

SOUTH YORKSHIRE TRADES HISTORICAL TRUST LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Company Registration Number: 4377417

Charity Number: 1093233

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SOUTH YORKSHIRE TRADES HISTORICAL TRUST LIMITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who are also directors, present their report and the financial statements for the period to 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 of the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Since the charity qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Directors/Trustees

All served throughout the year unless stated otherwise.

K Whitaker Chairman

E Young Secretary

A M J Ball BA FCA Treasurer

J A Brown (appointed 17/8/25), S V Brown, D J Coker (appointed 17/8/25), J A Cooper, D E Eaton, M G Lambe, J McQuaid CB DSc FR Eng, A J S Renwick, M A Tylee.

The trustees regret to announce that Mrs Margaret Tylee died on 29 December 2025.

Registered office

75, Banner Cross Road, Sheffield, S11 9HQ

Bankers

HSBC, 22, The Moor, Sheffield, S1 45PA.

Independent Examiner

Mr. S. Bladen of Hawsons, Chartered Accountants, Pegasus House, Glossop Road, Sheffield S10 2QD

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Trust is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee. Each member's liability is limited to £10.

A Council of Management is elected at the Annual General Meeting to run the Trust on behalf of the membership. In accordance with the company articles, one third must be re-elected each year. New trustees with relevant skills are invited to join the Council at any time subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

OBJECTIVES ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trust is constituted to maintain, conserve and display for the benefit of the public the following historical properties in the ownership of the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society.

Wortley Top Forge	Grade I listed and Scheduled Ancient Monument (cottages are II)
Wortley Top Forge Cottage	Grade II listed
Rockley Engine House	Scheduled Ancient Monument
Rockley Furnace	Scheduled Ancient Monument
Bower Spring Cementation Furnace	Scheduled Ancient Monument
Hoylandswaine Nail Forge	Grade II listed

In addition, the Trust maintains a collection of historic steam engines and other machinery held at Wortley Top Forge. The collection is in the ownership of the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society and certain related individuals.

The Trustees have been mindful of their duties to maintain the sites and provide a public benefit in educational and amenity terms. Such duties are very much to the fore in the Conservation Plan which has been developed along Historic England guidelines. Work continues on education and visitor policies, with a continued emphasis on safety and safeguarding both volunteers and visitors in line with the latest guidelines.

During the year the Trust has continued its main work of restoration and maintenance at the Wortley site. This is usually open in the summer half of the year for casual visitors and by special arrangement. This year we were able to open fully on normal visitor days and hold all three of the now traditional events in May, September and December. Overall it is estimated that about 3,200 visitors attended. Whenever possible, the water wheels are run by our guides and various engines are demonstrated. During the year we continued to act as a venue for photography shooting sessions and ghost hunting events which bring a small but significant number of visitors and donations. We also hosted a police training event, Sheffield United footballers and a film crew making an episode of *Yorkshire Great and Small with Dan and Helen*. Admission fees and donations from visitors generate income to be used on general repairs and maintenance.

The trustees are sad to report that the television programme was the last appearance of our lead guide for many years, Gordon Parkinson, who sadly died during the year.

The archive and research work making use of the facilities at Top Forge Cottage continued and we were able to create a lot more publicity and historical material.

Work has continued on improving vehicle access and parking facilities to mitigate against problems caused in wet and icy weather.

The nail forge at Hoylandswaine was also opened on a couple of occasions and 130 visitors were recorded. A hearth and bellows have been restored to a usable condition. The sites at Rockley are open access at all times and are kept tidy for casual visitors.

The Bower Spring monument was fully renovated during the year by the South Yorkshire Industrial Society in collaboration with members of a local group, the Sheffield Historic

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

Buildings Trust, aided by grant funding largely by Historic England. The site has now been returned to the care of the Trust for future maintenance and display. It remains behind security fencing for safety reasons but is visible from the public road and can be accessed by request.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are set out on page 6. At the year end the Trust had free reserves of £112,907 for use in further maintenance and restoration.

Reserves Policy

The objectives of the Trust require that, unless specified by the donor, all funds are applied as soon as possible to maintain the assets in the care of the Trust. Therefore, beyond maintaining sufficient funds for ongoing running costs for at least a year ahead, about £6,000, the trustees have no requirement to build up reserves unless a particular project is to be funded. However, they have resolved to continue to designate £50,000 of the unrestricted reserves as a contingency fund for repairs to scheduled buildings. Current projects fall well within the liquid funds available.

Investment Policy

The trustees invest the funds of the Trust so as to generate short term income for restoration purposes. All funds are placed with registered deposit takers and are under constant review to take advantage of the current high interest rates.

Grants

The Trust does not normally make grants to other organisations but can make payments to the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society where there is a legal requirement for a project to be developed and funded by the legal owner.

Risk Policy

The trustees act in conjunction with the Trustees of the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society to address the risks of maintaining historic buildings and equipment. Regular safety audits are carried out to ensure that the sites are safe when open to the public and that the members and volunteers are adequately trained and insured.

VOLUNTEERS

The trustees wish to record their appreciation of the voluntary work undertaken by officers, members and other volunteers, particularly at Wortley in another busy year. It is estimated that the value of such work, if carried out at commercial rates, would be not less than £212,000 in the last year.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Trust is continuing to follow the Conservation Plan developed for Wortley and projects continue to display more exhibits with interpretation boards. The number of active volunteers

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

remains stable which will enable restoration projects to be progressed. It is proposed that, now what was originally the works yard is fully accessible, some archaeological testing can be done to determine what can be learnt from remains in the area. It is known for instance that there was one a very large test rig standing in the north side of the yard.

It is hoped that the restored hearth and bellows at Hoylandswaine can be used to produce nails for demonstration purposes. Regular limited maintenance will continue at the other sites for which the Trust has responsibility.

Statement of Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

Independent Examiner

The trustees have engaged Mr. Simon Bladen of Hawsons Chartered Accountants, to independently examine these accounts.

The Trustees Report has been prepared by the directors in accordance with the law applicable to small companies.

On behalf of the Council of Management

A M J Ball

A M J Ball Trustee 19 February 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE TRADES HISTORICAL TRUST LIMITED

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or

the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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19 February 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year ended 31 December 2025

			2025		2024
	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income from					
Donations and grants	3	1,105	11,650	12,755	9,971
Charitable activities	3	-	17,867	17,867	14,097
Investments		-	1,415	1,415	1,441
Total		1,105	30,932	32,037	25,509
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	4	-	407	407	321
Charitable activities	4	551	15,661	16,212	17,879
Governance costs	7	-	1,164	1,164	1,093
Total		551	17,232	17,783	19,293
Net income		554	13,700	14,254	6,216
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		2,266	104,001	106,267	100,051
Total funds carried forward		2,820	117,701	120,521	106,267

All of the company's operations are classed as continuing. The company had no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in resources for the period.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE TRADES HISTORICAL TRUST LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET**

Reg. No. 4377417

At 31 December 2025

	note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	5	6,132	6,830
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		74,595	63,180
Deposit account			
Current account		23,724	20,058
Cash in hand		653	483
National Savings		3,218	3,218
Income Bonds		11,000	11,000
Stock	9	-	-
Prepaid expenses and accrued income		3,641	3,139
		<u>116,831</u>	<u>101,078</u>
Current Liabilities			
Outstanding expenses		(2,442)	(1,641)
Net Current Assets		<u>114,389</u>	<u>99,437</u>
Total Net Assets		<u><u>120,521</u></u>	<u><u>106,267</u></u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Restricted Funds	11	2,820	2,266
Unrestricted Funds	12	117,701	104,001
Total Charity Funds		<u><u>120,521</u></u>	<u><u>106,267</u></u>

For the financial year in question, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledges their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

These financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the provisions of FRS102 Section 1A Small Entities, were approved and issued by the Board on 19 February 2026 and are signed by:



A M J Ball - trustee and director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) General information and basis of preparation

South Yorkshire Trades Historical Trust Limited is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities is given in the Trustees' report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Incoming resources

Grants and voluntary income is accounted for in the year in which it is received unless receipt has become certain at the balance sheet date. Resources restricted to a specific purpose are carried forward until spent. Other income is accrued as it becomes due.

c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for in the year in which it becomes due on an accruals basis.

d) Allocation of costs

Costs directly related to an activity are allocated to that activity. Support costs, which are necessary to deliver an activity but do not themselves deliver that activity, are allocated in proportion to the benefit attributable. Governance costs are those incurred in meeting statutory and constitutional requirements.

e) Stocks

No value is placed on the stock of unsold publications because realisation is considered to be too unreliable in the foreseeable future.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

f) Loose tools and equipment

Loose tools and consumable equipment owned by the Trust for the purposes of maintaining and operating the properties and machinery is not capitalised but is written off as expenditure is incurred.

g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are included at original cost less accumulated depreciation. Historic heritage assets where original cost is not known are included at a nominal value. Depreciation is provided on equipment to write off the cost at 25% pa on the reducing balance basis.

h) Donations in kind

Donations in kind which are intended for repairs or maintenance of the site or exhibits are accounted for using the trustees' estimate of value. Donations which are intended as exhibits are included within the nominal £1 brought forward on the balance sheet. No value is attributed to the activities of the trustees or voluntary helpers.

2. TAXATION

As a registered charity the Trust is exempt from income and capital taxes on its charitable activities.

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and Grants		
Restricted grants and donations	1,105	-
Visitor and other donations and tax recovered	11,650	9,971
	<u>12,755</u>	<u>9,971</u>
Charitable activities		
Admissions and events	9,828	7,244
Donations and fees for use of site	5,550	5,108
Sales of books, scrap and miscellaneous	2,489	1,745
	<u>17,867</u>	<u>14,097</u>

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2025	2024
	£	£
Raising funds		
Direct costs of events	<u>407</u>	<u>321</u>
Charitable Activities		
Repairs and maintenance	9,034	10,750
Charitable donation	1,168	950
Support costs (Note 6)	<u>6,010</u>	<u>6,179</u>
	<u><u>16,212</u></u>	<u><u>17,879</u></u>

5. FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
Balance brought forward	22,904
Additions	1,440
Disposals	(400)
At 31 December 2025	<u><u>23,944</u></u>
Depreciation	
Balance brought forward	16,074
Disposals	(330)
Charge for the year	<u>2,068</u>
At 31 December 2025	<u><u>17,812</u></u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2025	<u><u>6,132</u></u>
At 31 December 2024	<u><u>6,830</u></u>

The Trust also owns equipment and historical machinery which is either fully depreciated or was acquired by donation and the trustees consider that a nominal value of £1 is appropriate.

Heritage Assets

All the remaining heritage assets which were held in the name of the Trust have been transferred by donation at a nominal book value of nil to the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society.

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Electricity and gas	1,622	1,805
Water and business rates	605	136
Telephone	156	150
Insurance	1,304	1,250
Miscellaneous	435	563
Surplus on asset disposal	-180	
Depreciation	2068	2275
	<u>6,010</u>	<u>6,179</u>

7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Reporting accountants	1,130	1,080
Annual Return to Companies House	34	13
	<u>1,164</u>	<u>1,093</u>

8. RELATED PARTY

The trustees consider that the South Yorkshire Industrial History Society is a related party because the sites and machines maintained by the Trust are largely in the ownership of the Society and a number of the trustees of the Trust are also trustees of the Society.

9. STOCK

The trustees do not consider that the stock of publications has any value until sold.

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

Members of the Council received no direct remuneration or expenses as trustees other than reimbursement of direct expenses incurred on behalf of the Trust.

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11. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	opening	incoming	outgoing	closing
	£	£	£	£
New compressor	278	-	69	209
Repairs at Hoylandswaine	1,482	-	-	1,482
Defibrillator	506	-	127	379
Tractor mounted shredder	-	1,000	250	750
Website fees	-	105	105	-
	<u>2,266</u>	<u>1,105</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>2,820</u>

Restricted funds are represented by cash at bank £878 and fixed assets £1,901.

12. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	opening	incoming	outgoing	closing
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	64,001	20,932	17,232	67,701
Designated funds	40,000	10,000	-	50,000
	<u>104,001</u>	<u>30,932</u>	<u>17,232</u>	<u>117,701</u>

The Designated Fund is a contingency fund for repairs to scheduled buildings.