

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
FOR
THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

TRUSTEES	M Freckelton R J S Stephens K M Lloyd C I Baines
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1104839
AUDITORS	Duncan & Toplis Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor 3 Princes Court Royal Way Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 5XR
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THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charities trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trust was established to contribute to the education of the public in railway transport systems. This is accomplished in a number of ways. Amongst these are the preservation and operation of locomotives, rolling stock, signalling systems, buildings and the production of education material, and promotion of events.

Significant activities

During the year, the Trust has continued to focus its attention on the Great Central Railway (GCR). It also actively supports reunification of the two sections of Great Central railway between Leicester and Ruddington in Nottinghamshire. In addition, it supports groups involved in heritage restoration based on the Railway. The Great Central Railway remains the only double track preserved mainline railway in the country and it mirrors the opportunity to have insight into the operation of how mainline railways ran up to the 1960's.

The Railway remains a major attraction in Leicestershire and recent developments have enhanced the experience of visitors with the addition of more facilities to attract families and the younger generation. The Railway gives enthusiasts and the public the opportunity to see many different types of heritage locomotives under full repair and in operation. These include locomotives owned by the nation as part of the National Railway Museum's collection and the double track mainline gives visitors the opportunity to see large steam engines working on both passenger and freight trains.

Public benefit

The trustees continue to consider the guidance of public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in its work. It is considered that the charity provides a public benefit through the maintenance of the railway locomotives and systems for the education and enjoyment of the public.

Social investments

Programme related investments are made at the discretion of the trustees where in accordance with the charity's objects.

Grantmaking

The Charity assists with grants, not only for the restoration or maintenance of locomotives but also goods and passenger vehicles, all of which are repaired and maintained in the GCR's workshops. This work requires many skills, which are encouraged by the Charity. It is essential to retain the knowledge to continue work on heritage railway assets and assistance is given with maintaining the skills for the future. The Charity also gives grants to develop facilities and maintain existing Heritage buildings. The old Goods Office at Loughborough now known as Lovatt House is owned by the Trust.

Grants are made at the discretion of the trustees where in accordance with the charities objects.

Volunteers

There is no significant use of volunteers.

THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

As stated on page two, the Trust continued to assist with the appeal to restore a section of railway infrastructure north of Loughborough Central Railway Station. Upon completion this will provide an 18 mile main line preserved railway between Ruddington in Nottinghamshire and the outskirts of Leicester. This is a major project which will continue for a number of years. The project has continued to receive national interest with numerous single donations and regular donations again being received. The Trust is also assisting with upgrading locomotive repair facilities at Loughborough Central Station. The Great Central Railway employs a number of staff and apprentices for the repair and maintenance of Heritage locomotives and rolling stock. This work will improve facilities available and offer an educational element to the locomotive works.

Witherslack Hall continued to be operational during the year. The 8F locomotive no. 48305 is also in traffic and offers further interest. Our third locomotive being 9F no, 92214 is awaiting restoration back to operating condition. This work is planned to commence in approximately 2 years time. These locomotives, from time to time, also visit other preserved railway around the UK.

In addition, the Trust continues to assist with numerous other visitor and educational projects on the Great Central Railway and with the repair and maintenance of Victorian structures vital for the operation of the railway.

During the period the Trust made grants and other payments in support of the Great Central Railway and supporting organisations amounting to £814,816 (2023 - £1,970,915).

At the end of the reporting period the Trust had unrestricted funds carried forward of £2,011,692 (2023 - £1,883,043).

The split of unrestricted funds carried forward between fixed assets, debtors, creditors and actual cash available is shown on page nine.

Fundraising activities

The charity raises funds from the public in the form of donations and legacies. The Trustees are the only volunteers and raise funds for projects of public interest. They are not governed by any voluntary scheme for regulating fundraising or voluntary standard for fundraising but have a long history of raising funds for the charity and behave in a professional manner. The charity has a privacy notice published online, which is available to the general public. The privacy and data security of donors is taken very seriously. In addition, the charity has not received any complaints about the activities by the charity or any related persons for the purpose of fundraising. All requests for donations are either sent through an individual email or letter and there is a documented trail of correspondence. There is no specific target in terms of the donations and legacies received each year as expenditure will be based on monies available and the suitability and requirements of projects seeking support.

The charity acts and behaves appropriately and does not exploit the trust or lack of knowledge or awareness of any donor in vulnerable circumstances.

Investment performance

Social investments are held for the purposes of the charitable objectives. During the year, the charity acquired further social investments of £1,762 but saw their overall values fall by £297,138. Other investments were left by legacy to the charity and have generated £3,533 in income and increased in value by £226.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The charity's income primarily comes from donations and legacies from individuals.

Reserves policy

The Trustees policy is to manage its expenditure according to the funds available for distribution at the time. Incoming resources are variable being dependent upon donations, legacies received and investment returns. Special projects are funded by appeals when required.

Reserves have been built up in the current year in anticipation of large project expenditure in the future.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

FUTURE PLANS

The charity plans to continue to support the Great Central Railway and assist with the appeal to restore a section of railway infrastructure north of Loughborough Central Railway Station as referred to above. It will also continue to assist with the restorations of locomotives and carriages and it also has plans to assist with further improvements to visitor facilities on the railway.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust dated 22 December 2003 and constitutes an unincorporated charity with the Charities Commission under number 1104839.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

When recruiting a new trustee consideration is given to the professional skills of the candidate together with their experience of railway matters.

Organisational structure

Decisions are made by the body of trustees.

The trustees possess a wide range of professional skills, and a considerable fund of knowledge about railway matters.

Day to day management has been delegated to Malcolm Freckelton.

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities at the time of appointment and kept informed of changes in the charity law and any matters affecting the governance of assets of the Trust.

Related parties

Mr C I Baines, a trustee of the charity throughout the year, became a director of Great Central Railway plc on 15 September 2017. To avoid any potential conflict of interest Mr C I Baines excluded himself from any meeting of the Trust where grants to Great Central Railway plc were being considered. Great Central Railway plc also use rolling stock owned by the Trust free of charge.

Risk management

The trustees have carried out an assessment of the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that ongoing management procedures are adequate.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charity will continue in business.

THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on18.....07-2025..... and signed on its behalf by:

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M Freckelton - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The David Clarke Railway Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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 charity'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.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

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 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 Report of the Trustees 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 Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

We have identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial experience, knowledge of the sector, a review of regulatory and legal correspondence and through discussions with Trustees and other key management obtained as part of the work required by auditing standards. We have also discussed with the Trustees and other key management the policies and procedures relating to compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated laws and regulations throughout the team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential impact of different laws and regulations varies considerably.

Firstly, the charity is subject to laws and regulations that directly impact the financial statements (for example financial reporting legislation) and we have assessed the extent of compliance with such laws as part of our financial statements audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements such as income recognition, as well as the risk of inappropriate journal entries to manipulate reported surplus/deficit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included the identification and testing of unusual material nominal ledger entries and challenging management on key assumptions and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements where applicable. We carried out detailed substantive testing on accounting estimates, including reviewing the methods and data used to make those estimates. We also carried out detailed substantive tests on material income streams, including reviewing the supporting documentation used to determine the recognition of income, ensuring it is consistent and recognised in the correct period.

Secondly, the charity is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequence for non-compliance could have a material effect on the amounts or disclosures in the financial statements. We identified the following area as most likely to have such an effect: Health and Safety regulations. There are no specific laws and regulations governing the charitable activities, aside from the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable accounting standards.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other key management and inspection. This inspection included reading minutes of meetings among those charged with governance and discussing with those charged with governance to confirm that to their knowledge they were not aware of any instances of non-compliance. Through these procedures, if we became aware of any non-compliance, we considered the impact on the procedures performed on the related financial statement items.

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. The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations 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. As with any audit, there is a greater risk of non-detection of irregularities as these may involve collusion, intentional omissions of 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.

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

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 15/7/2025

THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	701,393	822,724	1,524,117	1,883,819
Investment income	4	79,322	-	79,322	77,911
Total		<u>780,715</u>	<u>822,724</u>	<u>1,603,439</u>	<u>1,961,730</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	9,544	375	9,919	10,617
Charitable activities	6				
Restoration and maintenance of locomotives, carriages, railcars and other units		-	258,958	258,958	263,867
Supporting the linking or development of further sections of the Great Central Railway		5,753	224,298	230,051	780,223
Other activities		315,199	80,853	396,052	969,270
Total		<u>330,496</u>	<u>564,484</u>	<u>894,980</u>	<u>2,023,977</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(298,674)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(298,674)</u>	<u>(213,347)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		151,545	258,240	409,785	(275,594)
Transfers between funds	17	<u>(22,895)</u>	<u>22,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		128,650	281,135	409,785	(275,594)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,883,043	3,047,011	4,930,054	5,205,648
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>2,011,693</u></u>	<u><u>3,328,146</u></u>	<u><u>5,339,839</u></u>	<u><u>4,930,054</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	356,085	-	356,085	364,063
Heritage assets	12	83,396	572,446	655,842	445,781
Investments					
Investments	13	71,571	-	71,571	71,345
Social investments	14	939,767	-	939,767	1,236,905
		<u>1,450,819</u>	<u>572,446</u>	<u>2,023,265</u>	<u>2,118,094</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	70,076	79,042	149,118	309,984
Cash at bank		<u>553,666</u>	<u>2,819,391</u>	<u>3,373,057</u>	<u>2,638,081</u>
		<u>623,742</u>	<u>2,898,433</u>	<u>3,522,175</u>	<u>2,948,065</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(62,869)	(142,732)	(205,601)	(136,105)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>560,873</u>	<u>2,755,701</u>	<u>3,316,574</u>	<u>2,811,960</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,011,692</u>	<u>3,328,147</u>	<u>5,339,839</u>	<u>4,930,054</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,011,692</u>	<u>3,328,147</u>	<u>5,339,839</u>	<u>4,930,054</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				2,011,692	1,883,043
Restricted funds				<u>3,328,147</u>	<u>3,047,011</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>5,339,839</u>	<u>4,930,054</u>

The financial statements were approved the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18.07.2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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M Freckelton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE DAVID CLARKE RAILWAY TRUST

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	899,254	(576,351)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		899,254	(576,351)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of heritage assets		(243,600)	(250,000)
Purchase of social investments		-	(50,605)
Interest received		75,789	74,624
Dividends received		3,533	3,287
Net cash used in investing activities		(164,278)	(222,694)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		734,976	(799,045)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		2,638,081	3,437,126
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		3,373,057	2,638,081

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	409,785	(275,594)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	41,517	18,924
Losses on investments	298,674	213,347
Interest received	(75,789)	(74,624)
Dividends received	(3,533)	(3,287)
Social investments gifted to charity	(1,762)	(383,886)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	160,866	(150,422)
Increase in creditors	69,496	79,191
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>899,254</u>	<u>(576,351)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.10.23 £	Cash flow £	At 30.9.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>2,638,081</u>	<u>734,976</u>	<u>3,373,057</u>
	<u>2,638,081</u>	<u>734,976</u>	<u>3,373,057</u>
Total	<u>2,638,081</u>	<u>734,976</u>	<u>3,373,057</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The David Clarke Railway Trust is an unincorporated charity in England. The charity's registered number is 1104839. The charity's principal address is 3 Wharncliffe Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 1SL.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £.

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

The financial statements cover the individual entity.

The entity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There are no material uncertainties with going concern.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of various investments which are included at market value, modified to include certain items at fair value. This is explained in more detail in the investments accounting policy.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants and donations are recognised in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

Donated supplies and facilities are included as both income and expenditure within the relevant income and expenditure heading where quantified.

Legacies are included when notification of entitlement has been received from the executors or an agent thereof.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Refurbished expenditure on heritage assets is expensed to the statement of financial activities, rather than capitalised.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. Grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the trust.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at the following rates to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% p.a. on cost
Rolling stock	- 5% p.a. on cost
Locomotives	- 5% p.a. on cost
Equipment	- 20% p.a. on cost

Freehold land has not been depreciated.

Artefacts have not been depreciated.

Heritage assets

Heritage assets are recognised on the balance sheet and initially measured at cost when purchased or if donated, their valuation. Assets are subsequently stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Fair values for donated assets are estimated by reference to market prices.

Acquisitions only arise when donated to the charity or if it is believed that they will further the charity's objectives. Once acquired they will be preserved by the charity in order to keep their historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities to such a high level as to contribute to knowledge and culture. A register of all assets held by the charity is available and the assets themselves are accessible to the public with prior agreement. Heritage assets are to be held for the foreseeable future.

Investments

With the exception of the City of London Investment Trust Plc and the Barclays UK Equity Income (Series 2) Fund investments, none of the investments are listed on a recognised stock exchange.

The shares in Great Central Railway plc and Great Central Railway (Nottingham) Ltd are valued on an assets basis, having regard to the accounts of that company for the year ended 31 January 2024. Shares in Boscastle Locomotive Ltd are valued on an assets basis, having regard to the accounts of that company for the year ended 31 December 2023. Shares in Bolton Steam Locomotive Company Ltd are valued on an assets basis, having regard to the accounts of that company for the year ended 31 December 2024. Shares in the Mid Hants Railway Ltd are valued at par. Shares in the City of London Investment Trust Plc and the Barclays UK Equity Income (Series 2) Fund are valued at their market value at 30 September 2024.

Other shares are valued at cost.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial instruments

The charity has chosen to adopt the Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Basic financial assets, including trade and other debtors and cash and bank balances are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

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

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

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	852,875	1,330,337
Legacies	657,938	553,482
Prize draw receipts	13,304	-
	<u>1,524,117</u>	<u>1,883,819</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends	3,533	3,287
Bank interest	75,789	74,624
	<u>79,322</u>	<u>77,911</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other expenses	842	668
Support costs	9,077	9,949
	<u>9,919</u>	<u>10,617</u>

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities (see note 7) £	Totals £
Restoration and maintenance of locomotives, carriages, railcars and other units	-	258,958	258,958
Supporting the linking or development of further sections of the Great Central Railway	-	230,051	230,051
Other activities	70,245	325,807	396,052
	<u>70,245</u>	<u>814,816</u>	<u>885,061</u>

Charitable activities costs include payments to the auditor of £15,544 (2023 - £17,851) for accounts preparation and audit fees.

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024 £	2023 £
Restoration and maintenance of locomotives, carriages, railcars and other units	258,958	263,867
Supporting the linking or development of further sections of the Great Central Railway	230,051	780,223
Other activities	325,807	926,825
	<u>814,816</u>	<u>1,970,915</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Great Central Railway Plc & supporting institutions	<u>814,816</u>	<u>1,970,915</u>

The grants figure does not include any support costs. Other activities relate to preservation or activities offering educational and operational experiences of a railway nature. It also includes governance costs such as audit and accountancy fees and other professional fees in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 (effective 1 January 2019).

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £
Raising donations and legacies	<u>9,077</u>

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	998,762	885,057	1,883,819
Investment income	77,911	-	77,911
Total	1,076,673	885,057	1,961,730
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	10,617	-	10,617
Charitable activities			
Restoration and maintenance of locomotives, carriages, railcars and other units	-	263,867	263,867
Supporting the linking or development of further sections of the Great Central Railway	780,223	-	780,223
Other activities	907,877	61,393	969,270
Total	1,698,717	325,260	2,023,977
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(213,347)	-	(213,347)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(835,391)	559,797	(275,594)
Transfers between funds	(66,202)	66,202	-
Net movement in funds	(901,593)	625,999	(275,594)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,784,636	2,421,012	5,205,648
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,883,043	3,047,011	4,930,054

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Equipment and vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024	468,922	1,124	470,046
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 October 2023	104,859	1,124	105,983
Charge for year	7,978	-	7,978
At 30 September 2024	112,837	1,124	113,961
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 September 2024	356,085	-	356,085
At 30 September 2023	364,063	-	364,063

Freehold property is valued at cost.

12. HERITAGE ASSETS

	Artefacts £	Locomotives £	Rolling stock £	Total £
COST				
At 1 October 2023	18,067	480,589	74,994	573,650
Additions	-	180,000	63,600	243,600
At 30 September 2024	18,067	660,589	138,594	817,250
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2023	-	57,374	70,495	127,869
Charge for year	-	30,767	2,772	33,539
At 30 September 2024	-	88,142	73,265	161,408
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2024	18,067	572,447	65,329	655,842
At 30 September 2023	18,067	423,215	4,499	445,781

Heritage assets and equipment are valued at cost. Capitalisation of Heritage Assets is dependent on the type and longevity of the asset.

Rolling Stock consists of coaches and wagons, which are not less than 30 years old.

The locomotives comprise a Hall Class locomotive, Witherslack Hall, Ex British Railways Class 9F locomotive, and a British Rail Class 8F steam locomotive.

The artefacts are numerous and are all of historic railway interest.

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13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2023	71,345
Revaluations	226
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At 30 September 2024	71,571
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2024	71,571
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At 30 September 2023	71,345
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There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 30 September 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2024	71,571
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14. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2023	1,236,905
Additions	1,762
Revaluations	(298,900)
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At 30 September 2024	939,767
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2024	939,767
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At 30 September 2023	1,236,905
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14. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS - continued

	2024 £	2023 £
Shares:		
Great Central Railway Plc	912,838	1,210,770
Loughborough Standard Locomotives Group Ltd	2,551	2,551
Boscastle Locomotive Ltd	2,164	2,269
Thompson B1 Locomotive Ltd	1,250	1,250
Dart Valley Plc	195	195
Bluebell Railway Plc	100	100
Peak Rail Plc	100	100
Bolton Steam Locomotive Ltd	17,051	16,151
Mid Hants Railway Ltd	20	20
Jurassica Oil & Gas Plc	1,000	1,000
Allied Gold Resources Plc	2,000	2,000
Great Central Railway (Nottingham) Ltd	499	499
	<u>939,768</u>	<u>1,236,905</u>

Participating Interest

Company	Country of Incorporation	Shares	Percentage Held	Year End	Capital & Reserves	Loss for Year
Great Central Railway Plc	England & Wales	Ordinary Shares of 25p	44.64%	31 Jan 2024	£2,060,288	(£704,109)

Cost or valuation at 30 September 2024 is represented by:

	Equity £
Valuation in 2024	<u>939,767</u>

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	17,334
Gift aid	103,005	92,650
Prepayments and accrued income	46,113	200,000
	<u>149,118</u>	<u>309,984</u>

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16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	186,006	117,536
Accrued expenses	19,595	18,569
	<u>205,601</u>	<u>136,105</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,480,756	149,989	(136,442)	1,494,303
A60 Bridge	402,287	1,555	113,547	517,389
	<u>1,883,043</u>	<u>151,544</u>	<u>(22,895)</u>	<u>2,011,692</u>
Restricted funds				
Windcutter Project	1,163	(2,578)	1,415	-
Signal & Telegraph	15,338	300	-	15,638
Carriage Repainting	44,621	(17,917)	17,917	44,621
8F Locomotive	175,170	(12,854)	-	162,316
Loughborough Standard Locomotives Group Ltd	12,688	(6,676)	-	6,012
Renaissance Railcars	1,992	2,369	-	4,361
Witherslack Hall Locomotive	150,011	26,495	-	176,506
Boscastle Restoration	12,207	(6,922)	-	5,285
GCR 567 Locomotive Group	83,990	(8,089)	-	75,901
Mountsorrel Railway	2,084	(2,084)	-	-
Bridging the Gap	2,078,104	378,487	(98,114)	2,358,477
Oliver Cromwell	2,255	(105,667)	103,412	-
Double Track Project	1,000	-	-	1,000
Carriage Workshop	74,127	5,550	-	79,677
Gallery	1,824	-	-	1,824
Rothley Station	33,575	3,500	-	37,075
Separator	78,449	-	-	78,449
Emporium	-	10,849	(10,849)	-
Loughborough Locomotive Shed	100,543	(109,657)	9,114	-
O4 Restoration	10,536	-	-	10,536
9F Locomotive	167,334	103,135	-	270,469
	<u>3,047,011</u>	<u>258,241</u>	<u>22,895</u>	<u>3,328,147</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,930,054</u>	<u>409,785</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,339,839</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	773,406	(324,743)	(298,674)	149,989
A60 Bridge	7,309	(5,754)	-	1,555
	<u>780,715</u>	<u>(330,497)</u>	<u>(298,674)</u>	<u>151,544</u>
Restricted funds				
Windcutter Project	763	(3,341)	-	(2,578)
Signal & Telegraph	300	-	-	300
Carriage Repainting	125	(18,042)	-	(17,917)
8F Locomotive	15,726	(28,580)	-	(12,854)
Loughborough Standard Locomotives Group Ltd	12,116	(18,792)	-	(6,676)
Renaissance Railcars	6,869	(4,500)	-	2,369
Witherslack Hall Locomotive	29,274	(2,779)	-	26,495
Boscastle Restoration	1,578	(8,500)	-	(6,922)
GCR 567 Locomotive Group	14,153	(22,242)	-	(8,089)
Mountsorrel Railway	-	(2,084)	-	(2,084)
Bridging the Gap	603,160	(224,673)	-	378,487
Oliver Cromwell	-	(105,667)	-	(105,667)
Carriage Workshop	-	5,550	-	5,550
Rothley Station	3,500	-	-	3,500
Emporium	10,849	-	-	10,849
Loughborough Locomotive Shed	4,943	(114,600)	-	(109,657)
9F Locomotive	119,368	(16,233)	-	103,135
	<u>822,724</u>	<u>(564,483)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,241</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,603,439</u>	<u>(894,980)</u>	<u>(298,674)</u>	<u>409,785</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,068,955	(61,916)	(526,283)	1,480,756
A60 Bridge	715,681	(773,475)	460,081	402,287
	<u>2,784,636</u>	<u>(835,391)</u>	<u>(66,202)</u>	<u>1,883,043</u>
Restricted funds				
Windcutter Project	1,219	(56)	-	1,163
Signal & Telegraph	4,147	8,831	2,360	15,338
Carriage Repainting	46,779	(57,454)	55,296	44,621
8F Locomotive	184,645	(9,475)	-	175,170
Loughborough Standard Locomotives Group Ltd	6,831	5,857	-	12,688
Renaissance Railcars	5,507	(3,515)	-	1,992
Witherslack Hall Locomotive	189,212	(39,201)	-	150,011
Boscastle Restoration	9,674	2,533	-	12,207
GCR 567 Locomotive Group	76,768	7,222	-	83,990
Mountsorrel Railway	5,208	(3,124)	-	2,084
Bridging the Gap	1,396,555	675,258	6,291	2,078,104
Oliver Cromwell	-	-	2,255	2,255
Double Track Project	1,000	-	-	1,000
Carriage Workshop	79,677	(5,550)	-	74,127
Gallery	1,824	-	-	1,824
Rothley Station	28,000	5,575	-	33,575
Separator	78,449	-	-	78,449
Loughborough Locomotive Shed	294,981	(194,438)	-	100,543
O4 Restoration	10,536	-	-	10,536
9F Locomotive	-	167,334	-	167,334
	<u>2,421,012</u>	<u>559,797</u>	<u>66,202</u>	<u>3,047,011</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,205,648</u>	<u>(275,594)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,930,054</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,069,925	(918,494)	(213,347)	(61,916)
A60 Bridge	6,748	(780,223)	-	(773,475)
	<u>1,076,673</u>	<u>(1,698,717)</u>	<u>(213,347)</u>	<u>(835,391)</u>
Restricted funds				
Windcutter Project	632	(688)	-	(56)
Signal & Telegraph	11,841	(3,010)	-	8,831
Carriage Repainting	-	(57,454)	-	(57,454)
8F Locomotive	-	(9,475)	-	(9,475)
Loughborough Standard Locomotives Group Ltd	7,452	(1,595)	-	5,857
Renaissance Railcars	300	(3,815)	-	(3,515)
Witherslack Hall Locomotive	301	(39,502)	-	(39,201)
Boscastle Restoration	2,533	-	-	2,533
GCR 567 Locomotive Group	13,254	(6,032)	-	7,222
Mountsorrel Railway	251	(3,375)	-	(3,124)
Bridging the Gap	675,258	-	-	675,258
Carriage Workshop	-	(5,550)	-	(5,550)
Rothley Station	5,575	-	-	5,575
Loughborough Locomotive Shed	326	(194,764)	-	(194,438)
9F Locomotive	167,334	-	-	167,334
	<u>885,057</u>	<u>(325,260)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>559,797</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,961,730</u>	<u>(2,023,977)</u>	<u>(213,347)</u>	<u>(275,594)</u>

Designated Funds (unrestricted)

The A60 Bridge Fund has been set up to assist with the funding of the repair or renewal of the railway overbridge adjacent to the renewed bridge over the midland mainline.

Restricted Funds

The Windcutter Project Fund was set up to aid the Windcutter wagons project, being the acquisition and maintenance of these wagons, now owned by the Trust.

The Signal and Telegraph Fund was set up to aid improvements to the Signal and Telegraph installations at the Great Central Railway.

The Carriage Repainting Fund was set up to aid the repainting of a rake of coaches for use on the Great Central Railway.

The 8F Locomotive Standard Locomotives Group Fund was set up to assist in the purchase of a half share of the Locomotive 8F No.48305 and its subsequent operation.

The Loughborough Standard Locomotives Group Fund was set up to aid the restoration and maintenance of specific locomotives based on the Great Central Railway.

The Renaissance Railcars Fund was set up to aid the restoration and maintenance of diesel railcar units based on the Great Central Railway.

The Witherslack Hall Fund was set up to aid the restoration and maintenance of this locomotive, owned by the Trust.

The Boscastle Restoration Fund was set up to assist with the restoration of 34039 Boscastle.

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The GCR 567 Locomotive Group Fund was set up to assist with the building of a 'brand new' Great Central Railway Class 2 locomotive.

The Mountsorrel Railway Fund was set up to develop the Mountsorrel branch line.

The Bridging the Gap Fund was set up to aid the linking of the Loughborough to Leicester and Loughborough to Ruddington sections of the Great Central Railway.

The Oliver Cromwell Fund was set up to provide funds towards restorational upkeep of this locomotive, which is part of the National Collection.

The Double Track Project Fund was set up to provide double-track rail between Loughborough and Rothley.

The Carriage Workshop Fund was set up to aid the restoration of carriage restoration works.

The Gallery Fund was set up to aid the conversion of the old parcel office into a viewing area and reception.

The Rothley Station Fund was set up to hold monies for use at Rothley station.

The Separator Fund was set up to assist with the provision of a new reverse osmosis plant and separator to collect pollutants in the ground from the loco shed preparation area.

The Loughborough Locomotive Shed Fund was set up to provide increased facilities for locomotive restoration and the visitor viewing area.

The O4 Restoration Fund was set up to provide funds towards restorational upkeep of this locomotive, which is part of the National Collection.

The 9F Locomotive Fund was set up to assist in the purchase of the Ex British Railways Class 9F Locomotive No.92214 and its subsequent operation.

Transfers between funds

The transfers into restricted funds represent unrestricted fund monies utilised to finance restricted funds.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Mr C I Baines, a trustee of the charity, was also a director of Great Central Railway plc. During the year the Trust paid grants amounting to £782,358 (2023: £1,952,901) to Great Central Railway plc. The charity also purchased shares in Great Central Railway plc during the year, costing £1,762 (2023: £50,000). To avoid any potential conflict of interest Mr C I Baines excluded himself from any meeting of the Trust where grants to Great Central Railway plc were being considered. During the year Great Central Railway plc also used rolling stock owned by the Trust free of charge.

At 30 September 2024 the David Clarke Railway Trust were owed £NIL (2023: £17,334) by Great Central Railway Plc.

At 30 September 2024 the David Clarke Railway Trust owed £186,005 (2023: £34,536) to Great Central Railway plc.

During the year the charity also purchased the remaining 50% of Locomotive 8F from Great Central Railway PLC for £180,000. The charity purchased the other half of this Locomotive in a previous year.

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19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is controlled by the Trustees.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amount of the charity's financial instruments are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets that are equity instruments measured at fair value through net income / expenditure:		
Fixed asset listed investments (note 13)	71,571	71,345
Social investments (note 14)	939,767	1,236,905

The income, expenses, net gains and net losses attributable to the charity's financial instruments are summarised as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net gains and losses (including changes in fair value)		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income / expenditure	(298,674)	(213,347)

The total interest income and interest expense for financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value through the income statement was £NIL (2023 - £NIL) for both financial assets and liabilities respectively.

21. CONTINGENT ASSETS

As at the reporting date, the charity has a contingent asset of £51,000 (2023 - £282,199). This relates to legacies notified before the year end but at that time the amount was uncertain and therefore has not been recognised in the financial statements in accordance with the Charities SORP.