

DERWENT VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1161623

Details

Other names DVLRS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-05-12

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE DERWENT VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY AND RAILWAYS IN GENERAL, BY THE PRESERVATION AND OPERATION OF THE HISTORIC UNIQUE RAILWAY LINE OF THE DERWENT VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY OR ANY PART OR PARTS THEREOF.(2) TO ADVANCE AND CONSERVE THE HERITAGE OF THE DERWENT VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY, AND RAILWAYS IN GENERAL, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, BY THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF HERITAGE LOCOMOTIVES AND ROLLING STOCK, HERITAGE RAILWAY BUILDINGS AND OTHER HISTORIC RAILWAY STRUCTURES, HERITAGE RAILWAY SIGNALLING SYSTEMS, AND RAILWAY ARCHIVES, HISTORICAL RECORDS AND ARTEFACTS.

Activities: The Derwent Valley Light Railway Society (DVLRS) operates and maintains the last remaining stretch of the original Derwent Valley Light Railway (DVLRL) that ran from York Foss Islands to Cliff Common near Selby. The railway is operated on behalf of and within the bounds of the Yorkshire Museum of Farming (YMF) at Murton, York, as an integral part of the Museum.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of York
- East Riding Of Yorkshire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£39,560	£38,330	-	-
2023-12-31	£32,000	£26,000	-	-
2022-12-31	£21,902	£16,708	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,430	£42,411	-	-
2020-12-31	£18,402	£7,084	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Craig Benton	Chair	2018-09-08
Allan Briggs		2022-06-18
Anthony Edward Simons		2019-05-18
Elizabeth Joanne Downes		2019-05-18
Michael Sugden		2025-06-21
Michael Wilcox		2025-06-21
Paul Palmer		2025-06-21
Stephen John Lawrence		2023-06-03

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Annual Report 2024

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Every year starts with the necessary preparations for the running season. It takes dedication and commitment to turn out in the cold of winter to work on the locos and line, but we would not be able to run through the season without the off-season programme of works.

Maintenance

Lifting equipment checks, FTRs, fire extinguisher testing, legionnaires testing identified some dead legs that needed resolving and PA Testing of our electrical equipment to mention but a few.

The classroom had a new water heater installed and improvements to the kitchen, making this a more useful space. It has been used for many of our events throughout the year including opportunities to hire out the space to raise funds for the railway.

Works were completed to repair the pedestrian crossing and the fence, which required the rerouting of adjacent wiring.

Significant work has been taking place through the year on the station building. A new 'Murton' sign was installed in October along with new windows and a full repaint of the building. Our thanks have to go to Peter Shakeshaft, Tony Schumacher, and John Papworth for their work on this.

Work was started on filling in the ditch underneath the bridge at the bottom of the ramp so that the bridge could be eventually removed. This will also expand the area for the gardens. Andrew Marshall has been spending long hours working on this. The gardens both at the entrance to the railway and around the platform are kept looking at their best by Anne Dawson & Roger Bancroft.

Rolling Stock

The main event in 2024 was the purchase of our own MK1 BSK (35405) purchased from the SRPS. Our previous MK1 carriage, Lavinia, had been on loan from the NYMR who recalled the carriage in March. With support from generous benefactors, we bid for and were successful in acquiring the carriage and it arrived essentially in working condition in May and it was quickly put to work.

A Greenfield and Batley luggage wagon was donated and has been restored by the Thursday group. This is now on show in the farming museum.

Work continued on the North Eastern coach led by Mike Sugden and his team. This restoration is still ongoing.

Training

Training must form a key part of our work through the year. This ranges from PTS training and refreshers led by Tony Simons, regular training and assessments of loco crew and guards led by Chris Downes and Mike Sugden and in 2024 we ran risk assessment training for key volunteers. Our thanks go to Jon Pridmore for his work supporting us as our Health and Safety Advisor. Jon also assessed those responsible for our FTR testing (Trevor & Chris). Our thanks must also go to Mike McPeake who supported us through 2024 ensuring our assessors were assessed externally to ensure we are working to the required standards.

A change was made to the rule book in 2024. Rule B7 changed the minimum ages for some of our safety critical roles following a review and alignment with other railways. For most of our roles, the minimum age is now 18 with the exception of driving, which is still 21. This does not prevent volunteers undertaking train operating duties whilst they are still under the minimum age provided they are undertaking the said duty as part of a course of instruction and they are being directly supervised by a qualified person who has attained the required minimum age and who is present.

Events

Our annual programme of events continues to expand year on year. As usual we attended railway shows at the Knavesmire, Heworth, and St Lawrence's. With Murton Park, we were also at the York Ice Trail promoting the railway and the work we do. We also ran our volunteer attraction day again in March and welcomed new members to the working volunteers as a result.

We also hosted xx silver driver events at the start of running days. These are very popular as gifts and bring in much needed additional funds. Visitors get to work with the loco crew setting up the locos with a driver experience.

Hornby Models visited the railway in April to celebrate the launch of their model of Rowntree No. 3 'Ken Cooke'. Owners, Glynnis and Tony Frith were joined by Normandy Veteran Ken Cooke, the Lord Mayor of York, the Sheriff of York and the civic party. Ken Cooke was presented with a model of the locomotive, as were Tony and Glynnis Frith.

Our AGM was held in June but failed to achieve quorum and was repeated August. It was agreed at the AGM that we would change the necessary percentage of the

membership required for us to be quorate for the meeting and this change has been transacted ahead of our AGM for 2025.

July was a particularly busy month. We hosted not only the annual running evening on 26th July and carried 315 passengers that evening, but also hosted a particularly special event. Since the 9th June 2021, the Tuesday group have been working on the restoration of Drewry DC2164. A naming ceremony was held on 24 July, naming the locomotive 'Ken Smith' in honour of one of the York Normandy Veterans. The event was attended by the civic party including the Lord Mayor of York, Cllr Margaret Wells. We also hosted a visit from Inside Track holidays and worked with the living history team from Murton Park to host a 'Home Front' event.

In support of the local community, we worked with North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue to help them to run a training scenario for their crews, with the scenario that cars had crashed from the A64 into the path of a train.

We have also had support from the local community with volunteers from Nestlé choosing to spend their volunteering days with us helping us with the upkeep of the site.

The year naturally ended with the Murton Park Santa event. For 2024, we hosted performing penguins on the train.

Yorkshire Museum of Farming

The YMF informed us in the autumn that they intended to introduce a charge to visitors for the use of the railway. As a trustee group, we have fought this introduction and presented alternate way to raise the necessary income to support the rising costs that all organisations have faced in recent years. However, our suggestions were rejected and from the start of the 2025 season, the YMF will introduce a charge on entry to the site for anyone wanting to ride on the railway. We will not be responsible for checking tickets and all members of the railway have unlimited use of the railway as part of the membership fee.

Passenger Numbers

2024 yet again beat previous years in terms of passenger numbers. We ran on 59 days, an increase on previous years and carried 11,428 passengers during the running season and 5,115 during Santas, giving us a total of 16,543 across the year, an increase of 1,359 from 2023.

People

Our membership numbers remained consistent through the year, with 200 members at year end.

Following the resignation of Stuart Stockwell as Traction Inspector at the last AGM, Chris Downes was appointed and assessed externally.

Sadly, on the 15th November 2024, long time supporter of the railway, Brian Lambert passed away. Brian and his son Richard have long supported the railway with the loan of a couple of their locomotives, BR Class 04 DVR No.2 and BR Class 08 08528 and were regular visitors to the railway, especially for the running evening event.

Overall 2024 was another successful year, we hosted more passengers across more running days and were involved in more events. We have robust development and training in place for our loco crews and our health and safety systems are in a good place. Whilst as such as small charitable heritage railway, we can never be complacent, we ended 2024 in a good place.

INCOMES

Donation	+£11,596.93	29.31%
Donations	+£9,657.18	24.41%
Gift Aid	+£1,939.75	4.90%
Interests (received)	+£1,345.43	3.40%
Interests Earned	+£1,345.43	3.40%
Membership	+£2,505.00	6.33%
Membership Subscription	+£2,505.00	6.33%
Other Incomes	+£13,334.20	33.71%
Other Incomes	+£3,584.20	9.06%
Running Days payments	+£1,980.00	5.01%
Thomas Income	+£770.00	1.95%
Training Workshop	+£7,000.00	17.69%
Sales	+£10,778.85	27.25%
Classroom hire	+£300.00	0.76%
Driver Experience	+£1,915.00	4.84%
Sales	+£8,563.85	21.65%
Total:	+£39,560.41	

EXPENSES

Bank charges	-£220.58	0.58%
Bank Charges	-£220.58	0.58%
Classroom	-£577.68	1.51%
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events	-£3,726.15	9.72%
Events	-£1,880.69	4.91%
Training Courses	-£1,845.46	4.81%
General Business Expenses	-£723.11	1.89%
Business Clothes	-£295.08	0.77%
Dues & Membership Fees	-£212.40	0.55%
Miscellaneous Expenses	-£188.68	0.49%
Tool Acquisitions	-£26.95	0.07%
Insurance	-£480.40	1.25%
Insurance	-£480.40	1.25%
IT	-£924.74	2.41%
IT Services	-£924.74	2.41%
Loco repairs	-£4,997.04	13.04%
Rolling stock repairs	-£4,997.04	13.04%
Mileage Money	-£875.00	2.28%
Loco Mileage	-£875.00	2.28%
Miniature railway	-£114.82	0.30%
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Newsletter	-£700.00	1.83%
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Postage	-£766.04	2.00%
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Repair & Gen. Maintenance	-£3,492.97	9.11%
Building Repair & Maint.	-£2,616.69	6.83%
Other Repair & Gen. Maint	-£876.28	2.29%
Rolling Stock	-£17,400.00	45.39%
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Shop Stock	-£1,448.52	3.78%
Shop Stock	-£1,448.52	3.78%
Tools	-£1,883.79	4.91%

Equipment		-£1,778.49	4.64%
Tools		-£105.30	0.27%
Total:		-£38,330.84	
Profit/loss:		+£1,229.57	

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DVLRS Annual Report 2023

2023 was the 110th anniversary of the opening of the Derwent Valley Light Railway.

As always, the year started with the usual winter maintenance programme, including some sleeper replacements, which are essential to keep the railway running through the rest of the year. We are exceptionally grateful to those working volunteers who turn up come rain or shine through the winter. It's not always easy or fun but this small group of determined volunteers keep our little railway running.

At an operational level, from early March the essential Fitness to Run examinations were completed on our rolling stock and training and skills refreshing for our working volunteers was carried out. Our volunteer recruitment day has become an annual event, run in mid-March, which again attracted new working volunteers to the society.

The season began with the Easter weekend, so we were straight into a four-day running weekend from 7th April. 2022 had been our busiest season, but 2023 topped that with 10785 passengers carried over 413 trains. The season ran longer, finishing on 29th October, with a total of 43 running days.

Unfortunately, towards the end of the year, the NYMR demanded the early return of the MK1 coach – Lavinia – that we had so painstakingly renovated. We fought hard to retain the coach but were unable to secure her and a date was set in early 2024 for them to collect the coach.

We continually have a considerable number of projects around the railway, repairing and restoring our rolling stock and buildings. 2023 was another busy year.

- A new set of steps was constructed and fitted to the Signal Box
- The restoration of Ruston & Hornsby 48DS Jim made good progress including having a new radiator manufactured.
- The repaint of Class 04 D2245 into DVR No.2 livery was completed
- Restoration works have continued on the exterior of the station.
- The restoration of the PMV has continued.
- Work continues to restore the North Eastern carriage.
- Work is ongoing to restore the Coles crane that was acquired from the NRM.
- The restoration of the Drewery came on well with the installation of the new cab.
- Thomas the Tank Engine arrived at Murton and greets visitors to the station. He is bringing in a small but steady income during the week whilst we are not running passenger trains.
- The electric Kerr Stuart locomotive that used to work at York Power Station arrived at Murton on the 25th May 2023. This will eventually get restored.
- A new volunteers page and events page have been added to the website to keep working volunteers up to date with what is happening.

- A new Operational Service Agreement was put in place with the Yorkshire Museum of Farming changing the way the railway is funded.

We should also call out those who support the railway week in week out, with the hundred other jobs that need doing – from keeping our gardens looking stunning, chopping wood and laying the fires on those very cold mornings, strimming and weedkilling to keep the line and trackside clear, and keeping the shop tidied and restocked – we often sell as much on the days when we are closed as we do when we are open!

Health & Safety

We are grateful to Jon Pridmore for his support on all matters concerning health and safety.

Membership

Our membership numbers have been increasing, albeit we remain a small society. We currently have 210 members.

Events

We are increasingly supporting our running costs with a range of different events through the year. In addition to the long-standing Running Evening in July, we are now hosting events for both individuals and groups, and an increasing number of corporate visits using the track and the newly acquired training centre.

Silver driver experiences are proving very popular with 16 experiences offered through the year. We include these in our standard prep process at the start of the running day, giving an opportunity to get involved in the work that goes on to get our locos ready.

Our support for the York Normandy Veterans continued, and we hosted a Flowers for the Fallen event with a visit to the railway by the veterans on 5th June. It is always an honour to support the veterans and we were delighted to be joined by Ken Cooke.

We also hosted Inside Track holidays, a wedding and a 90th birthday party.

We do not only support events at Murton Park and the railway. We have also been active in attending shows away from Murton, which help to increase awareness of the DVLRL and attract new visitors and members. We attended events at the Wolds Railway, at York Racecourse and at the Model Railway event at Heworth.

The year ended as always with 'Santas' and Mother Christmas entertaining passengers on the train. This added 4400 passengers to our annual numbers, giving a total for the year of nearly 15,200!

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INCOMES

Donation	+£10,720.68	33.84%
Donations	+£4,720.68	14.90%
Training Workshop	+£6,000.00	18.94%
Interests (received)	+£1,078.07	3.40%
Interests Earned	+£1,078.07	3.40%
Membership	+£3,813.00	12.04%
Membership Subscription	+£3,813.00	12.04%
Other Incomes	+£7,049.00	22.25%
Coach Hire	+£150.00	0.47%
Other Incomes	+£1,955.00	6.17%
Railway Account	+£815.00	2.57%
Running Days payments	+£505.00	1.59%
Santa Specials	+£3,500.00	11.05%
Thomas Income	+£124.00	0.39%
Sales	+£9,015.53	28.46%
Driver Experience	+£1,730.00	5.46%
Sales	+£7,285.53	23.00%

Total:	+£31,676.28	
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EXPENSES

Auto Expenses	-£450.00	1.70%
Thomas	-£450.00	1.70%
Bank charges	-£248.01	0.94%
Bank Charges	-£248.01	0.94%
Classroom	-£6,546.54	24.71%
Classroom	-£6,546.54	24.71%
Electric Loco	-£1,000.00	3.77%
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events	-£4,793.37	18.09%
Events	-£946.90	3.57%
Training Courses	-£3,846.47	14.52%
Fuel	-£103.65	0.39%
Fuel	-£103.65	0.39%
General Business Expenses	-£1,095.78	4.14%
Miscellaneous Expenses	-£75.16	0.28%
Supplies	-£270.76	1.02%
Tool Acquisitions	-£749.86	2.83%
Insurance	-£480.40	1.81%
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IT	-£436.80	1.65%
IT Services	-£436.80	1.65%
Loco repairs	-£2,682.16	10.12%
Rolling stock repairs	-£2,682.16	10.12%
Mileage Money	-£1,125.00	4.25%
Loco Mileage	-£1,125.00	4.25%
Miniature railway	-£525.88	1.98%
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Newsletter	-£545.00	2.06%
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Postage	-£535.88	2.02%
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Repair & Gen. Maintenance	-£2,947.06	11.12%
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Equipment	-£587.78	2.22%
Tools	-£954.60	3.60%
Total:	-£26,494.70	
Profit/loss:	+£5,181.58	

BANKS		
Bank Accounts		+£60,464.37
Card		+£1,666.95
Current Account		+£0.00
Paypal		+£1,666.95
YMF Account		£0.00
Cash		£0.00
Petty Cash		+£31.75
Savings accounts		+£31.75
Donations ring fenced		+£58,765.67
Savings Account		+£2,351.18
Shed Fund		+£39,645.12
PORTFOLIO		+£16,769.37
ASSETS		£0.00
Advances & Loans		£0.00
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Inventory		£0.00
Other Assets		£0.00
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At an operational level, Fitness to Run examinations were completed on our rolling stock and training and skills refreshing for our working volunteers was carried out. We then held a volunteer recruitment day on Saturday 26th March, which was successful in adding some new working volunteers to the society.

The season began on Sunday April 3rd and ran until 2nd October, with a total of 40 running days. This was the most days that the railway had ever run in a season and with nearly 9,000 passengers carried, our busiest year to date.

The Santas this year ran for 10 days, with Mother Christmas entertaining our visitors on the train. This was the first time that we'd used our replacement MK1 coach 'Lavinia'. Visitors appreciated having the trains running again for the Santas, and we added another 5,200 passengers to our yearly total.

There were also a number of other projects.

- The restoration of Ruston & Hornsby 48DS Jim made good progress including having a new radiator manufactured.
- Work began on a full repair and repaint of the exterior of the signal box.
- April saw the arrival of a David Brown 995 tractor, complete with front loader, and an Atlas 1302D road/rail excavator. Although both are working, some restoration work will be needed.
- The Coles crane finally arrived from the NRM on the 16th May and work was started on its restoration.
- Restoration works on the exterior of the station were started and a lot of the woodwork has had to be replaced.
- The restoration of the tank wagon was completed.
- The restoration of the PMV was also completed and this was used for drinks sales for the Santas. Work was then started on the internal fit-out for housing a DVLR museum.
- We hosted a visit from Inside Track Holidays as part of one of their tours.
- November 23rd saw the arrival of a Manning Wardle steam locomotive. Some restoration has already been completed on this loco, but there is still a lot to do before it will be able to be used at Murton.

Donations

Donations continue to be a useful income, but are not at the level of the previous year. It would appear that members prefer to donate to a specific project, as last year we had a number of donations towards the crane.

We have however had donations of equipment for the training workshop.

Our Archivist, Mr Jonathan Stockwell, has now donated the remaining stock of books to the railway and sales have been good.

We are receiving a regular donation from K Norton & M Warr for which we are very grateful.

Trustee News

Stephen Lawrence was co-opted onto the board ahead of the 2023 AGM.

INCOMES

Donation	+£2,794.90	12.76%
Donations	+£2,794.90	12.76%
Interests (received)	+£195.16	0.89%
Interests Earned	+£195.16	0.89%
Membership	+£2,400.00	10.96%
Membership Subscription	+£2,400.00	10.96%
Other Incomes	+£5,545.54	25.32%
Cab Rides	+£15.00	0.07%
Coach Hire	+£280.00	1.28%
Other Incomes	+£3,195.54	14.59%
Railway Account	+£2,055.00	9.38%
Sales	+£10,966.89	50.07%
Driver Experience	+£1,852.80	8.46%
Sales	+£9,114.09	41.61%
Total:	+£21,902.49	

EXPENSES

Bank charges	-£248.68	1.49%
Bank Charges	-£248.68	1.49%
events	-£2,197.69	13.15%
Events	-£2,197.69	13.15%
General Business Expenses	-£868.45	5.20%
Books & Subscriptions	-£204.00	1.22%
Dues & Membership Fees	-£204.00	1.22%
Miscellaneous Expenses	-£460.45	2.76%
IT	-£378.95	2.27%
IT Services	-£378.95	2.27%
Loco repairs	-£3,634.04	21.75%
Rolling stock repairs	-£3,634.04	21.75%
Marketing	-£598.90	3.58%
Marketing	-£598.90	3.58%
Mileage Money	-£1,225.00	7.33%
Loco Mileage	-£1,225.00	7.33%
Newsletter	-£731.00	4.37%
Newsletter	-£731.00	4.37%
Postage	-£389.50	2.33%
Postage	-£389.50	2.33%
Repair & Gen. Maintenance	-£2,730.51	16.34%
Building Repair & Maint.	-£1,560.29	9.34%
Other Repair & Gen. Maint	-£1,170.22	7.00%
Shop Stock	-£1,897.07	11.35%
Shop Stock	-£1,897.07	11.35%
Tools	-£1,808.95	10.83%
Equipment	-£362.94	2.17%
Tools	-£1,446.01	8.65%
Total:	-£16,708.74	
Profit/loss:	+£5,193.75	

DERWENT VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1161623

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Derwent Valley Light Railway Society

Annual Report 2021

We started 2021 with a return to nationwide lockdown due to the Covid pandemic, and activities at the railway returned to security and essential maintenance. The trustees returned to fortnightly meetings on Zoom, but like the rest of the country our wider operations ceased for a time.

However, we were keen to plan for the upcoming season in whatever form that might be able to take and from February onwards, plans began to develop.

At an operational level, that meant planning for FTRs for our rolling stock and training and skills refreshing for our working volunteers. By April we were able to run socially distanced PTS training and works had begun on PW maintenance.

The season eventually began in June with us only able to offer shunting demonstrations during the first part of the season. It was August and Yorkshire Day before we were able to finally begin running passenger trains from August 2021.

There were also a number of other projects.

- Station Clock was installed after being restored for us.
- CCTV was installed across the whole of the Murton Park site including the DVLR along with wifi installation, improving security of the site in addition to the alarm system installed in 2020 following the spate of thefts from our site
- MK1 coach restoration undertaken by the Tuesday working group, has seen the coach completely renovated, ready for multi-functional use, as rolling stock or as a venue for events
- A successful application was made to acquire a Coles crane from the NRM, although the process of extracting the crane from the railway museum site has taken much longer than anyone could have predicted.
- Restoration works on Jim started, with Steve Plowman determined to complete these works, undertaking the hard labour and funding this restoration.
- Drewery arrived from NYMR, to be homed here but with the restoration work the responsibility of the York Area Group.
- A training programme for Signalmen was developed by Allan Briggs, and signed off through Mike McPeake and the signals team at NYMR.
- Development of a workshop to provide training courses for Rail Delivery Group, funds spent to purchase equipment but income and donations from the first course (run in XX) ensured that this venture has already broken even.
- Trevor Humbey led the restoration of the Steel flat wagon
- Andrew Marshall has been renovating his PMV with the intention of this being able to house a DVLR museum, bringing the history of the railway to life in more detail
- 08528 arrived at the DVLR, giving us a new attraction to the railway. The loco is owned by the Lamberts who have kindly loaned the loco to us.

- Osbaldwick ward contributed to the replacement of the gate at the end of the line.
 - A new range of driver experiences was introduced, building on the driver for a fiver (which is now priced at £10) and including bronze/silver/gold options for a longer experience
 - We began hosting visits to the railway, including a visit from the USA
- Shed - funds spent on 3 way turnout from Clapham Junction for future site development

The usual running season ended in October, but as always, the year ended with Santa at Murton Park, although for the second year running we took the decision not to run trains. Instead, we hosted catering options at the station, opened the shop and Mother Christmas ran entertainment sessions in the MK1.

Donations

Donations generally increased in 2021, including for specific projects such as the Coles crane.

Our Archivist, Mr Jonathan Stockwell, has made another donation in respect of his book royalties and it was agreed in October to make him an Honorary Life Member in recognition of his long standing contribution to the railway.

We are receiving a regular donation from K Norton for which we are very grateful,

Trustee News

Following Allan Briggs being co-opted back to the Trustees in 2020, Mike Pinder was also co-opted as a trustee in April 2021.

In June 2021 Andrew Marshall decided to step down as a trustee, after 7 years. We are very grateful to Andrew for his service as a trustee.

DVLRS Profit and Loss Statement

2019	2020	2021	2022
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to 6th June

INCOMES

Donation		£2,386.26	£4,061.19	£4,888.21	£398.47
Interests		£51.33	£28.77	£4.22	£3.73
Membership		£2,140.00	£2,080.00	£2,295.00	£1,155.00
Museum Admissions		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£12,761.00
Santa Specials					£10,088.00
Other Incomes		£4,921.35	£9,989.17	£2,878.23	£1,153.50
Sales		£3,472.74	£2,244.36	£10,365.32	£3,078.37
	Total:	£12,971.68	£18,403.49	£20,430.98	£28,638.07

EXPENSES

Bank charges		£74.18	£92.91	£219.55	£82.25
events		£677.81	£0.00	£131.21	£67.85
General Business Expenses		£1,082.33	£1,070.00	£1,778.94	£646.52
IT services			£239.88	£276.00	£156.95
Loco Fuel		£170.00	£112.65	£3,038.22	£0.00
Rolling Stock repairs		£3,422.04	£2,566.25	£7,810.25	£259.57
New Building		£0.00	£0.00	£5,707.00	£0.00
Marketing		£589.68	£59.25	£0.00	£598.00
Mileage Money		£975.00	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00
Newsletter		£634.76	£594.30	£665.60	£363.00
Postage		£100.14	£26.50	£317.10	£22.40
Rails along Derwent		£413.10	£197.70	£45.90	£0.00
Repair & Gen. Maintenance		£3,448.98	£2,177.84	£3,402.84	£661.31
Shop Stock		£952.18	£638.12	£3,796.89	£983.94
Tools		£565.00	£0.00	£3,339.20	£767.84
Trackwork		£0.00	£0.00	£7,095.00	£0.00
	Total:	£13,105.20	£8,020.40	£42,411.70	£4,809.93
	Profit/loss:	-£133.52	£10,383.09	-£21,980.72	£23,828.14

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Derwent Valley Light Railway – Annual Report 2020

At the Derwent Valley Light Railway, 2020 began with plans to build on the success we had seen in 2019, with demand for the railway high. Plans were in progress to increase our running days and there was a busy start to the year.

First aiders were trained in February to ensure that we had a trained group across our working volunteers, made up of those on site most often. Training days were also run to prepare us all for the season ahead.

Our first event of the year was a Volunteers Day that took place in mid-March. This was a highly successful day and attracted new members interested in a wide range of volunteer activity. Little did we know that within 10 days, the UK would go into lockdown, we would cease operating for many months and be unable to offer any of those opportunities.

By 20th March, it was clear that Covid was impacting on the wider heritage railway network and like other railways, we took the decision to delay the start of our running season. When the lockdown began, activity had to be restricted to security checks around the site.

As lockdown restrictions began to ease, the locos were run on a three week cycle by a core team. This ensured that when we were able to open up, the locos would be in good condition. Each loco was run every three weeks, up and down the line and maintenance checks done. Slowly we were able to reintroduce working groups in line with Government rules, to restart the wide range of maintenance around the site.

By July, Murton Park began a limited reopening but due to the ongoing restrictions on social distancing and indoor activities, we were unable to run passenger trains. As an alternative, shunting demonstrations of our freight stock were trialled and proved to be very popular with visitors. These ran every Sunday and some Saturdays into the Autumn.

Unfortunately during July the railway was targeted repeatedly by thieves. A number of items were taken including tools, spare parts and loco name plates. A security system has been installed around the site to protect the railway.

Once restrictions allowed, work began on the MK1 coach that is on loan to us from the NYMR. It needed some significant restoration, so a Tuesday team came together and made significant progress through the year.

To support the railway during this period, a fundraising campaign was started on the website and raised £1100 towards ongoing costs. The shunting demonstrations also increased donations. Despite the lack of passenger trains, our financial position over the year was stable – a good position under the circumstances – and we are grateful to everyone who contributed.

Unfortunately we were not able to run Santa Specials as we have done in the past, with Santa and elves on the train. An alternate solution was developed with Santa greeting socially distanced families in the Viking village, a new toy shop to allow the children to choose a gift from the elves and refreshments being served at the railway. Whilst different from our usual offering and sadly without a train ride, it did prove a successful event at the end of a difficult year.

Derwent Valley Light Railway Society
Summary of Accounts 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

	1st Jan 2020	31st Dec 2020	Variance
Current Account	£4,347.34	£5,483.11	£1,135.77
Savings Account	£10,611.40	£20,619.65	£10,008.25
Cash Account	£97.25	£481.80	£384.55
Loco Account	£2,911.57	£2,683.87	-£227.70
Shed Account	£22,984.78	£22,066.66	-£918.12
Total	£40,952.34	£51,335.09	£10,382.75

Variance	£10,382.75
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Derwent Valley Light Railway Society
Main Account 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Income	2020	2019
Membership	£2,080.00	£2,140.00
Donations	£4,061.19	£2,416.26
Track Hire	£1,150.00	£0.00
Events	£0.00	£1,265.00
Shop Sales	£2,244.36	£2,803.74
Bank Interest	£27.81	£51.33
Santa Specials	£0.00	£2,800.00
York Steam Fair	£0.00	£0.00
Driver for a Fiver	£0.00	£630.00
Yard Tours	£0.00	£39.00
Cab rides	£0.00	£354.00
Insurance Claim	£8,806.32	£472.35
Sundries (Scrap Metal)	£32.85	
Total	£18,402.53	£12,971.68

Expenditure		
Shop Stock	£880.82	£1,365.28
HRA Subscriptions	£66.00	£66.00
Mileage Payments	£200.00	£975.00
Newsletters	£594.30	£634.76
Postage & Stationary	£26.50	£100.14
Leaflets		£199.68
Site maintenance	£2,177.84	£3,448.98
Bank Charges	£92.91	£74.18
Rolling Stock maintenance	£2,566.25	£3,422.04
Loco Maintenance	inc. above	inc. above
Sundries	£0.00	£588.33
York Steam Fair	£0.00	£331.96
Advertising	£68.00	£428.00
Events	£59.25	£345.85
Tools & Equipment	£0.00	£565.00
Fuel (Non Loco)	£112.65	£170.00
Marketing	£0.00	£390.00
IT services	£239.88	
Total	£7,084.40	£13,105.20

Variation	£11,318.13	-£133.52
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Loco Account 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

Income	2020	2019
Interest	£2.30	£4.42
Mileage Money		£900.00
Total	£2.30	£904.42
Expenditure		
Loco repairs	£230.00	£1,144.61
Total	£230.00	£1,144.61

Balance as at 1st Jan 2020	2911.57	£3,151.76
Income	£2.30	£904.42
Expenditure	£230.00	£1,144.61
Balance as at 31st Dec 2019	£2,683.87	£2,911.57

Derwent Valley Light Railway Society
Shed Account 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

	2020	2019
Income		
Interest	£17.88	£34.33
Scrap Sales		£230.95
Total	£17.88	£265.28
Expenditure		
Topographical survey	£936.00	£0.00
Total	£936.00	

Balance as at 1st Jan 2019		£22,984.78
Income		£17.88
Expenditure		£936.00
Balance as at 31st Dec 2020		£22,066.66

Derwent Valley Light Railway Society
YMF Account 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

Income	
Santa Special	£4,725.00
10% Admissions	£5,060.00
Bank Holiday extra opening	£450.00
Total	£10,235.00

Expenditure	
Mk1 coach refurbishment	£1,567.76
Mk1 coach transport	£945.00
Oil	£88.22
Radio Servicing	£198.00
Batteries	£255.55
Terminals	£16.20
Tarmac	£78.60
Shed	£551.00
Magneto repair	£500.00
Fuel	£1,170.00
Oil, Anti freeze etc	£1,078.97
Materials	£56.27
Shop Stock	£112.11
Colour leaflets	£760.00
Leaflet Design	£400.00
Insurance	£1,300.00
Total	£9,077.68

Balance as at 1st Jan 2019	£6,231.00
Income	£10,235.00
Expenditure	£9,077.68

Balance 31st Dec 2019	£7,388.32
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