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Company registration number 07065498

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### Trustees

Mr R Scott  
Mr P Young  
Mrs R A Phillips  
Mr R N Davidson  
Dr J Forkes  
Ms B Exton  
Mr A Caulfield  
Mr A Smith (Co-opted)  
Mr D Burch (Co-opted)

### Secretary

Mr J Woodall

### Charity number

1133186

### Company number

07065498

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# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

#### Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are to support and/or maintain the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway as a living museum for the benefit of the public. In furtherance of these objects the charity may;

- Make grants to organisations that contribute to the operation of the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway as a living museum, including organisations that restore locomotives or carriages or other equipment.
- Acquire and preserve railway locomotives, railway carriages and other items of rolling stock and associated equipment.
- Restore and house such locomotives, carriages or other rolling stock and equipment and put them on display, loan or hire them so they may be used if practicable and make suitable arrangements for their continued preservation as far as possible.
- Publish or support the publication of books, articles or other material or otherwise to promote interest in Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway as a living museum.
- Accept gifts, donations, legacies and bequests of assets on any terms.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing its aim and objectives, and in planning future activities.

#### Achievements and performance

The charity made a deficit for the year of £84,491 (2024: deficit of £97,004) with unrestricted reserves of £585,056 (2024: £607,424) and restricted reserves of £184,832 (2024: £246,955).

#### Financial review

##### Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain enough reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately 3 months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. Where the level of free reserves is in excess of this level the charity aims to use any surpluses to fund projects run by or in support of the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway or purchase assets for the railway.

Excess monies not required for the day to day running of the charity are invested in bank deposit accounts to provide a higher rate of return.

Restricted funds include monies raised specifically for the Viewing Gallery and other future projects.

#### Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees consider that the investment in the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc is an appropriate investment to enable the company to achieve its objectives.

#### Risk management

The Trustees identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and establish systems to mitigate those risks. The Charity is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### Chairman's report and review of the period

At the beginning of the year the repair of the Railway's viaduct was well underway. You will by no doubt recall that this work was funded by Phase 1 of our Viaduct Appeal. In addition to the replacement of the waterproof membrane across the head of the viaduct the parapet walls had to be stabilised. This was achieved by tying them into the new waterproof deck by cables attached to the walls and to reinforcement within the concrete. This additional work was paid for by way of a Grant funded by our general reserves.

Our appeal for repairs to the viaduct remains open. During the period of this review the structure has been allowed to dry out, something the Railway's engineers were keen to achieve. By coincidence the Viaduct was also inspected by external engineers, something that happens every six years, and while their report has been received, as I write (early March) we await details of the revised cost of the brickwork repairs and the timescales in which they need to be achieved. Once we have this number we can expect an announcement by the Trustees on the Appeal.

As I reported last year, the team of volunteers continues to make excellent progress with the new buildings on Platform 2 at Broadway, which is another high-profile project funded by the Trust.

At the very beginning of the period, we Grant funded the stabilisation of the embankment just north of Toddington, work which included the provision of new drainage channels.

Work has been completed during the year of the new Signal and Telegraph workshop at Winchcombe. This is another project, reported on last year, funded by the Trust.

We have also funded the repair of the wing walls to Bridge 10, north of Toddington, and stabilisation of the embankment. This work was completed during the closed season 2024/25. Work like this is essential to maintain the sustainability of the GWSR as without it we could suffer the kind of embankment failures we have suffered in the past and more recently suffered by another heritage railway.

Through kind donations specifically for the projects, we were able to fund the new fence installed by our volunteers on the road adjacent to the Station at Toddington and the purchase of a BR Mark 1 open first coach.

Just as the period under review ended, we were asked to fund the purchase and planting of new trees along the GWSR. This is something we were happy to do as the trees will enhance our visitor experience and confirms our commitment to the sustainability of the environment in which the railway operates.

During the later period covered by this review we accepted the resignation of our Financial Director, Maurice Hall. Maurice has served us well in this role for a number of years and we thank him for his dedication to keeping our Finances in good order. Maurice also kept the books for us to the end of the Financial Year and prepared our accounts for Audit for which we are truly grateful. Maurice was also our Cross Board Director, serving on the GWSR Plc Board. We have not rushed to fill the Cross Board vacancy, but I expect that we will have announced our intentions by the time of the AGM.

The Board received several responses to our request for expressions of interest in the role and after careful consideration we have asked David Burch to take on the role of our Finance Director. David has considerable experience in running the financial affairs of several business and charities and has also been Finance Director on another steam Railway.

We have had a vacancy for a Trustee for some time and after careful consideration we have asked Andy Smith to join us with the remit of developing a strategy of improving the visitor experience to the living museum which the Railway supports.

Both David and Andy are standing for election at the AGM with full support of your Board.

# **GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

### **Future developments**

The Charity continues its joint venture with the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc to raise funds for the future expansion of the railway.

### **Structure, governance and management**

#### **Governing document**

The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R Scott

Mr P Young

Mrs R A Phillips

Mr M Hall

(Resigned 14 September 2024)

Mr R N Davidson

Dr J Forkes

Ms B Exton

Mr A Caulfield

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Trustees, who are also directors are appointed by ordinary resolution or by the existing directors.

### **Organisational structure**

The Trustees are responsible for managing the charity. Responsibilities for some functions are delegated to individuals as they see fit.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New Trustees are provided with information from the Charity Commission explaining the duties and responsibilities of trustees, together with a copy of the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway Trust for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

### **Auditor**

The auditors, Ormerod Rutter Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance in accordance with Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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**Mr P Young**

Trustee

Dated: .....

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 January 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2025 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the 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 auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; 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, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the 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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

Based on our understanding of the charitable company, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations including those that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements and the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. Audit procedures performed included discussions with management, review of board meeting minutes, testing of journals, designing and performing audit procedures and challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in relation to accounting estimates.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.



# **GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST**

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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

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

**Garry Rutter FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**Ormerod Rutter Limited**

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**Chartered Accountants**

**Statutory Auditor**

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Ormerod Rutter Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	335,739	93,985	429,724	282,225	395,011	677,236
Other trading activities	4	7,379	6,260	13,639	6,130	7,053	13,183
Investments	5	13,252	-	13,252	23,878	-	23,878
<b>Total income</b>		<u>356,370</u>	<u>100,245</u>	<u>456,615</u>	<u>312,233</u>	<u>402,064</u>	<u>714,297</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	17,138	-	17,138	16,532	-	16,532
Charitable activities	7	361,600	162,368	523,968	590,545	204,224	794,769
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>378,738</u>	<u>162,368</u>	<u>541,106</u>	<u>607,077</u>	<u>204,224</u>	<u>811,301</u>
<b>Net expenditure and movement in funds</b>		(22,368)	(62,123)	(84,491)	(294,844)	197,840	(97,004)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 February 2024		<u>607,424</u>	<u>246,955</u>	<u>854,379</u>	<u>902,268</u>	<u>49,115</u>	<u>951,383</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 January 2025</b>		<u>585,056</u>	<u>184,832</u>	<u>769,888</u>	<u>607,424</u>	<u>246,955</u>	<u>854,379</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		7,906		12,759
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	17	77,086		21,854	
Cash at bank and in hand		796,537		1,178,791	
		873,623		1,200,645	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(111,641)		(359,025)	
Net current assets			761,982		841,620
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			769,888		854,379
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	20		184,832		246,955
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	21	166,751		398,662	
General unrestricted funds		418,305		208,762	
			585,056		607,424
			769,888		854,379

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2025, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

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Mr P Young  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07065498

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	24		(395,506)		41,138
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(1,575)	
Investment income received		13,252		23,878	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			13,252		22,303
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(382,254)		63,441
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,178,791		1,115,350
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			796,537		1,178,791

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Churchward House, Winchcombe Railway Station, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, GL54 5LD, United Kingdom.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are a portion of the unrestricted funds of the reporting charity that has been set aside for a particular purpose by the trustees.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

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.

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.

Raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading.

The presentation of charitable activities flows from the charity's vision and purpose.

Grants awarded in furtherance of the charity's objects are recognised as a note as soon as the charity has notified the recipient of the award.

Governance costs comprise all costs identified as wholly or mainly attributable to ensuring the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation. These costs include external audit and legal costs.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer software	- 20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method 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. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Impairment of financial assets**

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

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 net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

##### **Derecognition of financial assets**

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

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 operations from suppliers. Amounts 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.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### 1.10 Investments

Investments are stated at deemed market value.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	38,087	93,985	132,072	39,817	395,011	434,828
Legacies	224,756	-	224,756	203,718	-	203,718
Membership fees	72,896	-	72,896	38,690	-	38,690
	<u>335,739</u>	<u>93,985</u>	<u>429,724</u>	<u>282,225</u>	<u>395,011</u>	<u>677,236</u>

### 4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising events	<u>7,379</u>	<u>6,260</u>	<u>13,639</u>	<u>6,130</u>	<u>7,053</u>	<u>13,183</u>

### 5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>13,252</u>	<u>23,878</u>



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### 6 Raising funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Computer costs	7,099	6,843
Postage, printing and stationery	3,614	3,623
Sundries	1,572	1,203
Depreciation and impairment	4,853	4,863
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Fundraising and publicity	17,138	16,532
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	17,138	16,532
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<b>For the year ended 31 January 2024</b>		
Fundraising and publicity		16,532
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### 7 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising prizes	3,258	4,038
Insurance	841	830
Magazine postage and packaging	32,533	40,834
Bank charges	2,416	4,761
Sundries	1,917	2,057
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	40,965	52,520
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Grant funding of activities (see note 10)	477,990	733,367
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	5,013	8,882
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	523,968	794,769
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### 8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance costs	5,013	8,882
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<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Charitable activities	5,013	8,882
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

### 8 Support costs allocated to activities (Continued)

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		
Audit fees	2,975	3,133
Legal and professional	568	3,791
AGM costs	1,470	1,958
	<u>5,013</u>	<u>8,882</u>

### 9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
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The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	2,975	3,133
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	4,853	4,863
	<u>7,828</u>	<u>8,000</u>

### 10 Grants payable

	2025 £	2024 £
Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc	<u>477,990</u>	<u>733,367</u>

In the event of Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc ceasing to operate, all grants made would be recoverable against assets held by Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc.

### 11 Trustees

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st January 2025 nor for the year ended 31st January 2024.

During the year, 4 trustees were reimbursed expenses of £1,237 in relation to stationary, IT cost and premises expenses. In 2024, 3 trustees were reimbursed expenses of £754 in relation to stationary, IT costs, premises expenses and promotional items.

### 12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

### 12 Employees (Continued)

### 13 Auditor's remuneration

The analysis of auditor's remuneration is as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit of the charity's annual accounts	2,975	3,133

### 14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 15 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer software £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 February 2024	10,959	20,672	31,631
Disposals	(1,739)	(5,522)	(7,261)
At 31 January 2025	9,220	15,150	24,370
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 February 2024	9,113	9,759	18,872
Depreciation charged in the year	1,846	3,007	4,853
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(1,739)	(5,522)	(7,261)
At 31 January 2025	9,220	7,244	16,464
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 January 2025	-	7,906	7,906
At 31 January 2024	1,846	10,913	12,759

### 16 Fixed asset investments

Total shares received as gifts during the year amounted to 11,558 (2024: 19,265).

The total of shares held in Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway Plc amount to 453,300 (2024: 442,430).

The total shares held in Severn Valley Railway (Holdings) Plc amount to 1,282 (2024: 1,282).

The total shares held in Great Central Railway Plc amount to 688 (2024: nil).

The directors are of the opinion that the deemed market value of investments is £nil (2024: £nil).

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### 17 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	189	20,227
Prepayments and accrued income	76,897	1,627
	<u>77,086</u>	<u>21,854</u>

### 18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	42,480	285,585
Accruals and deferred income	69,161	73,440
	<u>111,641</u>	<u>359,025</u>

Included within accruals and deferred income is deferred income of £65,829 (2024: £70,215). This comprises income received in relation to future periods from members who have subscribed to 1 or 3 year memberships.

	£
Balance as at 1st February 2024	70,215
Amount released to subscription income	(40,078)
Amount deferred in year	<u>35,692</u>
Balance as at 31st January 2025	<u>65,829</u>

### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
<b>At 31 January 2025:</b>			
Tangible assets	7,906	-	7,906
Net current assets/(liabilities)	<u>577,150</u>	<u>184,832</u>	<u>761,982</u>
	<u>585,056</u>	<u>184,832</u>	<u>769,888</u>

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### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 January 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	12,759	-	12,759
Net current assets/(liabilities)	594,665	246,955	841,620
	<u>607,424</u>	<u>246,955</u>	<u>854,379</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

#### 20 Restricted funds

The funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds				Balance at 31 January 2025 £
	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Viewing gallery	26,249	3,606	-	29,855	2,997	-	-	32,852
Locomotive welfare building, volunteers' donations	5,682	1,300	(476)	6,506	656	(2,366)	-	4,796
Friends of Winchcombe Station	1,789	-	(1,277)	512	-	-	-	512
Carriage & wagon fund	3,220	550	(2,053)	1,717	-	-	-	1,717
Toddington fence	-	-	-	-	5,000	(2,832)	-	2,168
Bridge 8 appeal	4,175	-	(4,175)	-	-	-	-	-
Winchcombe canopy	3,000	600	(1,876)	1,724	400	(2,124)	-	-
Coach donation	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Viaduct appeal	-	363,000	(187,396)	175,604	59,767	(130,546)	(96,781)	8,044
Viaduct appeal phase 2	-	21,383	-	21,383	-	-	96,781	118,164
Coach 3127	-	-	-	-	23,000	(23,000)	-	-
Broadway shop	-	6,250	(6,250)	-	-	-	-	-
Permanent way tool fund	-	5,375	(721)	4,654	8,425	(1,500)	-	11,579
	49,115	402,064	(204,224)	246,955	100,245	(162,368)	-	184,832

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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### 20 Restricted funds

(Continued)

#### **Viewing**

A fund to enable the viewing of the maintenance of engines in the diesel and steam shed at Toddington.

gallery

#### **Locomotive welfare building, volunteers' donations**

An amount funded by the steam department for the fit out of the locomotive building once it has been built.

#### **Friends of Winchcombe Station**

This fund represents a donations to be used by the Friends of Winchcombe Station.

#### **Carriage & wagon fund**

A fund set up for the carriage and wagon team.

#### **Bridge 8 appeal**

Funds for Broadway to Toddington bridge repairs. The fundraising appeal exceeded the initial target amount and it has been agreed with donors that these funds could be used on the nearby Bridge 10, also in need of repair.

#### **Winchcombe canopy**

Funds for general repairs to canopy.

#### **Coach donation**

Funds for buffet coach refurbishment.

#### **Viaduct appeal**

Funds for repairs to Stanway viaduct.

#### **Viaduct appeal - phase 2**

Funds for further repairs to Stanway Viaduct,

#### **Broadway shop**

Funds for a wooden building on the platform for a shop.

#### **Permanent way tool fund**

Funds for the permanent way in relation to donations received from volunteers for purchasing equipment.

#### **Coach 3127**

A generous donation enabled the purchase of this coach to provide first class accommodation in one of the carriage sets.

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

#### 21 Designated funds

The funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				Balance at 31 January 2025 £
	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Railway catering fund	4,709	-	(526)	-	4,184	-	-	-	4,184
3rd welfare building grant	15,691	-	-	(15,691)	-	-	-	-	-
RBR 1675	38,086	-	(4,914)	-	33,172	-	(33,172)	-	-
Broadway PA	771	-	(771)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stanway Viaduct	2,054	-	-	-	2,054	-	-	-	2,054
Broadway resurfacing	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Broadway rebuild	223,626	-	(20,363)	(85,000)	118,263	438	(25,472)	30,000	123,229
Bridge 32	83,097	-	(80,925)	-	2,172	-	(2,172)	-	-
Usk building	4,220	-	(650)	(3,570)	-	-	-	-	-
S & T building	210,000	-	(52,366)	-	157,634	-	(146,699)	-	10,935
Roller doors	12,000	-	(9,594)	(2,406)	-	-	-	-	-
River Isbourne	-	88,000	(86,181)	(1,819)	-	-	-	-	-
Parapet repairs	-	251,000	(269,817)	85,000	66,183	-	(30,121)	(28,687)	7,375
Toddington slip - phase 1	-	-	-	-	-	17,000	(7,850)	(9,150)	-
Toddington slip - phase 2	-	-	-	-	-	32,000	(27,657)	(4,343)	-
Bridge 10	-	-	-	-	-	46,000	(42,480)	-	3,520
Usk Hut completion	-	-	-	-	-	454	-	-	454
	<u>609,254</u>	<u>339,000</u>	<u>(526,107)</u>	<u>(23,486)</u>	<u>398,662</u>	<u>95,892</u>	<u>(315,623)</u>	<u>(12,180)</u>	<u>166,751</u>



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### 21 Designated funds

(Continued)

#### **Railway catering services**

A fund set up by a group of members for occasional catering purchases.

#### **3rd welfare building grant**

This is an additional fund for the welfare building.

#### **RBR 1675**

Funds for refurbishing the restaurant car.

#### **Broadway PA**

Funds for the purchase and installation of a Public Address System at Broadway.

#### **Stanway viaduct**

Funds to cover repair costs at Stanway viaduct.

#### **Broadway resurfacing**

Funds for the resurfacing work on Platform 2 at Broadway.

#### **Broadway rebuild**

Funds for the rebuilding work on Platform 2 at Broadway.

#### **Bridge 32**

Funds for repair work at Bridge 32.

#### **Usk building**

The Usk Building is a coal office from Usk Station and a grant has been given for safety items, scaffolding etc for the building to be safely rebuilt at Winchcombe.

#### **S & T building**

Funds for a new workshop at Winchcombe for the Signal and Telegraph department.

#### **Roller doors**

Funds for roller doors in respect of replacement door on the locomotive shed.

#### **River Isbourne**

Funds for remedial work to the river embankment near Winchcombe Station.

# **GLOUCESTERSHIRE WARWICKSHIRE RAILWAY TRUST**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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### **21 Designated funds**

**(Continued)**

#### **Parapet repairs**

Funds for viaduct repairs.

#### **Toddington slip phases 1 and 2**

It was initially intended to deal with a small landslip by use of piling. However, work could not be completed due to geological conditions and the unspent funds were transferred to phase 2 which comprised remedial drainage work as an alternative.

#### **Bridge 10**

The bridge at Stanton, Bridge 10, carries the local minor road to Stanton village. Two wing walls had suffered movement and one of the pilasters required rebuilding. Work is complete with only the retention payable.

#### **USK Hut completion**

A small grant to cover landscaping work.

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### 22 Limited liability of shares

The company is limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital. In the event of the company being wound up each member is liable for an amount not exceeding £10.

The company is a registered charity and has taken advantage of the exemption to dispense with the word Limited from its name.

### 23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

24	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	2025 £	2024 £
	Deficit for the year	(84,491)	(97,004)
	<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(13,252)	(23,878)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	4,853	4,863
	<b>Movements in working capital:</b>		
	(Increase) in debtors	(55,232)	(21,162)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(247,384)	178,319
	<b>Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations</b>	<b>(395,506)</b>	<b>41,138</b>

### 25 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.