

# EAST SOMERSET SOCIETY OF MODEL AND EXPERIMENTAL ENGINEERS (LTD)

England & Wales · Charity number 1122635

## Details

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**Other names** ESSMEE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [06208865](#)

**Registered** 2008-02-06

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF MODELS OF ENGINEERING IN PARTICULAR THROUGH PROVISION OF TALKS, PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND FACILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND RUNNING ENGINEERING MODELS.

**Activities:** Design, building and upkeep of the railway's infrastructure. Construction and maintenance of various locomotive types and rolling stock. Educational talks for members. Education and training of young people in the building and running the railway. Public running days for members of the public. Open Weekends for members of other model engineering societies.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** SOMERSET
- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,063	£24,733	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,040	£23,416	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,292	£25,805	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,098	£8,715	-	-
2021-03-31	£9,995	£5,467	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Leslie Hutfield		2024-04-27
George White		2025-01-11
Graham Hayman		2023-09-15
Kevin John Grimes		2025-05-14
Simon Neath		2024-04-27
Stuart Graham Bond		2025-05-14

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# Accounts

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# **Trustees' Annual Report for East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Ltd.**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## **Charity Information**

Charity name: East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Ltd.

Charity Registration Number: 1122635

Registered Address: The Royal Bath and West Showground,

Shepton Mallet

Somerset

BA4 6QN

## **Trustees**

- George White (Chair)
- Simon Neath (Treasurer)
- Alan Hutfield (Secretary)
- Stuart Bond
- Graham Hayman
- Kevin Grimes

## **Independent Examiner**

Tidy Numbers Ltd. 20a-30 Abington Street, Northampton, England, NN1 2AJ

## **Bankers**

CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA

## **Objectives and Activities**

Charitable Purpose:

The advancement of public education through the construction and operation of models of engineering

Activities Undertaken:

During the financial year the charity carried out the following key activities to further its charitable objectives:

- Gave nearly 6,000 model train rides to the general public during the Royal Bath and West show, on a mixture of steam diesel and electric locomotives made by the charity members. Members were also on hand to answer any questions from the public.
- Ran the railway for a number of private closed events operated by the show ground.
- The railway running days raised £22,224 to support our initiatives.
- Gave engine driver training days to members of the public who applied.
- Gave free train rides to the pupils parents and teachers of a number of local primary schools as part of local community engagement programme
- Continued to grow and develop the junior club for under 16's. A number of the juniors are now building their own steam engines with all materials and training supplied and funding by the charity
- The railway has become a member of the Men's Shed organisation to increase awareness on opportunity for membership and participation.
- Ran a number of Santa special trains in December for local families to enjoy.

## Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to consider the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers directly benefit the public by Education and training of young people in the building and running the railway. Running days for members of the public. Open Weekends for members of other model engineering societies.

## Financial Review

Income and Expenditure:

The charity received a total income of £27,063 primarily from public running. Expenditure totalled £24,733, with the main costs being:

- Site rent insurance and maintenance £13,663
- Building and maintaining engineering models £4,132
- Administrative and operational costs £6,938

Reserves Policy:

At the end of the year the charity held reserves of £34,662. The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover three months operating costs to ensure financial stability and the ability to continue activities in unforeseen circumstances.

Fundraising Activities

The charity raised funds through a combination of

- Public running £ 22,224

- Subscriptions £3,140
- Donations £1,674
- Interest £25

East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers adheres to ethical fundraising standards and maintains transparency in all financial dealings.

## **Structure, Governance, and management**

Governing Document:

East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers is governed by a charitable trust deed adopted on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Trustee Recruitment:

Trustees are recruited based on their expertise and commitment to the charity's mission.

Risk Management:

The trustees conduct regular risk assessments and have implemented measures to mitigate financial, operating, and safeguarding risks. The charity maintains appropriate insurance coverage for liabilities.

## **Plans for the Future**

In the coming year East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers aims to:

- Expand the junior membership and activities.
- Purchase a second steam locomotive for public running
- Improve club facilities to improve the member experience

## **Trustees Responsibilities Statement**

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records, safeguarding assets, and preparing financial statements that provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial status.

This report was approved by the trustees on 24 January 2026

George White

Chairman



Charity Name : East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Ltd.	Charity No	1122635		
	Company No	6208865		
<b>Annual accounts for the period</b>				
Period start date	<b>01/04/2024</b>	<b>To</b>	Period end date	31/03/2025

## Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
<b>Income (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	S01	4,814	-	-	4,814	4,186
Charitable activities	S02	22,224	-	-	22,224	19,592
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	25	-	-	25	262
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S07	<b>27,063</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,063</b>	<b>24,040</b>
<b>Expenditure (Notes 6)</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	24,733	-	-	24,733	19,103
Separate material expense item	S10					
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	S12	<b>24,733</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,733</b>	<b>19,103</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period</b>						
	S13	2,330	-	-	2,330	4,937
Tax payable	S14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)</b>						
	S15	2,330	-	-	2,330	4,937
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S16	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items</b>						
	S17	2,330	-	-	2,330	4,937
<b>Transfers between funds</b>						
	S18	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S20	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S21	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>						
	S22	2,330	-	-	2,330	4,937
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward	S23	43,051	-	-	43,051	38,114
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	S24	<b>45,381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,381</b>	<b>43,051</b>

## **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of East Somerset Society of Model and Experimental Engineers Ltd,

On accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity no.:1122635

Company no.: 06208865

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity'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.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention

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.

Signed

Date

Name

Relevant professional

Qualification

Address