footprint, Brewin Dolphin were requested to increase our "Green investments / ESG" to 5% of our total investment, ideally by January 2021. These currently sit at 3%.

Heritage Apprenticeship Scheme (HAS) 2020 £134,000 (2019 £92,500)

The programme was set up as a pioneering venture in 2013 to address the decline in heritage engineering skills in the UK. Since its inception, the Trust continues to play the key role in its funding.

Within the Apprenticeship four-year programme, young people work and learn across the different departments, including locomotive running, boiler shop, carriage mechanical and carriage bodywork.

These apprentices rotate around departments to gain experience and knowledge across a range of trades. After two years, they are assigned to one of the departments to pursue a specialisation. As well as intensive on-the-job training, apprentices work towards nationally recognised NVQ 2 and 3 Level qualifications.

The Railway also trains apprentices on shorter courses in specialised areas such as heritage signal maintenance and boiler shop work.

As the apprentices gain experience, as well as restoring our own rolling stock, the Railway is able to use their skills to deliver external contract work for other heritage organisations. This brings in additional income to the Railway. It costs £21,000 to fund an apprentice for one year, and whilst the Railway will not recruit apprentices in Summer 2020, there are currently seven apprentices and three improvers within the scheme. In the region of 50% of the apprentice programme costs are funded by small to medium local grant-making bodies, to whom we are extremely grateful.

Infrastructure & Permanent Way 2020 £917,760 (2019 £137,854)

This comprised: -

Emergency infrastructure funding following SVR's closure due to Covid-19 pandemic 2020

Due to the substantial donations received for the Fight Back Fund appeal and unrestricted legacies received, the Trust was able to support the following infrastructure and permanent way projects:

Track relay

- Bewdley Tunnel (CWR) to Bridge 5.
- Bridge 5 to Foley Park Yard T/O.
- Foley Park Yard.
- Falling Sands Viaduct track relay.

Civil engineering works

- Relaying of cobbles on Kidderminster station forecourt.
- Stonework repairs to the station house bay window at Bewdley.
- Tree clearance at Stanley cutting by rope-access contractors.
- Repairs to Bewdley North signal box.
- Topographic surveys of formation in Aveley Woods.
- Signal Engineering support for the Falling Sands viaduct project and ground frame associated with Foley Park yard.

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Falling Sands Viaduct restoration & education

A National Lottery Heritage Fund development grant was awarded jointly to the Charitable Trust and the SVR Holdings Company in March 2019. The grant awarded was for £853,800, 68% of the total project costs, with the remaining 32% having been raised from individual donors, grant-making bodies and corporates. Of the total £1,25 million, £689,681 was invested in the project during this financial year.

The project aims are to:

- Repair the viaduct successfully to ensure there is ongoing access to the whole line now and in the future.
- Broaden understanding of a major Victorian railway-engineering construction through research, interpretation, and educational activities.
- Broaden heritage skills for staff, volunteers and apprentices.
- Engage the local community and schools, especially those situated near the Viaduct.

Falling Sands Viaduct restoration

The timing was chosen to make the most of the annual six-week shutdown period, with the work to be fully completed by Autumn-2020. The first phase necessitated closure of the railway between Bewdley and Kidderminster from the end of the 2019 Christmas services with the line reopening at Easter 2020.

Repair work began at the very end of December 2019 with the lifting of the track by a team of volunteers and paid staff. External contractors Walsh Construction then removed the ballast and infill from the viaduct. After the infill was removed, the contractors improved the drainage channels and added a waterproof membrane, before refilling the arches. These works were completed ahead of schedule.

While the railway remained closed, CAN Structures took control of the site to assess the viaduct and begin the brickwork phase and the erection of GRP (glass reinforced polymer) corbelling. Sadly, the discovery of roosting bats held up repairs while a licence was obtained from Natural England to allow work to be carried out. Work recommenced in July 2020 on arches where bats were not evident. The project is forecast to run four weeks over the scheduled completion date. As trains are able to continue running over the viaduct, this has not had a detrimental impact on operations.

Falling Sands Viaduct Education and community engagement

Part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund grant involved an exciting programme of activities and events to celebrate the Falling Sands Viaduct and its place within the history of the Severn Valley Railway from its Victorian beginnings. The community engagement includes working with local schools on a viaduct art project; archival research to discover more about the history of the viaduct; a celebration of navy culture through song and performance, and an oral history project to record volunteers' accounts of the SVR over the past 50 years.

In addition, the funding has also enabled us to use one of the Railway's restored brake vehicles, known as the Stove R, as a mobile exhibition space. The Stove R can be attached to passenger trains or stand alone in sidings, but most importantly it will begin to tell the stories of several key characters who will shed new light on the history of the Railway, the viaduct and the 'loop line'. Visitors can then continue to learn more about these characters through new exhibitions and displays at the Engine House Visitor centre at Highley.

The Stove R is now fully completed along with the exhibition at the Engine House and was ready in time for the Railway opening 1 August 2020. Due to Covid-19 the planned outreach activities with the community and local schools will continue to be developed but will be delivered in the next financial year.

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Rolling stock 2020 £941,470 (2019 £113,485)

Emergency Rolling Stock funding following SVR's closure due to Covid-19 pandemic 2020

As with the emergency grant for Infrastructure and Permanent Way highlighted above, due to the generosity of our supporters, the Trust was able to support the Railway by funding the costs of rolling stock maintenance and restoration undertaken during January 2020 to March 2020. This included: -

Carriages/coaches

- LNER 24506 tyre turn.
- Adjust bogie and coach ride heights for LNER 43600.
- LMS Buffet car 149, planned mechanical work including modifications to the bogie brake rigging to accept BR1 standard brake blocks.
- Start of BR MK 1 bogie overhaul for coach 16169.
- Repaint and repairs of Observation Saloon 80972.

Locomotives

- 813 – Routine winter maintenance. Seal weld repair carried out on foundation ring.
- 7714 – Winter maintenance, and a scheduled valve & piston exam during which the piston rings were replaced and the big ends had some fettling work done. Annual Boiler Insurance exam completed.
- 1501 – Refurbished valves & pistons, new motion and rod bushes and re-metalling. Smokebox door extensively repaired/refurbished including new inner plate work and baffle sheet and repaint.
- 75069 – Limited routine winter maintenance. Annual Boiler Insurance exam completed.
- 43106 – Limited routine winter maintenance. Annual Boiler Insurance exam completed.
- 2857 - Winter maintenance, including some work on springing including the manufacture of new components to replace very badly worn parts of the spring compensating gear. Paintwork patched up on top of boiler.
- 34027 - Winter maintenance.
- 6960 – Locomotive on hire to SVR, winter maintenance including repairs to tender water valves. Annual Boiler Insurance exam
- 42968 - Valves fitted and motion assembled, sanders fitted and various pipework etc.

Hagley Hall Locomotive 4930

Restoration

The year began well for the SVR's former flagship locomotive. Key areas included the newly machined cylinders successfully trial fitted to the frames, and then removed for final adjustments before being permanently assembled in December 2019. SVR's staff along with two BESTT (Boiler Engineering Skills Training Trust) trainees, on placement at the SVR were directly involved in this work, giving them the unique opportunity to work on this unusual activity. The boiler entered its final stage of restoration at Northern Steam Engineering, with 1,500 new crown stays being produced by SVR staff.

With the Nation going into lockdown in spring 2020, the project was initially delayed by four months. When staff were able to return, this was within a socially distanced capacity, causing further delay. Test running and final painting is tentatively planned for September 2021, with a celebration event shortly after.

Interpretation

Cardboard models of Hagley Hall continue to be made available for visitors and school children at the Engine House at Highley. Filming began, including an interview with one of the Railway's founders who was part of the working party who brought Hagley Hall to the SVR from Barry scrapyard in Wales. In February 2020 half-term, cardboard models were included in the goody bags given to children/families who attended the 'Engineer for a Day' events.

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Our thanks go to the Heritage Lottery Fund, The Friends of Hagley Hall and all our donors who have made this now- £1 million restoration possible. A special note of thanks goes to the late David Clifford who left a substantial sum in his will to the SVRCT to fund a GWR project. We are deeply grateful for his kind gift; his final generous donation will give thousands of visitors the joy of seeing this flagship locomotive back in steam in 2021 after 35 years.

BR Class 11 12099 is the SVR's only 0-6-0 Class 11 350 hp diesel shunting locomotive and is owned by the Trust. Without shunting locomotives, it would be impossible to move the fleet of rolling stock from the carriage shed into operations. The Class 11 shunter also takes part in the Railway's profitable 1940's annual event. £4,500 in funding was allocated to the deep overhaul required; this included a new voltage regulator and generator filter boxes. Due to the closure of the Diesel works during the Nation's lockdown, work was delayed until July 2020.

9615 GWR Kitchen Diner

This is a long-term project funded by the Trust to restore the 1932-built Kitchen First Saloon, which commenced in October 2017. On completion of the project the SVR will possess the only completely authentic GWR dining car set.

At the end of February 2020, the sides and ends have been plated, filled and given two coats of primer. The roof is complete with ventilators and gutters. The sliding lights have been overhauled and are ready to be fitted along with the windows. The centre section of the saloon ceiling has been installed and the light fittings installed and wired. The electrical control panel and relays have been overhauled and fitted along with some of the wiring. 6 new door frames have been manufactured and now require fitting and panelling. The door hinges have been overhauled and new hinge pins manufactured. Varnishing of the internal panels and seat ends has commenced.

9581 GWR Wheelchair-accessible/Buffer Car

This long-term project largely funded by the Trust is to convert an ex-GWR 1928 Full Third into a high-quality wheelchair-user-access Buffet Car based on a GWR Composite Kitchen/Diner. This will replace the BR Buffet Car currently running the GWR passenger set and provide more appropriate wheelchair-user facilities. This is a solely volunteer project being undertaken by the LNER Carriage Group. Funding has also been obtained from the 2019 SVR Raffle and LNER fund-raising group.

The body is complete with windows fitted and 3 doors in place. The roof is complete with new ventilators, gutters and internal planking fitted. Partition frames are in place and some of the wall panelling fitted. A new floor has been laid. Some wiring and electrical equipment has been installed.

Due to the national lockdown, both these projects have been delayed by six to nine months.

993898 Ballast Plough Brake (Shark)

This is a project to overhaul a Charitable Trust-owned vehicle and is being undertaken by the BR and LMS Carriage Group. Work has concentrated on preparing the timbers and rebuilding the north end veranda. Work is planned to start on the south end veranda in 2021.

26921 LMS Brake Third Corridor

This is a long-term project to convert the carriage into a wheelchair-accessible vehicle, since the existing LMS set does not have one of these. It only has a standard railway carriage toilet. The restoration will also provide a seating area with picture windows as the existing carriage just has a seat added to the luggage area. The project is being undertaken by the BR and LMS Carriage Group. Plans for the conversion have been drawn up and work has started on repairs to the metal body framing. A metal toilet compartment tray has been fitted ready to receive a terrazzo floor. Work also started on repairing and replacing the wooden flooring.

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Education 2020 £6,000 (2019 £28,400)

Anderson shelter helps children learn about WW2

Following receipt of funding from the People's Postcode Lottery in the previous year we funded an enlarged Anderson shelter at The Engine House, Highley. More than 10,000 children visit the Railway each year on our educational programmes, and the new shelter plays a key part in their experience.

The Postcode Lottery funding was also used to build a large outdoor classroom at The Engine House, which means our educational activities can take place even when the weather is less than ideal. This year the project was completed with the purchase of 1940's objects to add a greater immersive experience.

In Summary

We finish the year having met our objects and raised £1,342,562. 60% above the budget of £840,747. Key factors were substantial legacy income and the Fight Back Fund emergency appeal, along with a successful regular giving recruitment campaign.

We had minimal resource in Grants fundraising and this is evident in the reduced income we have secured from this source for the 2020-2021 financial year.

Falling Sands Viaduct project; Phase 1 restoration was delivered ahead of time and under budget, Phase 2 was put on hold due to Covid-19 and bat investigations. This did not impact on the opening of the Railway post Covid-19 lockdown on 1 August. In addition, interpretation was ready for the August opening.

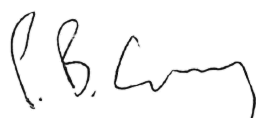
As the Covid-19 pandemic widened in the UK, staff worked from home for the last quarter of the financial year, with two staff furloughed for a period. The Bridgnorth Motive Power Depot roof & crane appeal was put on hold and working with SVR Holdings & the SVR Company, the Fight back Fund was launched, to secure emergency funding to pay for the operational costs of the Railway whilst in shutdown, and to assist in the recovery plan. This raised just under £900,000 in income: donations to the Trust and to Holdings and the purchase of shares in SVR Holdings.

The formation of the Tripartite group, and the prioritising of capital projects by all three boards (Holdings, Guarantee and Charitable Trust) will deliver a stronger, more cohesive, and financially secure Railway.

The Trust mourned the loss of John Leftwich who sadly died in April 2020. John was instrumental in widening the remit of the Charity and securing over £5 million over the last 8 years.

In the financial year £1,998,616 has been invested in the SVR in projects including education, rolling stock and infrastructure projects.

Laura Shoaf kindly joined the Board and I became Chair. To finish I would like to personally thank every donor, all of whom are part of the growing supporter base that is helping to ensure our beloved Railway continues to flourish, enabling 250,000 visitors a year to immerse themselves in a bygone era of steam. Thank you.



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Peter Copsey, Chairman and Trustee
Date: 19th April 2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 June 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited, which changed its name from SVR Rolling Stock Trust Company on 29 June 2012, was incorporated and registered as a company limited by guarantee, company registration number 04341280, on 17 December 2001, and was registered with the Charity Commission on 1 July 2002, registration number 1092723. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were last amended on 8 April 2019.

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust was established to raise funds to ensure the long-term survival of the Severn Valley Railway (SVR).

The day-to-day income the SVR receives from passenger fares, shops, cafes and pubs can only cover the cost of running trains, along with standard maintenance and restoration. These activities do not generate enough income to improve and develop the Railway. The Charitable Trust provides essential funds to enable the Railway to develop and widen its offerings to its visitors.

The Charitable Trust offers tax-efficient ways of giving, and helps ensure the future of this amazing piece of living history, so that it can continue to delight, thrill and inform generations to come.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

There shall be a maximum of nine trustees unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the members of the Charity. Of the nine trustees, two shall be ex officio the chairman of each of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc and Severn Valley Railway Company Limited or if any such chairman does not wish to act as trustee, such other person nominated by such chairman to act as trustee. Such a trustee (whether a chairman or his nominee) shall be referred to an "ex officio trustee". Any person nominated by a chairman to act as a trustee may from time to time be removed and replaced by his appointor.

The Charity may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director provided that person is not at the time such resolution is passed a director of Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) plc or Severn Valley Railway Limited (but for the avoidance of doubt this proviso shall not apply to ex official directors mentioned above).

Trustees are elected for a three year period at the AGM by the members of the Trust.

All the charity trustees receive an induction into their legal and administrative responsibilities, with an ongoing training programme as and when needed for issues arising during their term of office.

The Trustees are aware of the 7 principles of the Charity Governance Code and continue to improve the Trust's governance addressing the codes guidelines.

Organisational structure and decision making

The board of trustees has delegated the day to day running of the Charity to the senior management team. The board of trustees meets at least four times a year to review the Charity's performance and administration generally and to decide policy issues arising.

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Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees endeavour to continually raise funds and to further support the Severn Valley Railway. The principal risks associated with the organisational activities are categorised as a loss of income mitigated by implementing strong and targeted marketing and fundraising strategies; financial fraud and error will be mitigated with robust processes and procedures which incorporate active segregation of duties and practices; lack of fundraising ability is mitigated with a dedicated fundraising team to deliver a targeted fundraising strategy.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Policies and objectives

The objectives of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust (SVR CT) are:

To advance education for the benefit of the public by financing the acquisition, restoration, preservation and operation of heritage locomotives, coaches, wagons, buildings, track and other associated infrastructure.

Establishing buildings to house and preserve the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust rolling stock collection.

Providing educational and interpretive displays for the travelling public.

Providing education and skills training used in the restoration, repair and operation of historic railways to ensure their long term survival.

In setting the Charity's policy and planning its activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The charity has a strong network of volunteers with experience in a range of areas. The trustees are very appreciative of the support provided by the volunteers as they are essential to allowing the Trust to perform its charitable activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Reserves policy of the Charity is to maintain a level of unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible assets, which will enable the Charity to ensure continuity of activity and have the ability to adjust, in a measured way, to any significant changes in resources. The Reserves policy recognises that reserves are necessary to maintain the day to day operations of the Charity for a period of up to 6 months. This would currently equate to approximately £120,000. The appropriate measure of free reserves is therefore net assets, less restricted and designated funds, less fixed assets attributable to unrestricted funds. Currently this amount is £187,533, of which £67,533 remained available for subsequent unrestricted project funding decisions.

At the balance sheet date the Charity had unrestricted reserves of £318,335, designated unrestricted reserves of £154,820, restricted reserves of £409,607 and endowment funds of £1,213,091.

Monthly management accounts are prepared and available to the officers and the board of trustees. Quarterly management accounts are circulated to the senior officer and the board of trustees. The annual accounts are audited. It is considered that there is an adequate system of internal control in place.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

A Strategic Plan and an annual budget are approved by the trustees; regular consideration by the trustees of financial results, variance from budgets, non-financial performance indicators and benchmarking reviews. Delegation of authority and segregation of duties, and identification and management of risks. The officers review external developments and consider the risks and opportunities these present to the Charity in fulfilling its objects.

Investment policy

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund and all funds restricted or designated for long-term use are held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

The initial investment on 30 September 2015 amounted to £210,000 of donations towards the fund.

The Trustees' aim to achieve a balance between total return primarily through capital growth with a medium risk investment policy over the long term i.e. over a period 10 years or more. They seek to achieve long term growth of capital and income maintaining the value of both in real terms over time. A total return approach should be taken as it is likely that income will be accumulated for some years to establish a substantial Endowment Fund to safeguard the future of the SVR. At that time there may be an increasing income requirement to help to protect the Railway's rolling stock, bridges, viaducts, buildings, other infrastructure and educational offerings and in so doing safeguard the future of the Railway.

The trustees, in consultation with the Investment Manager, have agreed the following investment strategy:

The investment of the funds should follow a total return (excluding inflation) approach; aiming to generate income and capital growth in order to achieve the SVR Endowment Fund objective of growing the income and capital in real terms over time.

Brewin Dolphin have used the WMA Balanced Total Return Index to determine the value of the fund in real terms. It is measured by Brewin Dolphin and reported to the trustees who review the performance on a regular basis.

Investment income of £34,996 has been generated during the year.

Fundraising Policy

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited raises income from a wide range of funding streams to include, from individuals: single, regular, legacy and gifts in memory. From corporate sponsorship and gift in kind, and project funding from grant-making bodies to include, lottery, statutory, trusts and foundations.

- The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a voluntary member of the Information Commissioner's Office, a member of the Fundraising Regulator and the Institute of Fundraising
- The Charity is not aware of any failure by the Charity, or by any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or scheme.
- Fundraising standards are monitored on an ongoing basis by the Director of Development.
- Any complaints received during the year were addressed.
- A safeguarding policy is in place. In addition all fundraising messages are not intrusive and supporters are contacted on an infrequent basis for a mix of messages which include feedback on the impact of their donation and light requests for funding additional projects. Collection pots are not shaken and are static around the railway. We do not practice telephone fundraising or face to face fundraising. GDPR regulations are adhered to.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are remunerated in line with sector averages. Salary reviews take place annually and are approved by the trustees. Payment is made monthly in arrears.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the persons who are trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustees are aware, there is no relevant accounts information of which the charitable company's auditor's are unaware, and
- that trustees have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable company's auditor's in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable company's auditor's are aware of that information.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also directors of Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

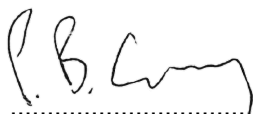
Company and charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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Peter Copsey
Chairman and Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report 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 we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- 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 trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 Trustees 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 Trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 an Auditor's report 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.

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 Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe UK LLP

Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
Black Country House
Rounds Green Road
Oldbury
West Midlands
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Date: 21 April 2021

Crowe U.K. LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	639,562	703,000	-	1,342,562	1,475,611
Charitable activities	5	40,977	-	-	40,977	138,144
Investments	6	5,965	31,242	-	37,207	33,979
Total income and endowments		686,504	734,242	-	1,420,746	1,647,734
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7,8	115,774	2,041	8,790	126,605	139,426
Charitable activities		705,770	1,435,484	-	2,141,254	695,991
Total expenditure		821,544	1,437,525	8,790	2,267,859	835,417
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(986)	(34)	(8,175)	(9,195)	41,522
Net expenditure		(136,026)	(703,317)	(16,965)	(856,308)	853,839
Transfers between funds	18	4,942	(4,942)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(131,084)	(708,259)	(16,965)	(856,308)	853,839
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		561,677	1,160,428	1,230,056	2,952,161	2,098,322
Net movement in funds		(131,084)	(708,259)	(16,965)	(856,308)	853,839
Total funds carried forward		430,593	452,169	1,213,091	2,095,853	2,952,161

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 23 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04341280

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	106,367	131,853
Investments	13	1,502,501	1,487,187
		<u>1,608,868</u>	<u>1,619,040</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	11,973	11,973
Debtors	15	64,991	48,512
Cash at bank and in hand		501,719	1,307,786
		<u>578,683</u>	<u>1,368,271</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(91,698)	(35,150)
		<u>486,985</u>	<u>1,333,121</u>
Net current assets		486,985	1,333,121
Total net assets		<u>2,095,853</u>	<u>2,952,161</u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	18	1,213,091	1,230,056
Restricted funds	18	409,607	1,160,428
Unrestricted funds	18	473,155	561,677
Total funds		<u>2,095,853</u>	<u>2,952,161</u>

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

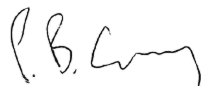
The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 19 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



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P B Copsey

The notes on pages 23 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY CHARITABLE TRUST LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(818,458)	861,382
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	37,207	33,979
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(307)	(1,286)
Proceeds from sale of investments	277,166	135,392
Purchase of investments	(277,938)	(338,805)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	36,128	(170,720)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(782,330)	690,662
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,330,631	639,969
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	548,301	1,330,631

The notes on pages 23 to 45 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

1. General information

1.1 Company Status

The Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust is a company limited by guarantee in England, whose registered office is Number One, Comberton Place, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 1QR. The companies registered number is 04341280. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Severn Valley Railway Charitable Trust Limited constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2 Going concern

The company has cash resources and has no requirements for external funding. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

2.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

2.5 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 allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Artefacts	-	10% straight line
Rolling stock	-	10% straight line
Office equipment	-	33% straight line

2.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment Fund is held in a managed fund by Brewin Dolphin.

Income generated from the Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment fund is treated as endowment income, unless it relates to any unapplied total return. If this is the case, the income is treated as restricted and held in a separate fund of the same name. The income is restricted to the restoration of rolling stock.

2.9 Investment Income

Income generated from the Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowment fund is treated as endowment income, unless it relates to any unapplied total return. If this is the case, the income is treated as restricted and held in a separate fund of the same name. The income is restricted to the restoration of rolling stock.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

2.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.12 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.13 Financial instruments

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

Cash

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours.

There are no complex financial instruments.

2.14 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Role of volunteers

The charity relies on the efforts of its volunteers. The value of these volunteers is not incorporated within the accounts.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

Critical areas of judgement:

- i) Valuation of the rolling stock which is based on past experience and expert knowledge.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Donations and legacies	602,915	204,775	807,690	1,240,159
Income tax reclaimable	20,943	26,668	47,611	46,803
Grants	200	471,557	471,757	172,578
Government grants	4,717	-	4,717	-
Other income	10,787	-	10,787	16,071
	<u>639,562</u>	<u>703,000</u>	<u>1,342,562</u>	<u>1,475,611</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>543,628</u>	<u>931,983</u>	<u>1,475,611</u>	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Restoration costs recharged to SVRH	40,977	40,977	138,144
	<u>138,144</u>	<u>138,144</u>	
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>138,144</u>	<u>138,144</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Dividend income	3,754	31,242	34,996	32,302
Interest receivable	2,211	-	2,211	1,677
	<u>5,965</u>	<u>31,242</u>	<u>37,207</u>	<u>33,979</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>2,862</u>	<u>31,117</u>	<u>33,979</u>	

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Fundraising costs	9,957	134	10,091	33,394
Support costs	10,606	39	10,645	18,246
Wages and Salaries	93,403	1,832	95,235	75,362
Support costs - depreciation	748	-	748	833
	<u>114,714</u>	<u>2,005</u>	<u>116,719</u>	<u>127,835</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>127,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,835</u>	

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8. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Investment managers costs	1,060	36	8,790	9,886	11,591
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>416</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>11,133</u>	<u>11,591</u>	

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Charitable activities	2,064,615	76,639	2,141,254	695,991
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>633,248</u>	<u>62,743</u>	<u>695,991</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Railway restoration	1,954,348	1,954,348	356,556
Railway restoration recharged to SVRH	40,977	40,977	138,144
Engineering academy and education	6,000	6,000	98,547
Wages and salaries	38,245	38,245	14,957
Depreciation	25,045	25,045	25,044
	<u>2,064,615</u>	<u>2,064,615</u>	<u>633,248</u>
<i>Total 2019</i>	<u>633,248</u>	<u>633,248</u>	

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Support Costs

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	£
Professional fees	2,187	3,596
Telephone, postage and stationery	4,211	5,890
Travel and subsistence	207	4,553
Bank charges	4,040	2,726
Training	-	1,481
Depreciation	748	833
	11,393	<i>19,079</i>
	11,393	<i>19,079</i>

Management and administration

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	£
Auditors remuneration	7,396	5,000
Wages and salaries	69,243	57,743
	76,639	<i>62,743</i>
	76,639	<i>62,743</i>

10. Staff costs

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	202,723	148,062
	202,723	<i>148,062</i>
	202,723	<i>148,062</i>

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	No.	No.
	7	5
	7	<i>5</i>

One employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charity is the Director of Development. The total benefits of key management personnel of the charity were £61,822 (2019: £59,683).

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11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2019 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2020, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2019 - £NIL).

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Artefacts £	Rolling stock £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 July 2019	3,445	249,750	3,729	256,924
Additions	-	-	307	307
At 30 June 2020	<u>3,445</u>	<u>249,750</u>	<u>4,036</u>	<u>257,231</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 July 2019	2,709	119,932	2,430	125,071
Charge for the year	345	24,700	748	25,793
At 30 June 2020	<u>3,054</u>	<u>144,632</u>	<u>3,178</u>	<u>150,864</u>
Net book value				
At 30 June 2020	<u><u>391</u></u>	<u><u>105,118</u></u>	<u><u>858</u></u>	<u><u>106,367</u></u>
At 30 June 2019	<u><u>736</u></u>	<u><u>129,818</u></u>	<u><u>1,299</u></u>	<u><u>131,853</u></u>

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13. Fixed asset investments

	Listed securities £	Shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 July 2019	1,462,751	24,435	1,487,186
Additions	227,939	-	227,939
Disposals	(227,166)	-	(227,166)
Revaluations	(9,195)	-	(9,195)
Transfers between classes	23,737	-	23,737
At 30 June 2020	1,478,066	24,435	1,502,501

Investments at market value comprise:

UK Listed investments: £1,478,066 (2019: £1,462,751).

Market Value of shares held in SVR (Holdings) Plc £24,435 (2019: £24,435).

All fixed asset investments are held in the UK.

The endowment fund has been invested on a total return basis. Currently, there is no unapplied total return as all income generated is to be re-invested in the fund. During the year, donations of £5,201 (2019: £154,530) have been invested. This amount has been transferred into the Broker account for Brewin Dolphin to invest in line with the investment policy. Investment income of £34,995 (2019: £32,202) has been generated during the year which remains within the endowment fund.

During the year NIL (2019: £150,000) from unrestricted funds and NIL (2019: £4,530) from restricted funds have been invested with Brewin Dolphin alongside the total return endowment funds. The total income and capital gains generated during the year have been apportioned between funds based on the proportion of restricted, unrestricted and endowment funds invested with Brewin Dolphin at the point of each new cash injection.

14. Stocks

	2020 £	2019 £
Parts	11,973	11,973

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15. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	63,605	48,512
Prepayments	1,386	-
	64,991	48,512
	64,991	48,512

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other taxation and social security	4,201	3,144
Wages and pensions	1,354	-
Accruals	86,143	32,006
	91,698	35,150
	91,698	35,150

17. Financial instruments

	2020 £	2019 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	1,502,501	1,464,342
	1,502,501	1,464,342

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise listed investments and shares in SVR (Holdings) Plc .

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Futures fund	153,113	3,753	(1,060)	-	(986)	154,820
General funds						
General Funds - all funds	408,564	682,751	(777,922)	4,942	-	318,335
Total Unrestricted funds	561,677	686,504	(778,982)	4,942	(986)	473,155
Endowment funds						
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	1,230,056	-	(8,790)	-	(8,175)	1,213,091

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
Restricted funds						
Roof and Crane	-	12,515	-	-	-	12,515
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	72,122	31,114	-	-	-	103,236
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Restricted fund	9,967	5,329	(36)	-	(34)	15,226
Hinton Manor 7819	18,577	753	-	-	-	19,330
LNER Restaurant Composite 7960	283	-	-	(283)	-	-
Mark 1 TSO 4509	2,791	-	-	-	-	2,791
LMS & BR Coach Department	24,132	3,877	(9,866)	-	-	18,143
LNER Coach 52255	946	-	-	-	-	946
LNER Coach Department	6,097	1,494	(146)	283	-	7,728
Hagley Hall 4930	66,242	53,389	(87,771)	-	-	31,860
Diesel Facility	12,811	4,209	-	-	-	17,020
Engineering Academy	8,893	48,286	(50,986)	(4,942)	-	1,251
Toad A Brake Van 17410	3,075	-	-	-	-	3,075
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	2,967	2,330	-	-	-	5,297
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	-	-	-	-	18,209
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	139	125	-	-	-	264
Falling Sands Viaduct	385,116	380,057	(691,879)	-	-	73,294

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - current year (continued)

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
Education Fund	6,600	-	(6,000)	-	-	600
GWR Buffet 9581	18,288	21,224	(37,000)	-	-	2,512
GWR Restoration Fund	503,173	1,563	(503,173)	-	-	1,563
Emergency Appeal	-	167,977	(93,230)	-	-	74,747
	<u>1,160,428</u>	<u>734,242</u>	<u>(1,480,087)</u>	<u>(4,942)</u>	<u>(34)</u>	<u>409,607</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,952,161</u></u>	<u><u>1,420,746</u></u>	<u><u>(2,267,859)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(9,195)</u></u>	<u><u>2,095,853</u></u>

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2018</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses)</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Hagley Hall 4930	29,000	-	(29,000)	-	-	-
Engineering academy	5,763	-	(5,763)	-	-	-
Track improvements	46,000	-	(46,000)	-	-	-
Building improvements	25,900	-	(25,900)	-	-	-
Futures fund	-	1,185	(416)	150,000	2,344	153,113
	<u>106,663</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>(107,079)</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>2,344</u>	<u>153,113</u>
General funds						
General Funds - all funds	<u>360,273</u>	<u>683,449</u>	<u>(507,057)</u>	<u>(128,101)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408,564</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>466,936</u>	<u>684,634</u>	<u>(614,136)</u>	<u>21,899</u>	<u>2,344</u>	<u>561,677</u>

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2018</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses)</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Endowment funds						
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	1,228,591	-	(11,133)	(26,429)	39,027	1,230,056
Restricted funds						
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Endowments fund	41,123	30,999	-	-	-	72,122
Heritage Lottery Fund Catalyst: Restricted fund	-	5,328	(42)	4,530	151	9,967
Hinton Manor 7819	14,282	7,795	(3,500)	-	-	18,577
LNER Restaurant Composite 7960	283	-	-	-	-	283
Mark 1 TSO 4509	2,791	-	-	-	-	2,791
LMS & BR Coach Department	23,198	5,742	(4,808)	-	-	24,132
LNER Coach 52255	946	-	-	-	-	946
LNER Coach Department	5,150	2,361	(1,414)	-	-	6,097
Hagley Hall 4930	53,215	13,027	-	-	-	66,242
Diesel Facility	13,441	14,370	(15,000)	-	-	12,811
Engineering Academy	-	95,630	(86,737)	-	-	8,893
Toad A Brake Van 17410	3,037	38	-	-	-	3,075
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	772	2,195	-	-	-	2,967

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2018</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses)</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	18,209	-	-	-	-	18,209
Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	28,250	152	(28,263)	-	-	139
Locomotive 45110	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-	-
Falling Sands Viaduct	197,098	254,002	(65,984)	-	-	385,116
Education Fund	-	10,000	(3,400)	-	-	6,600
GWR Buffet 9581	-	18,288	-	-	-	18,288
GWR Restoration Fund	-	503,173	-	-	-	503,173
	<u>402,795</u>	<u>963,100</u>	<u>(210,148)</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>1,160,428</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,098,322</u></u>	<u><u>1,647,734</u></u>	<u><u>(835,417)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>41,522</u></u>	<u><u>2,952,161</u></u>

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19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
Designated funds	153,113	3,753	(1,060)	-	(986)	154,820
General funds	408,564	682,751	(777,922)	4,942	-	318,335
Endowment funds	1,230,056	-	(8,790)	-	(8,175)	1,213,091
Restricted funds	1,160,428	734,242	(1,480,087)	(4,942)	(34)	409,607
	<u>2,952,161</u>	<u>1,420,746</u>	<u>(2,267,859)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,195)</u>	<u>2,095,853</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 July 2018 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 June 2019 £</i>
Designated funds	106,663	1,185	(107,079)	150,000	2,344	153,113
General funds	360,273	683,449	(507,057)	(128,101)	-	408,564
Endowment funds	1,228,591	-	(11,133)	(26,429)	39,027	1,230,056
Restricted funds	402,795	963,100	(210,148)	4,530	151	1,160,428
	<u>2,098,322</u>	<u>1,647,734</u>	<u>(835,417)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,522</u>	<u>2,952,161</u>

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19. Summary of funds (continued)

Roof and Crane	This restricted fund is to fund a much needed replacement to the engine shed at Bridgnorth. The second objective is the purchase and installation of a crane, which will facilitate much more efficient and safe works on the heritage rolling stock.
HLF Catalyst Endowment	This is an endowment fund for the purpose of creating future income for the Trust for the continuance of its activities. Monies raised were match funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) up to a maximum of £500,000 which has been reached.
HLF Restricted Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of creating future income for the Trust for the continuance of its activities. For donations made since the end of the matched funding arrangement with HLF.
Hinton Manor 7819	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of returning the locomotive to service.
LNER Restaurant	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the vehicle to Composite 7960 service.
Mark 1 TSO 4509	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of completion of restoration.
LMS & BR Coach Department	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LMS & BR built vehicles to original condition.
LNER Coach 52255	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of improving LNER coach 52255.
LNER Coach Department	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring LNER built vehicles to original condition.
Hagley Hall 4930	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall to service.
Diesel Facility	This is a restricted fund to provide a purpose built facility for the restoration and maintenance of diesel locomotives.
Engineering Academy	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing training in railway engineering skills.
Diesel Shunter	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive to Silver Spoon' service
Toad A Brake Van 17410	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the vehicle to service.
Bridgnorth Station Restoration Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the station.
Bridgnorth Turntable Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the turntable.

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19. Summary of funds (continued)

Disabled Dining & Travel Facilities Fund	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of providing dining facilities for disabled passengers.
HLF Catalyst Restricted	This is a restricted fund for the dividends received on the investments held by Brewin Dolphin. The funds are restricted for the purpose of preserving the Severn Valley Railway Rolling Stock.
Track Improvements	This is a restricted fund for the purpose funding track improvement work.
Buildings Improvements	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of funding building improvement work.
Locomotive 45110	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the locomotive to service.
Vandalised coaches	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of restoring the coaches vandalised.
Falling Sands Viaduct	This is a restricted fund for the purpose of the restoration of the viaduct.
Education fund	This is a restricted fund to educate the public
GWR Buffet 9581	This is a restricted fund to convert carriage 9581 into a wheelchair-accessible buffet carriage.
GWR Restoration	This is a restricted fund specifically for 4930 Hagley Hall locomotive and / or a GWR turntable.
Emergency Appeal	This is a restricted fund in place to raise funds for immediate application to areas of the SVR's activities which met the charitable objects. The funds were to compensate for lost income due to COVID-19.

The transfer between the general funds and restricted funds of £4,942 was for expenditure incurred in 2019 that was classified as unrestricted when it should have gone against the Engineering Academy

The transfer between LNER Restaurant Composite 7960 and LNER Coach Department is to just show one restricted fund.

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	106,367	-	-	106,367
Fixed asset investments	170,948	118,462	1,213,091	1,502,501
Current assets	240,527	338,156	-	578,683
Creditors due within one year	(44,687)	(47,011)	-	(91,698)
Total	473,155	409,607	1,213,091	2,095,853

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Endowment funds 2019 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2019 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	131,853	-	-	131,853
Fixed asset investments	175,042	82,089	1,230,056	1,487,187
Current assets	289,932	1,078,339	-	1,368,271
Creditors due within one year	(35,150)	-	-	(35,150)
Total	561,677	1,160,428	1,230,056	2,952,161

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21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(856,308)	853,839
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	25,793	25,877
Changes in market valuation	9,195	(41,523)
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	(37,207)	(33,979)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	-	(8,640)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(16,479)	55,180
Increase in creditors	56,548	10,628
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(818,458)	861,382

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	501,719	1,307,786
Cash held by Broker	46,582	22,845
Total cash and cash equivalents	548,301	1,330,631

23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 July 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 30 June 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,307,786	(806,067)	501,719
Cash equivalents	22,845	23,737	46,582
	1,330,631	(782,330)	548,301

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24. Related party transactions

During the year the charity donated £2,066,506 (2019: £454,869) to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc and received £44,249.

Included with creditors is an amount of £23,317 (2019: £8,565) owed to Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc which relates to recharges. Included within debtors is an amount of £203 (2019: £40,745) owed from Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc for services supplied.