

DVLR 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!

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Derwent Valley Light Railway Society

Registered Charity No.: 1161623

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Derwent Valley Light Railway Society for the year ended 31st December 2013.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect that the accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act.

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

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29.03.2014.

Profit and Loss Statement - Detailed

Year 2023

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

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%
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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%
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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%
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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%
Building Repair & Maint.	-£1,928.90	7.28%

Other Repair & Gen. Maint	-£1,018.16	3.84%
Shop Stock	-£1,436.79	5.42%
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Tools	-£1,542.38	5.82%
Equipment	-£587.78	2.22%
Tools	-£954.60	3.60%
Total:	-£26,494.70	
Profit/loss:	+£5,181.58	

Balance sheet - Detailed

31 Dec 2023

BANKS

Bank Accounts

Card	+£60,464.37
Current Account	+£1,666.95
Paypal	+£0.00
YMF Account	+£1,666.95

Cash

Petty Cash	£0.00
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Savings accounts

Donations ring fenced	+£31.75
Savings Account	+£58,765.67
Shed Fund	+£2,351.18

PORTFOLIO

ASSETS

Advances & Loans

Advances & Loans	+£16,769.37
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Inventory

	£0.00
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Other Assets

Auto	£0.00
Computer Equipment	£0.00
Office Equipment	£0.00

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LIABILITIES

Credit Cards

American Express	£0.00
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