

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC GROUP CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

Charity No: 1102973

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 October 2025

Reference and administrative information

Name of the charity: Southern Electric Group CIO

Charity registration number: 1102973

The address of the principal office of the charity:

30 Bealing Close
Southampton
SO16 3AX

Charity's trustees for the financial year to 31 October 2025 were:

Mr G Beecroft Appointed 27 August 2025

Mr J Goodrich Appointed 20 October 2025

Mr S Hicks

Mr B Rayner Appointed 27 August 2025

Mr A Saunders

Mr P Staveley Appointed 27 August 2025

Mr J Piper

Mr P Watson

Mr I Whitlam Appointed 27 August 2025

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc, 137 North End, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 1TN

Structure Governance and Management

Southern Electric Group CIO is governed by its Constitution dated 29th July 2025. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have

- Selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are

also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that

- The charity is operating efficiently and effectively,
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- Proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity or for publication is reliable.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Under the requirements of the Constitution, the trustees are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting. In addition to this, Trustees appointed during the year must seek election at the next Annual General Meeting.

Mr S Hicks and Mr J Piper retire by rotation and will be standing for re-election.

Messrs G Beecroft, J Goodrich, B Rayner, P Staveley, and I Whitlam were appointed as Trustees during the year and stand for election.

All the Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing documents

The principal objectives of the Charity shall be to promote interest in the electric (and diesel -electric) railway system of the Southern Region of British Railways, its predecessors, and successors by

A Providing opportunities within the UK for the public to experience a journey on the electric (and diesel - electric) railway system

B The conservation, maintenance and repair of selected items of rolling stock and associated infrastructure of the Southern DC system

C The maintenance of a collection of historical records including artefacts and documents relating to the above and to disseminate the information by electronic or physical means as determined by the trustees.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year

In furtherance of a principal objective restoration work continued during the year on 4 COR motor coach 11161 at the East Kent Railway, Shepherdswell station, Kent. Work was also undertaken on coach 11187 which is in the Charity's care on a long term lease at the same location.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose of the public benefit

The work undertaken in restoring, maintaining and making available for traffic the vehicles owned by the Charity help support the operation of East Kent Railway Trust, itself a registered charity. This gives the general public a chance to see and have the opportunity to travel in the vintage coaches that are owned by this Charity, as well as ones owned by others at the railway that are no longer in regular use. The coaches preserved by this charity represent an important chapter in the development of fully gangwayed main line electric multiple units by the Southern Railway and an important part of railway industrial heritage.

The contribution of volunteers during the year

The work of the Charity is normally undertaken at weekends by volunteers, except where specialist skills are required which are beyond the expertise and capabilities of the volunteer workforce.

Around 3 volunteers are regularly engaged in the restoration and repair of the Charity's collection of

rolling stock at various times, acquiring and developing new skills in the process. Two other volunteers are regularly engaged in the administration of the charity.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

Work continued on maintenance of the coaches located at Shepherdswell in close liaison with the East Kent Railway, Heritage Railway Association guidance, and ORR requirements.

Competencies required by the EKR to work near the running line and other activities were maintained. The trustees were very pleased that there were opportunities to carry out ongoing maintenance work on both coaches located at Shepherdswell .

The Charity's other vehicles, coaches 10096, 11201, and 11825 remain in store at Sellindge until resources are available to work on them and are inspected regularly.

Fund raising activities during the year

The Charity principally relies on donors, whose support is valued. The charity's sales stand attended 35 events during the period. The Group's leaflet was distributed at these events which invites donations towards restoration and promoted preservation activities. The Charity also has an online shop which helps to promote its activities.

A successful fundraising appeal was launched to re-upholster the seats in the charity's coaches.

The difference that the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity and to wider society

Much of the work of the Charity is on a long term basis. As such the full public benefit derived from the operation of the coaches may not be available for many years to come until the restoration work has been completed. During the period, further progress was made on the restoration of S11161S and S11187S. Restoration and improvement plans continue to progress slowly.

The Charity's organisational structure

Since 2020 the Trustees have held regular meetings using an online platform which has been found to be of great benefit in savings of both time and expense by not having to travel. The meetings ensure that all Trustees are aware of current events and issues, have the opportunity to voice their opinion, decide on a course of action (if necessary by vote) and fulfil their obligations to safeguard the Charity's interests. Two of the Trustees are additionally Trustees of the coach on long term loan and of those two, one designated as the Preservation Manager by the Charity takes the lead in preservation activities. The cost of the necessary software in order to carry out online meetings is considered to be fully justified. ✓

Financial Review

The Charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 October 2025

The financial position of the Charity at 31 October 2025 and comparatives for the prior period are fully detailed in the accounts and can be summarised as follows

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net Income (Deficit)	7,633	5,455
Restricted revenue funds	1,425	-
Unrestricted revenue funds available for the general purposes of the charity	41,977	35,770
Total Funds	<u>43,402</u>	<u>35,770</u>

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Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 October 2025

The Charity incurred a group surplus on ordinary activities of £8,332 during the year ending 31 October 2025 compared with a surplus of £7,094 during the previous year. The group's liquid reserves at 31 October 2025 were £47,352 (2024: £39,150). The Trustees are satisfied with the results for the year.

Donations made to the Charity and its subsidiary company during the year ended 31 October 2025 totalled £12,253 (2024: £10,262).

Investment income received on the Charity's bank deposits decreased during the year following decreases in bank base rates. The total amount of interest received was £386 (2024: £483).

Apart from donations and investment income, funding for the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the Charity's collection of rolling stock is also obtained from profits generated from the sale of books, railway memorabilia and artefacts and the operation of the Charity's online shop. Combined income from these sources during the year amounted to £3,198 (2024: £3,730).

The charity also has an online shop which helps to promote its activities.

Costs incurred on the restoration and maintenance of the Charity's rolling stock were similar to the previous year.

The overall cost of maintaining an adequate level of insurance cover for the rolling stock and for the Trustee directors' liability increased at this year's renewal to £2,556 (2024 : £2,164.) The annual rent charges at Shepherdswell and at Sellindge and storage at Worthing totalled £3,540 (2024: £3,470)..

Policy on reserves

The Charity's group reserves stood at £56,211 at the accounting year end (2024 : £47,879) and are controlled by the Trustee Directors and are used entirely for the purposes of the Charity. Operating costs of the Charity, without any additional non-recurrent expenditure being incurred, are currently running at approximately £9,000 per annum. However the Charity needs to maintain a higher level of additional reserves due to the nature of its activities, and the unpredictable nature of when and how much may be required at any one time within a twelve month period to meet a particular planned or unexpected cost.

These accumulated reserves are used to help fund the continuing restoration of the Charity's collection of electric multiple unit coaches, as well as their ongoing maintenance and servicing costs. These can vary significantly from year to year, and are dependent on the nature of the work required the amount of work needed and the availability of manpower to carry out such work.

The Trustees have determined that use of the reserves will not be considered for the acquisition of further rolling stock until resources are available to look after them satisfactorily.

Furthermore, reserves are also used to help fund the ongoing running costs of the Charity in those periods where annual costs exceed net incoming resources.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The Board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee

No funds are held as trustee.

The major risk to which the Charity is exposed and reviews and systems to mitigate them

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and system have been established to manage those risks. These include safe working practices at the worksite at Shepherdswell on the East Kent Railway, including the provision of appropriate protective clothing and training on the use of certain tools for those working there. Work carried out there is carried out in accordance with the Railway's own rules and regulations regarding safe working practices.

In addition, the Trustees have taken the necessary measures to comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act and associated legislation.

The Trustees have also ensured that appropriate insurances are in place, in addition to the risk mitigation outlined above.

Plans for the future

Ongoing maintenance, repairs and restoration work will continue to be carried out on the vehicles at Shepherdswell with a view to completing their restoration.

The Trustees will continue their efforts to raise funds via donations to help secure the future of the Charity's collection of electric multiple unit vehicles, and also to consolidate its financial position.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005).

Approved by the trustees on 10 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by


A Saunders Director

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ending 31 October 2025

Group	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024	
		£	£	£	£	
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	10,303	2,220	12,523	10,262	
Other trading activities		3,264	-	3,264	3,951	
Investment income	4	386	-	386	483	
Total		13,953	2,220	16,173	14,696	
Expenditure on						
Charitable activities	5	7,046	795	7,841	7,602	
Other		-	-	-	-	
Total		7,046	795	7,841	7,602	
Net income /(expenditure)		6,907	1,425	8,332	7,094	
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	
Incoming resources (Net resources expended)		6,907	1,425	8,332	7,094	
Other recognised gains/losses		-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		6,907	1,425	8,332	7,094	
Fund balances brought forward at 1 November		47,879	-	47,879	40,785	
Total funds carried forward at 31 October		54,786	1,425	56,211	47,879	

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities

The Charity	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024	
		£	£	£	£	
Incoming and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	8,702	2,220	10,922	8,444	
Other trading activities		66	-	66	61	
Investment income	4	323		323	445	
Total		9,091	2,220	11,311	8,950	
Expenditure on						
Charitable activities		2,883	795	3,678	3,495	
Other		-	-	-	-	
Total		2,883	795	3,678	3,495	
Net income /(expenditure)	6	6,208	1,425	7,633	5,455	
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	
Incoming resources (Net resources expended)		6,208	1,425	7,633	5,455	
Other recognised gains/losses		-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		6,208	1,425	7,633	5,455	
Fund balances brought forward at 1 November		30,315	-	35,770	30,315	
Total funds carried forward at 31 October		36,523	1,425	43,403	35,770	

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities

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Balance Sheets at 31 October 2025

	Note	Group 2025 £	2024 £	The Charity 2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	10	4,797	4,797	4,797	4,797
Investments	11	-	-	8	8
		<u>4,797</u>	<u>4,797</u>	<u>4,805</u>	<u>4,805</u>
Current assets					
Stock		2,220	2,411	-	-
Debtors	12	3,231	2,734	2,283	2,240
Cash at bank		47,353	39,150	37,314	29,725
		<u>52,804</u>	<u>44,295</u>	<u>39,597</u>	<u>31,965</u>
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,390)	(1,213)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Net current assets		<u>51,414</u>	<u>43,082</u>	<u>38,597</u>	<u>30,965</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>56,211</u>	<u>47,879</u>	<u>43,402</u>	<u>35,770</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-	-	-
Net assets		<u>56,211</u>	<u>47,879</u>	<u>43,402</u>	<u>35,770</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted income funds		54,786	47,879	41,977	35,770
Restricted income funds		1,425	-	1,425	-
Total charity funds		<u>56,211</u>	<u>47,879</u>	<u>43,402</u>	<u>35,770</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 April 2026 and were signed on its behalf by


A Saunders for the Trustees

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Notes to the financial statements
for the Year Ending 31 October 2025

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

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 for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting note(s).

b) Income recognition policies

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met

- The charity is entitled to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met or within the control of the charity;
- There is sufficient certainty that the receipt of income is considered probable; and
- the amount can be measured reliably.

c) Donated services and facilities

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and 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 on the open market. A corresponding amount is then recognised as expenditure in the period of receipt.

d) Interest receivable

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

f) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular area's of the charity's work or for specific projects.

g) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

h) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

l) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third part and the amount

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due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) Financial instruments

The charity has only basic financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. They are recognised at transaction value.

k) Pensions

The charity has never had paid employees with pension rights.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

3 Income from donations

3 Income from donations	Group	The Charity		
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Gifts	12,414	10,188	10,876	8,410
Donated services	109	74	46	34
	<u>12,523</u>	<u>10,262</u>	<u>10,922</u>	<u>8,444</u>

4 Investment income

All of the charity's investment income arises from money held in interest bearing deposit accounts

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Restoration and administration costs	7,841	7,602

6 Net income (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	0	0
Bank interest payable	0	0
Auditor's remuneration	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The contribution of volunteers

All work, including administration, is carried out by volunteers. Physical work at Shepherdswell can only be undertaken by members of the East Kent Railway or the Southern Electric Group for insurance reasons

Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the Charity, or any related entity.

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Trustees' expenses

The expenses reimbursed to trustees, or paid directly to third parties, in the current or prior year were as shown below.

	2025	2024
The amount reimbursed to Trustees	£	£
	0	0

7 Staff costs

The charity has no paid staff. The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from the charity in the year (2024 £nil). Neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2024 £nil). No charity trustees received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024 £nil).

8 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Related Party Transactions

The charity paid £3,519 (2024 £3,368) to its subsidiary company S.E.G. (Preservation) Ltd as reimbursement for the restoration costs of its railway coach and the coach on long term lease. It also reimbursed John Piper with £30 per month for the costs of storing the sales stock and other artefacts (2024 £30 per month)

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10 Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Rolling Stock	Land and Buildings	Plant and Machinery	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 November 2024				
Additions	4,797	9,650	8,346	22,793
At 31 October 2025	-	-	-	-
	4,797	9,650	8,346	22,793
Depreciation				
At 1 November 2024				
Charge for year	-	9,650	8,346	17,996
At 31 October 2025	-	-	-	-
	-	9,650	8,346	17,996
Net Book Value				
At 31 October 2024				
At 31 October 2025	4,797	-	-	4,797
	4,797	-	-	4,797

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Cost

At 1 November 2024 and 31 October 2025

Depreciation

At 1 November 2024 and 31 October 2025

Charge for the year

At 31 October 2025

Net book value

At 1 November 2024 and 31 October 2025

Heritage Assets

£

4,797

0

0

0

4,797

The heritage assets comprise 4 coaches from a 4 COR express electric multiple unit train constructed by the Southern Railway in 1938. One of the coaches is on display to the public at the East Kent Railway, Shepherdswell. No depreciation has been provided on the historic assets as their market value is considered to be in excess of their cost.

11 Investments

The charity holds 8 shares of £1 each in its wholly owned trading subsidiary S.E.G.

(Preservation) Limited which is incorporated in England and Wales. These are the only shares allotted, called up and fully paid.

12 Debtors

	Group		The Charity	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	-	40	-	-
Other debtors	3,231	2,694	2,283	2,240
	3,231	2,734	2,283	2,240

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		The Charity	
	2023	2024	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Amount due to subsidiary company	-	-	1,000	1,000
Trade creditors	481	253	-	-
Other creditors	909	960	-	-
	1,390	1,213	1,000	1,000

14 Financial commitments under operating leases

The Charity has no long commitment under operating leases (2024: nil)