

Derwent Valley Light Railway Society

Annual Report 2022

We started 2022 with the usual winter maintenance of track and signalling. Following on from the installation of the buffer stop at the western end of the line, new gates were installed to resemble the level crossing gates that used to be there in the 1970's.

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%
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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%
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events	-£2,197.69	13.15%
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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%
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Mileage Money	-£1,225.00	7.33%
Loco Mileage	-£1,225.00	7.33%
Newsletter	-£731.00	4.37%
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Postage	-£389.50	2.33%
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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%
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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	