

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1163073

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-08-10

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ESTABLISH A RAILWAY MUSEUM

Activities: ACQUISITION, RESTORATION AND OPERATION OF HISTORIC ITEMS OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK WITH THE LONGER TERM OBJECTIVE OF ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT RAILWAY MUSEUM WITH APPROPRIATE FACILITIES FOR THE DISPLAY, STORAGE AND RESTORATION OF OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- Lancashire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£69,753	£60,908	-	-
2023-12-31	£54,901	£50,153	-	-
2022-12-31	£58,737	£46,992	-	-
2021-12-31	£42,269	£28,434	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,988	£47,699	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Timothy David Owen	Chair	2019-07-16
ALAN MIDDLETON		2018-06-26
JAMES KAY		2017-07-11
JOHN DIXON		2019-07-16
KEITH BREWER		2017-07-11
MR MIKE RIGG		2018-06-26
PETER VAN ZELLER		2019-07-16
Paul Harry Balshaw		2022-09-13
Sam Andrew Middleton		2022-09-13

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2024

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

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Annual Report of the Trustees for 2024

1. Governance and Administration

The business of the Furness Railway Trust, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), is managed by Trustees in accordance with a constitution approved by the Charity Commission. The Chairman is responsible for coordinating the day to day management of the affairs of the Trust. One third of the Trustees retire at each Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the constitution. A briefing document is given to new Trustees, which outlines the history of the Trust and its current obligations. The document also details the responsibilities of Trustees as defined by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees meet on a number of occasions throughout the year in order to manage the Trust's affairs and to agree required courses of action.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Financial Reporting Standard 102, effective from 1st January 2019, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust's banker is The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT. Savings accounts are also held with the Furness Building Society, Emlyn Hughes House, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 5PQ, and the Nationwide Building Society, Kings Park Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6NW. The Trust is registered to receive Gift Aid.

The Trust's Independent Examiner is J. Priestley ACMA, CGMA, 24 Scarborough Road, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire FY8 3ES

2. Trustees and Committee Members

The following were the appointed Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust during 2024:

P. Balshaw
K. Brewer
J. Dixon
J.M. Kay
A. Middleton
S. Middleton
T.D. Owen (Chairman)
A.M. Rigg
N.R. Smith (until 04.11.24)
P. van Zeller

The above Trustees (excluding Mr. Smith) were responsible for preparing and approving this report.

3. Objectives and Activities

A summary of the Object and Powers of the Furness Railway Trust is attached as Appendix A at the end of this report.

The principal activities of the Furness Railway Trust (FRT) during 2024 were the acquisition, restoration and operation of historic items of rolling stock. The Trustees worked to address the long term objective of the establishment of a railway museum, with appropriate facilities for the display, storage and restoration of railway rolling stock and associated equipment.

In shaping the Trust's objectives, the Trustees gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with the object of advancing education through its work, both in the short and longer term. The Trustees also took into account the need to maximise public accessibility to its assets, some of which are unique and of major historical importance, including affordability wherever possible.

4. Achievements and Performance

The Furness Railway Trust once again made an impact in new areas of the country with the successful visits of Furness Railway locomotive *No. 20* (Britain's oldest working standard gauge locomotive) to the West Somerset Railway, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Watchet to Minehead Railway, and to the East Lancashire Railway for its Autumn Steam Gala. Both events received very positive press coverage and enabled this unique locomotive to be seen in action by new audiences. The locomotive was also in action during the year at its home base, the Ribble Steam Railway at Preston. The Trust's other operational locomotive, Hunslet 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST locomotive, *Cumbria*, continued to be on hire to the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway where it steamed on 71 occasions during 2024.

The main project for the Trust's working members was the continuing overhaul at Preston of Great Western Railway 0-6-2T locomotive *No. 5643*. The cleaned and painted chassis has now been lowered back onto its wheelsets and the process of reassembly will commence in 2025 once specialist contractors have fitted new cylinder liners. The locomotive's firebox is receiving around 550 new stays with much of this substantial work being undertaken by volunteers with specialist assistance.

Following a professional examination of the boiler of Peckett 0-4-0ST *Caliban*, the Trustees agreed to let a contract to the West Somerset Railway for the fitting of a new inner firebox. The work will also include undertaking the necessary work to complete a satisfactory hydraulic test before it returns to Preston for fitting to the locomotive's frames. The manufacture of a new water tank has also been commissioned locally.

These two projects have once again highlighted the need for the volunteer workforce to be grown and efforts are being made to publicise the work of the Trust and its volunteering opportunities through both local and specialist media as well as through contact with a local educational establishment.

The restoration of Great Western Railway 4-6-0 'Hall' class locomotive *No. 4979 Wootton Hall* has continued, albeit slowly given the work taking place on *5643* and *Caliban*. Pipework to the new brake valve has been installed and most of the welding on the tender water tank has been completed.

The Great Eastern Railway royal saloon, built in 1898 for Princess Alexandra, which was previously overhauled by Trust members, has proved to be popular when operated at the Ribble Steam Railway and now brings in a small

income, as does the Trust's other operational coach, the restored second class North London Railway Trust's coach which is on hire to the Beamish Museum.

The restoration of former Furness Railway locomotive *No. 25* of 1865 has again been put on hold whilst resources are committed to the other projects above.

The Trustees' annual Risks and Vulnerabilities Review continues to identify the need to attract more volunteers and the Trustees will endeavour to grow the Trust's workforce.

All activities of the Furness Railway Trust are undertaken by volunteers. There are no paid staff employed by the Trust.

5. Financial Position

Total income, at £69,753, represents a 27% increase on that for 2023, (£54,901) benefitting from a generous legacy of £10,000 from former Treasurer David Rimmer and increased rolling stock hire. Locomotive hire is expected to decline in 2025 with the temporary withdrawal from service of locomotive *Cumbria* which is due to commence a ten year boiler overhaul at the end of July.

Income from Other Trading Activities almost doubled as a result of increased opportunities to promote Furness Railway *No. 20* during its visits to other heritage railways during 2024.

Expenditure on Charitable Activities rose by over 20% in 2024 reflecting increased expenditure on locomotive restoration and maintenance. The high level of expenditure in these categories is planned to continue during 2025 as work continues to return *5643*, which is 100 years old in October, to operational condition whilst also funding major repairs to *Caliban*.

Net current assets rose slightly during the year from £249,195 to £262,994 which puts the Trust in a good position to be able to fund the ongoing repair of locomotive *5643* as well as other projects.

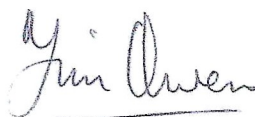
The hire of Furness Railway locomotive *No. 20* to other railways during 2024 was the cause of travelling expenses of £818 being incurred, all of which was Gift Aided back to the Trust.

6. Reserves Policy

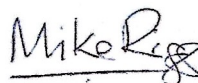
The Trustees believe that the Furness Railway Trust's current finances continue to be satisfactory. There is an ongoing need to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to provide for future overhauls of the Trust's operational locomotives and coaches. Fundraising will continue primarily for this purpose and also to fund the longer term restoration projects.

The FRT continues to be heavily reliant upon its volunteer workforce to operate and to progress projects. Once again, the Trustees wish to thank all members and followers of the FRT for their continued support and generosity during 2024.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.



Tim Owen
Chairman
12th March 2025



Mike Rigg
Secretary
12th March 2025

SUMMARY OF OBJECT AND POWERS

The object of the CIO is to establish a railway museum for the benefit of the public and the CIO has power to do anything to further its object, in particular, the power to:

- (a) acquire and preserve railway locomotives, railway carriages and other items of rolling stock and associated equipment.
- (b) restore and maintain such items, house them and put them on display; loan or hire them so that they may be used, if practicable, and make suitable arrangements for their continued preservation as far as is possible.
- (c) sponsor the publication of books, articles etc. containing information about these items and rolling stock and railways generally, and otherwise to promote interest in these subjects.
- (d) Procure contributions to the CIO by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise.
- (e) employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO.
- (e) buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
- (g) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO.
- (h) borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed.

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Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
3 Income and Endowments from:		
4 Donations/Legacies and Tax Recoverable	17,081	11,902
5 Charitable Activities	45,026	37,438
6 Other Trading Activities	2,287	1,160
7 Investments	5,359	4,401
Other	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>69,753</u>	<u>54,901</u>
Less RESOURCES EXPENDED		
8 Expenditure on:		
9 Raising Funds	454	318
10 Charitable Activities	60,061	49,466
11 Governance	393	369
Total Resources Expended	<u>60,908</u>	<u>50,153</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>8,845</u>	<u>4,748</u>
Transfers Between funds	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>8,845</u>	<u>4,748</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total Funds Brought Forward	530,866	526,118
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>539,711</u>	<u>530,866</u>

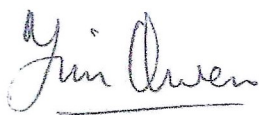
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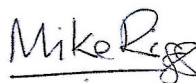
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Fixed Assets:		
13 Tangible Assets	173,626	178,066
14 Heritage Assets	106,296	106,296
Total Fixed Assets	<u>279,922</u>	<u>284,362</u>
Current Assets:		
15 Stock	11,448	11,011
16 Debtors	16,707	8,610
Cash at Bank	235,833	234,461
Cash in Hand	60	60
Total Current Assets	<u>264,048</u>	<u>254,142</u>
17 Creditors: amounts due within one yr.	<u>(2,054)</u>	<u>(4,947)</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>261,994</u>	<u>249,195</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>541,916</u>	<u>533,557</u>
17 Creditors: amounts due after one yr.	(2,205)	(2,691)
Total Net Assets	<u><u>539,711</u></u>	<u><u>530,866</u></u>
Funds of the Charity:		
Total Funds Brought Forward	530,866	526,118
Add Net Incoming Resources	8,845	4,748
Total Funds as at 31.12.2024	<u><u>539,711</u></u>	<u><u>530,866</u></u>



Tim Owen
Chairman
12th March 2025



Michael Rigg
Secretary
12th March 2025

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Notes to the Accounts –12 Months Ended 31st December 2023

Note 1 **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts are for the ninth full year of operation of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation Furness Railway Trust 1163073 which took over the assets and operations of the unincorporated Furness Railway Trust Registered Charity 1005211 from the 1st December 2015.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2019, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the unincorporated and CIO charities have merged, as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes(s) to these accounts.

The Furness Railway Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the Furness Railway Trust is a going concern after taking into account the current and anticipated levels of activity,

Note 2 **Accounting Policy**

Income

Incoming Resources, including grants, are accounted for on a receivable basis.

The value of donated goods is recognised only on sale because of the practicalities of measuring the value of such goods.

Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible assets and included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources when receivable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Expenditure

Resources Expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and include recognition of liabilities arising from legal or constructive obligation which commits the organisation to expenditure.

Certain support costs (Insurance and Printing, Stationery, Postage) are apportioned between activities based, where possible, on known cost drivers.

Governance Costs are shown separately for the purpose of clarity and, contrary to the SORP, not spread across activities because they are difficult to allocate and are not material in size.

Assets

Tangible and fixed assets for use by the charity

A long term shed lease, purchased in 2019, is being depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years. A portable building and fixed safety gear are being depreciated on a straight line basis over 15 years. Plant and Equipment assets purchased which can be used for more than one year are capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis at a rate of 25% per annum. Assets purchased after 1st December 2015 are only capitalised if they cost £200 or more.

Heritage Assets

Heritage Assets are shown on the balance sheet at cost or, in the case of donated items, a realistic value estimated at the time of donation. An exception has been made for Furness Railway No. 20, built 1863. This historic locomotive is unique, difficult to value and is not included; there has been approximately £148,000 spent on it. The Trust's Collection and Disposal Policy states that there "should be a presumption against disposal." Grants received of £111,000 would potentially be repayable if this item was sold.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lesser of cost or recoverable value.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

Creditors are measured at transaction price.

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Note 3 Analysis of Income		
Note 4 Donations and Legacies		
Donations and Gifts	4,656	8,336
Legacies	10,000	0
Gift Aid	1,093	2,213
Membership Subscriptions	1,332	1,353
Total	17,081	11,902
Note 5 Charitable Activities		
Rolling Stock Hire	42,528	37,438
Book Sales	32	0
Other Income	2,466	0
Total	45,026	37,438
Note 6 Other Trading Activities		
Fundraising Sales	1,003	371
Proceeds from <i>Live Steam</i>	293	200
Donated Goods	398	236
Workwear	593	353
Total	2,287	1,160
Note 7 Investment Income		
Bank Interest Received	5,359	4,401
Total	5,359	4,401
Other Income	0	0
Total	0	0

Note 8 Analysis of Expenditure

	2024	2023
	Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
Note 9 Expenditure on Raising Funds		
Sales Goods	313	260
Insurance	44	58
Sundries	97	0
Total	<u>454</u>	<u>318</u>
Note 10 Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Locomotive Restoration	17,977	10,529
Locomotive Repair/Maintenance	22,871	18,196
Coach Restoration	555	4,669
Building Maintenance	156	532
Transport/Craneage Costs	3,634	750
Magazine Publication	1,050	1,010
Insurance	5,049	4,278
Utilities	2,480	2,365
Membership Subscriptions	346	170
Travelling Expenses	818	1,325
Personal Safety Equipment	0	73
Workwear	295	225
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	22	249
Books	23	0
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	4,785	5,095
Total	<u>60,061</u>	<u>49,466</u>
Note 11 Governance Costs		
Independent Examination	250	240
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	143	129
Total	<u>393</u>	<u>369</u>
Note 12 Expenditure Details		

Insurance, amounting to £5,093 was purchased (£4,336 in 2023) which includes property and public liability insurance for certain activities (including funds generation) undertaken by the Trust, its Trustees and Members.

The work of the charity in restoring, maintaining and assisting in the operation of its assets is, in the main, carried out by volunteers with only specialist activities contracted out.

No staff were employed in either 2024 or 2023.

No fee for the Independent Examination of the 2024 accounts has been included. The cost of examining the 2023 accounts was £250 which is included in the 2024 accounts.

Note 13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2024	2024	2024	2024
	Building Lease £	Mess Room/ Safety Eqmt £	Plant & Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1st January 2024	190,000	10,749	12,776	213,525
Additions/Disposals	-	-	345	345
At 31st December 2024	190,000	10,749	13,121	213,870
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2024	19,000	4,049	12,410	35,459
Depreciation	3,800	716	269	4,785
Less Depreciation on Disposal	-	-	0	0
At 31st December 2024	22,800	4,765	12,679	40,244
Net Book Value at 1st January 2024	171,000	6,700	366	178,066
Net book Value at 31st December 2024	167,200	5,984	442	173,626

Tangible Fixed Assets (Cont.)	2023	2023	2023	2023
Comparative figures for 2022	Building	Mess Room/ Safety Eqmt	Plant & Equipment	Total
	Lease			£
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2023	190,000	10,749	12,776	213,525
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2023	190,000	10,749	12,776	213,525
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2023	15,200	3,332	11,832	30,364
Depreciation	3,800	717	578	5,095
Less Depreciation on Disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2023	19,000	4,049	12,410	35,459
Net Book Value at 1st January 2023	174,800	7,417	944	183,161
Net Book Value at 31st December 2023	171,000	6,700	366	178,066

Note 14 Heritage Assets	2024	2024	2024	2024
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2024	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2024	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

No depreciation has been applied to the Heritage Assets. Therefore the book values at 31st December 2024 are as above.

Comparative figures for 2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2023	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2023	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

Five Year Summary of Heritage Asset Transactions

There have been no purchases, donations, disposals or impairments to Heritage Assets during the last five years.

Note 15 Stocks

	2024 Stock £	2023 Stock
Charitable Activities - Books		
Opening	9	9
Added in Period	0	0
Expensed in Period	0	0
Closing	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Opening	1,389	1,710
Added in Period	1,068	165
Expensed in Period	630	486
Closing	<u>1,827</u>	<u>1,389</u>
Total Closing Sales Stock This year	1,836	1,398
Add Stocks of Stores	9,612	9,612
Total Stocks	11,448	11,010
Total Closing Stock Previous Year	11,010	11,331

Note 16 Analysis of Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Debtors	2,420	4,800
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,609	1,603
Other Debtors	12,678	2,207
Total	16,707	8,610

**Note 17 Creditors and Accruals
Analysis of Creditors**

	Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		Amounts Falling Due After One Year	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Creditors	1,352	3,787	-	-
Accruals & Deferred Income	702	798	2,205	2,691
Other Creditors	-	362	-	-
Total	2,054	4,947	2,205	2,691

Note 18 Deferred Income

Income was deferred in respect of some membership subscriptions which were paid in advance

Movement in Deferred Income Account

	2024		2023	
	Membership Subscriptions £	Vehicle Hire £	Membership Subscriptions £	Vehicle Hire £
Balance at the Start of the Reporting Period	3,489	0	3,164	0
Amounts Added in Current Period	229	0	1,125	0
Amounts Released to Income from Prev Periods	811	0	800	0
Balance at End of Reporting Period	<u>2,907</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,489</u>	<u>0</u>

Note 19 Charity Funds

Details of Movements in Funds in 2024

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2024	Income			31.12.2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	0	463	463	-	0
<i>Caliban</i> Locomotive restoration	4,960	0	4,097	-	863
<i>FR 25</i> Locomotive restoration	1,300	0	0	-	1,300
<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	1,073	0	0	-	1,073
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,237	0	0	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	8,570	463	4,560	-	4,473
Total Non Designated Funds	522,296	69,290	56,348	-	535,238
Total Unrestricted Funds	530,866	69,753	60,908	-	539,711
Total All Funds	530,866	69,753	60,908	-	539,711

Details of Movements in Funds in 2023

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2023	Income			31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	50	1,413	1,463	-	0
<i>Caliban</i> Locomotive restoration	5,580	-	620	-	4,960
<i>FR 25</i> Locomotive restoration	1,300	-	-	-	1,300
<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	1,493	-	420	-	1,073
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,237	-	-	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	9,660	1,413	2,503	-	8,570
Total Non Designated Funds	516,458	53,488	47,650	-	522,296
Total Unrestricted Funds	526,118	54,901	50,153	-	530,866
Total All Funds	526,118	54,901	50,153	-	530,866

Note 20 Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits.
One trustee was paid a total of £818 for travel expenses in 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust

Registered Charity No. 1163073

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the 12 months ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

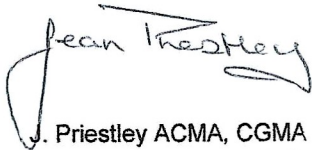
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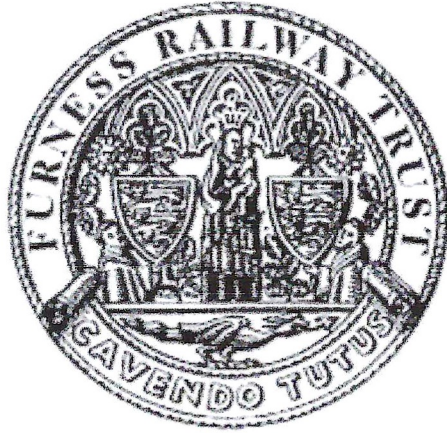
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FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

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2023

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

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Annual Report of the Trustees for 2023

1. Governance and Administration

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The Trustees meet on a number of occasions throughout the year in order to manage the Trust's affairs and to agree required courses of action.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Financial Reporting Standard 102, effective from 1st January 2019, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust's banker is The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT. Savings accounts are also held with the Furness Building Society, Emlyn Hughes House, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 5PQ, and the Nationwide Building Society, Kings Park Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6NW.

The Trust's Independent Examiner is J. Priestley ACMA, CGMA, 24 Scarborough Road, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire FY8 3ES

2. Trustees and Committee Members

The following were the appointed Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust during 2023:

P. Balshaw
K. Brewer
J. Dixon
J.M. Kay
A. Middleton
S. Middleton
T.D. Owen (Chairman)
A.M. Rigg
N.R. Smith
P. van Zeller

The above Trustees were responsible for preparing and approving this report.

3. Objectives and Activities

A summary of the Object and Powers of the Furness Railway Trust is attached as Appendix A at the end of this report.

The principal activities of the Furness Railway Trust (FRT) during 2023 were the acquisition, restoration and operation of historic items of rolling stock. The Trustees worked to address the long term objective of the establishment of a railway museum, with appropriate facilities for the display, storage and restoration of railway rolling stock and associated equipment.

In shaping the Trust's objectives, the Trustees gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with the object of advancing education through its work, both in the short and longer term. The Trustees also took into account the need to maximise public accessibility to its assets, some of which are unique and of major historical importance, including affordability wherever possible.

4. Achievements and Performance

2023 proved to be yet another busy year for the Furness Railway Trust. Its historic Furness Railway 0-4-0 locomotive *No. 20* of 1863, which is Britain's oldest working standard gauge steam locomotive, made a very successful visit to new audiences at the Didcot Railway Centre in Oxfordshire followed by a period of operation at Blaenavon's Heritage Railway in south east Wales. At Blaenavon, *FR 20* was able to take centre stage in the Railway's 40th Anniversary Celebrations as well as its Autumn Steam Gala. The locomotive also steamed at its home base of the Ribble Steam Railway. The Trust's other operational locomotive, Hunslet 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST locomotive, *Cumbria*, was on hire to the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway where it steamed on 62 occasions during 2023.

The Trust's volunteers were kept busy at its Preston base with the ten year overhaul of Great Western Railway 0-6-2T locomotive *No. 5643*. The engine, which last ran on the 27th December 2022, quickly became a kit of parts as the cab, tanks and boiler were removed to facilitate inspection and repairs. All the stripped components are being cleaned, repainted and put into store ready for refitting at the appropriate time. The chassis has also been lifted in order that a wheelset can be sent away for its tyres to be reprofiled. It is difficult to convey in these short words the large amount of time and effort that has already been put into this project by Trust volunteers.

The restoration of Great Western Railway 4-6-0 'Hall' class locomotive *No. 4979 Wootton Hall* has inevitably taken a back seat whilst work is focussed on *No. 5643*, however, it has been possible to acquire some key components, including a new driver's brake valve and a second hand coupling rod which help to take the project forward. Work has also continued on refurbishing the tender tank.

One of the highlights of 2023 was the return to operational use of Great Eastern Railway royal saloon *No. 5* of 1898 which had been the subject of extensive restoration by Trust members at Preston. The work included repairs to internal woodwork, including the floor, re-upholstery of internal panels and furniture, installation of new lighting and a new kitchen. The coach re-entered service at the Ribble Steam Railway's Autumn Steam Gala and proved to be hugely popular, being fully booked on both days.

Work has continued on the restoration of Peckett 0-4-0ST locomotive *Caliban*, although there was a big disappointment when a professional boiler examination revealed that the inner firebox had little life left. The Trustees will need to consider the options open to them for taking forward this project in 2024.

Finally, as predicted in last year's report, the restoration of former Furness Railway locomotive *No. 25* of 1865 has also had to be delayed whilst resources are committed to other projects and significant progress on this project is unlikely to take place in the immediate future.

The Trustees' annual Risks and Vulnerabilities Review continues to identify the need to attract more volunteers and the Trustees will endeavour to grow the Trust's workforce.

All activities of the Furness Railway Trust are undertaken by volunteers. There are no paid staff employed by the Trust.

5. Financial Position

Total income, at £54,901, was slightly down on that for 2022 (£58,737) reflecting the withdrawal from traffic of locomotive *No. 5643*, which reduced locomotive hire income by nearly 25 per cent to £37,438. However, this anticipated shortfall was partly made up by an increase in donations and Gift Aid which rose by over 60% to £10,549.

Expenditure on Charitable Activities rose slightly with locomotive repairs and restoration together with coach restoration accounting for the majority of outgoings. Further significant expenditure on locomotive repairs is to be expected in 2024 as the overhaul of the near century old *No. 5643* receives a thorough overhaul. This will require specialist engineering work in some areas. Insurance, at £4,336, has risen notably including the need to insure *5643* whilst under repair.

Net current assets rose slightly during the year from £239,230 to £249,195 which puts the Trust in a good position to be able to fund the ongoing repair of locomotive *5643* as well as other projects. With interest rates having risen in recent times the Trustees opted to open a second savings account resulting in a significant increase in bank interest received from £776 to £4,401.

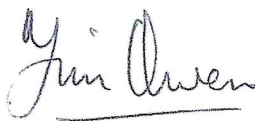
The extended hire of Furness Railway locomotive *No. 20* during 2023 was the key reason for travelling expenses of £1,325 being incurred, all of which was Gift Aided back to the Trust.

6. Reserves Policy


The Trustees believe that the Furness Railway Trust's current finances continue to be satisfactory. There is an ongoing need to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to provide for future overhauls of the Trust's operational locomotives and coaches. Fundraising will continue primarily for this purpose and also to fund the longer term restoration projects.

The FRT continues to be heavily reliant upon its volunteer workforce to operate and to progress projects. Once again, the Trustees wish to thank all members and followers of the FRT for their continued support and generosity during 2023.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.



Tim Owen
Chairman
26th February 2024



Neil Smith
Secretary
26th February 2024

SUMMARY OF OBJECT AND POWERS

The object of the CIO is to establish a railway museum for the benefit of the public and the CIO has power to do anything to further its object, in particular, the power to:

- (a) acquire and preserve railway locomotives, railway carriages and other items of rolling stock and associated equipment.
- (b) restore and maintain such items, house them and put them on display; loan or hire them so that they may be used, if practicable, and make suitable arrangements for their continued preservation as far as is possible.
- (c) sponsor the publication of books, articles etc. containing information about these items and rolling stock and railways generally, and otherwise to promote interest in these subjects.
- (d) Procure contributions to the CIO by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise.
- (e) employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO.
- (e) buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
- (g) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO.
- (h) borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed.

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

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Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming Resources		
3 Income and Endowments from:		
4 Donations/Legacies and Tax Recoverable	11,902	7,943
5 Charitable Activities	37,438	49,400
6 Other Trading Activities	1,160	597
7 Investments	4,401	776
Other	-	21
Total Incoming Resources	<u>54,901</u>	<u>58,737</u>
Less RESOURCES EXPENDED		
8 Expenditure on:		
9 Raising Funds	318	129
10 Charitable Activities	49,466	46,592
11 Governance	369	271
Total Resources Expended	<u>50,153</u>	<u>46,992</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>4,748</u>	<u>11,745</u>
Transfers Between funds	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>4,748</u>	<u>11,745</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total Funds Brought Forward	526,118	514,373
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>530,866</u>	<u>526,118</u>

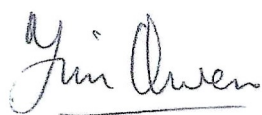
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Fixed Assets:		
13 Tangible Assets	178,066	183,161
14 Heritage Assets	106,296	106,296
Total Fixed Assets	284,362	289,457
Current Assets:		
15 Stock	11,011	11,331
16 Debtors	8,610	22,450
Cash at Bank	234,461	218,032
Cash in Hand	60	60
Total Current Assets	254,142	251,873
17 Creditors: amounts due within one yr.	(4,947)	(12,643)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	249,195	239,230
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	533,557	528,687
17 Creditors: amounts due after one yr.	(2,691)	(2,569)
Total Net Assets	530,866	526,118
Funds of the Charity:		
Total Funds Brought Forward	526,118	514,373
Add Net Incoming Resources	4,748	11,745
Total Funds as at 31.12.2023	530,866	526,118



Tim Owen
Chairman
26th February 2024



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Secretary
26th February

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

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Notes to the Accounts –12 Months Ended 31st December 2023

Note 1 **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts are for the eighth full year of operation of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation Furness Railway Trust 1163073 which took over the assets and operations of the unincorporated Furness Railway Trust Registered Charity 1005211 from the 1st December 2015.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective from 1st January 2019, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the unincorporated and CIO charities have merged, as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes(s) to these accounts.

The Furness Railway Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the Furness Railway Trust is a going concern after taking into account the current and anticipated levels of activity,

Note 2 **Accounting Policy**

Income

Incoming Resources, including grants, are accounted for on a receivable basis.

The value of donated goods is recognised only on sale because of the practicalities of measuring the value of such goods.

Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible assets and included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources when receivable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Expenditure

Resources Expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and include recognition of liabilities arising from legal or constructive obligation which commits the organisation to expenditure.

Certain support costs (Insurance and Printing, Stationery, Postage) are apportioned between activities based, where possible, on known cost drivers.

Governance Costs are shown separately for the purpose of clarity and, contrary to the SORP, not spread across activities because they are difficult to allocate and are not material in size.

Assets

Tangible and fixed assets for use by the charity

A long term shed lease, purchased in 2019, is being depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years.

A portable building and fixed safety gear are being depreciated on a straight line basis over 15 years.

Plant and Equipment assets purchased which can be used for more than one year are capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis at a rate of 25% per annum.

Assets purchased after 1st December 2015 are only capitalised if they cost £200 or more.

Heritage Assets

Heritage Assets are shown on the balance sheet at cost or, in the case of donated items, a realistic value estimated at the time of donation. An exception has been made for Furness Railway No. 20, built 1863. This historic locomotive is unique, difficult to value and is not included; there has been approximately £148,000 spent on it. The Trust's Collection and Disposal Policy states that there "should be a presumption against disposal." Grants received of £111,000 would potentially be repayable if this item was sold.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lesser of cost or recoverable value.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

Creditors are measured at transaction price.

Note 3	Analysis of Income	2023	2022
		Unrestricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £
Note 4	Donations and Legacies		
	Donations and Gifts	8,336	5,327
	Legacies	0	0
	Gift Aid	2,213	1,213
	Membership Subscriptions	1,353	1,403
	Total	11,902	7,943
Note 5	Charitable Activities		
	Rolling Stock Hire	37,438	49,400
	Book Sales	0	0
	Other Income	0	0
	Total	37,438	49,400
Note 6	Other Trading Activities		
	Fundraising Sales	371	176
	Proceeds from <i>Live Steam</i>	200	230
	Donated Goods	236	110
	Workwear	353	81
	Total	1,160	597
Note 7	Investment Income		
	Bank Interest Received	4401	776
	Total	4401	776
	Other Income	0	21
	Total	0	21

Note 8 Analysis of Expenditure

	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
	£	£

Note 9 Expenditure on Raising Funds

Sales Goods	260	109
Insurance	58	20
Total	318	129

Note 10 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Locomotive Restoration	10,529	5,513
Locomotive Repair/Maintenance	18,196	25,244
Coach Restoration	4,669	3,005
Building Maintenance	532	129
Transport/Craneage Costs	750	250
Magazine Publication	1,010	915
Insurance	4,278	2,294
Utilities	2,365	2,051
Membership Subscriptions	170	260
Travelling Expenses	1,325	0
Personal Safety Equipment	73	0
Workwear	225	109
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	249	232
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	5,095	6,590
Total	49,466	46,592

Note 11 Governance Costs

Independent Examination	240	220
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	129	51
Total	369	271

Note 12 Expenditure Details

Insurance, amounting to £4,336 was purchased (£2,314 in 2021) which includes property and public liability insurance for certain activities (including funds generation) undertaken by the Trust, its Trustees and Members.

The work of the charity in restoring, maintaining and assisting in the operation of its assets is, in the main, carried out by volunteers with only specialist activities contracted out.

No staff were employed in either 2023 or 2022.

No fee for the Independent Examination of the 2023 accounts has been included. The cost of examining the 2022 accounts was £240 which is included in the 2023 accounts.

Note 13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2023	2023	2023	2023
	Building	Mess Room/	Plant &	Total
	Lease	Safety Eqmt	Equipment	
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2023	190,000	10,749	12,776	213,525
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	0
At 31st December 2023	190,000	10,749	12,776	213,525
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2023	15,200	3,332	11,832	30,364
Depreciation	3,800	717	578	5,095
Less Depreciation on Disposal	-	-	0	0
At 31st December 2023	19,000	4,049	12,410	35,459
Net Book Value at 1st January 2023	174,800	7,417	944	183,161
Net book Value at 31st December 2023	171,000	6,700	366	178,066

Tangible Fixed Assets (Cont.)	2022	2022	2022	2022
Comparative figures for 2022	Building	Mess Room/ Safety Eqmt	Plant & Equipment	Total
	Lease			
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2022	190,000	10,749	12,676	213,425
Additions	-	-	100	100
At 31st December 2022	190,000	10,749	12,776	213,525
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2022	11,400	2,616	10,389	24,405
Depreciation	3,800	716	2,073	6,589
Less Depreciation on Disposal	-	-	-630	-630
At 31st December 2022	15,200	3,332	11,832	30,364
Net Book Value at 1st January 2022	178,600	8,133	2,287	189,020
Net Book Value at 31st December 2022	174,800	7,417	944	183,161

Note 14 Heritage Assets

	2023	2023	2023	2023
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2023	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2023	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

No depreciation has been applied to the Heritage Assets. Therefore the book values at 31st December 2023 are as above.

Comparative figures for 2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2022	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2022	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

Five Year Summary of Heritage Asset Transactions

There have been no purchases, donations, disposals or impairments to Heritage Assets during the last five years.

Note 15 Stocks

	2023 Stock £	2022 Stock
Charitable Activities - Books		
Opening	9	9
Added in Period	0	0
Expensed in Period	0	0
Closing	9	9
Other Trading Activities		
Opening	1,710	1,839
Added in Period	165	89
Expensed in Period	486	218
Closing	1,389	1,710
Total Closing Sales Stock This year	1,398	1,719
Add Stocks of Stores	9,612	9,612
Total Stocks	11,010	11,331
Total Closing Stock Previous Year	11,331	1,848

Note 16 Analysis of Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade Debtors	4,800	18,480
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,603	2,196
Other Debtors	2,207	1,774
Total	8,610	22,450

**Note 17 Creditors and Accruals
Analysis of Creditors**

	Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		Amounts Falling Due After One Year	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,787	5,283	-	-
Accruals & Deferred Income	798	595	2,691	2,569
Other Creditors	362	6,765	-	-
Total	4,947	12,643	2,691	2,569

Note 18 Deferred Income

Income was deferred in respect of some membership subscriptions which were paid in advance

Movement in Deferred Income Account

	2023		2022	
	Membership Subscriptions	Vehicle Hire	Membership Subscriptions	Vehicle Hire
	£	£	£	£
Balance at the Start of the Reporting Period	3,164	0	3,282	329
Amounts Added in Current Period	1,125	0	692	0
Amounts Released to Income from Prev Periods	800	0	810	329
Balance at End of Reporting Period	3,489	0	3,164	0

Note 19 Charity Funds

Details of Movements in Funds in 2023

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2023	Income			31.12.2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	50	1,413	1,463	-	0
<i>Caliban</i> Locomotive restoration	5,580	0	620	-	4,960
<i>FR 25</i> Locomotive restoration	1,300	0	0	-	1,300
<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	1,493	0	420	-	1,073
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,237	0	0	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	9,660	1,413	2,503	-	8,570
Total Non Designated Funds	516,458	53,488	47,650	-	522,296
Total Unrestricted Funds	526,118	54,901	50,153	-	530,866
Total All Funds	526,118	54,901	50,153	-	530,866

Details of Movements in Funds in 2022

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2022	Income			31.12.2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	50	1,413	1,463	-	0
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<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	1,493	-	420	-	1,073
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,237	-	-	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	9,660	1,413	2,503	-	8,570
Total Non Designated Funds	504,713	57,234	44,489	-	517,548
Total Unrestricted Funds	514,373	58,737	46,992	-	526,118
Total All Funds	514,373	58,737	46,992	-	526,118

Note 20 Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits.
Two trustees were paid a total of £1,325 for travel expenses in 2023.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust

Registered Charity No. 1163073

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the 12 months ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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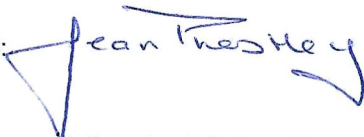
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Signed:



Name:

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24, Scarborough Road, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire FY8 3ES

Date:

21st March 2024.

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2. Trustees and Committee Members

The following were the appointed Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust during 2022:

P. Balshaw (from 13.09.2022)
K. Brewer
J. Dixon
J.M. Kay
A. Middleton
S. Middleton (from 13.09.22)
T.D. Owen (Chairman)
A.M. Rigg
D.A. Rimmer (until 31.03.22)
N.R. Smith
P. van Zeller

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3. Objectives and Activities

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The principal activities of the Furness Railway Trust (FRT) during 2022 were the acquisition, restoration and operation of historic items of rolling stock. The Trustees worked to address the long term objective of the establishment of a railway museum, with appropriate facilities for the display, storage and restoration of railway rolling stock and associated equipment.

In shaping the Trust's objectives, the Trustees gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit with the object of advancing education through its work, both in the short and longer term. The Trustees also took into account the need to maximise public accessibility to its assets, some of which are unique and of major historical importance, including affordability wherever possible.

4. Achievements and Performance

2022 saw a welcome return to normality following the restrictions caused by the 2020 Covid pandemic. The Heritage Rail sector once more saw a strong demand for working steam locomotives with supply being outstripped by demand owing to enforced delays to overhauls caused by the pandemic. There was therefore welcome demand for the use of the Trust's Hunslet 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST locomotive, *Cumbria* and Great Western Railway 0-6-2T locomotive No. 5643 which continued their hires to the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway and the East Lancashire Railway respectively. The historic Furness Railway 0-4-0 locomotive No. 20 of 1863 made a well received visit to the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre in May as well as operating at its home base of the Ribble Steam Railway at Preston.

It is important to be able to respond quickly to any maintenance issues that arise on working locomotives. The Trust therefore found itself having to fund the re-tubing of *Cumbria* at short notice during the operating season and also undertook the re-boring of the valve liners and purchase of new valves for 5643. The latter locomotive hauled its last passenger trains on the 27th December before being withdrawn from operational use upon the expiry of its ten year boiler certificate. The locomotive has subsequently returned to the FRT's base at Preston to enable its overhaul to commence.

Good progress continues to be made on the long-term restoration of Great Western Railway 4-6-0 'Hall' class locomotive No. 4979 *Wootton Hall*. More pipework has been fitted to the boiler and welding repairs made to the tender tank. Some major and expensive components remain to be purchased, but this expenditure has been put on hold until the full cost of the overhaul to 5643 is known.

The overhaul of Peckett locomotive 0-4-0ST *Caliban* has continued with time now being spent in locating patterns for missing components. The tubes have been stripped from the boiler and a non-destructive examination arranged which subsequently turned out to be favourable.

Considerable volunteer resource has been consumed by the ongoing overhaul of Great Eastern Railway royal saloon No. 5 of 1898. Re-covering and painting of the roof and varnishing of the wooden body been completed and work then focussed on the time-consuming stripping and varnishing of interior woodwork. The former kitchen area is being refitted to modern standards and new moquette and materials fitted by the Trust's own volunteer workforce.

The restoration of the Trust's diesel shunter 0-4-ODM *Fluff* has taken a back seat to allow the restoration of the royal coach to be concluded. The Trustees continue to search for a replacement engine, the original being beyond repair.

The restoration of former Furness Railway locomotive *No. 25* of 1865 is still at the planning stage whilst resources are allocated to other projects and no significant progress is expected in the next year.

The Trustees' annual Risks and Vulnerabilities Review continues to identify the need to attract more volunteers and the Trustees will continue to endeavour to grow the Trust's workforce.

All activities of the Furness Railway Trust are undertaken by volunteers. There are no paid staff employed by the Trust.

5. Financial Position

Total income, at £58,737, was nearly forty per cent above that of 2021 reflecting the strong recovery in Rolling Stock Hire.

Expenditure on Charitable Activities also soared mainly on locomotive repairs and maintenance which rose from £6,696 in 2021 to £25,244 in 2022. The main causes were expenditure on the re-tube of *Cumbria* and the re-bore and new valves on *5643*. With steel prices soaring during the year, the opportunity was also taken to purchase tubes for *5643* in advance of its forthcoming boiler overhaul in 2023, which is principally responsible for the rise in stocks from £1,848 to £11,331.

The net current assets of £239,230 at the year end put the Trust in a good financial position to commence the overhaul of *5643* and also to continue work on its other projects.

6. Reserves Policy

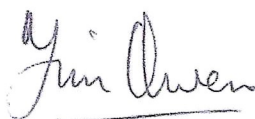
The Trustees believe that, the Furness Railway Trust's current finances continue to be satisfactory. There is an ongoing need to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to provide for future overhauls of the Trust's operational locomotives and coaches. Fundraising will continue primarily for this purpose and also to fund the longer term restoration projects.

7. Looking Forward

The major project in 2023 will be the overhaul of locomotive No. 5643. The full extent and cost of the overhaul will only become clear once the locomotive is stripped down and the boiler tested ultrasonically. In the meantime the Trust's finances will be heavily dependent on the income streams from locomotives *Cumbria* and Furness Railway *No. 20*, both of which already have booked work for 2023. Inflation continues to be a source of concern and will doubtless impact on current projects so expenditure controls will remain in place to ensure that best value for money is obtained whilst allowing a measured level of progress on key restoration projects.

The FRT is heavily reliant upon its volunteer workforce to operate and to progress projects. The Trustees wish to thank all members and followers of the FRT for their continued support and generosity during 2022.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.



Tim Owen
Chairman
3rd May 2023



Neil Smith
Secretary
3rd May 2023

SUMMARY OF OBJECT AND POWERS

The object of the CIO is to establish a railway museum for the benefit of the public and the CIO has power to do anything to further its object, in particular, the power to:

- (a) acquire and preserve railway locomotives, railway carriages and other items of rolling stock and associated equipment.
- (b) restore and maintain such items, house them and put them on display; loan or hire them so that they may be used, if practicable, and make suitable arrangements for their continued preservation as far as is possible.
- (c) sponsor the publication of books, articles etc. containing information about these items and rolling stock and railways generally, and otherwise to promote interest in these subjects.
- (d) Procure contributions to the CIO by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise.
- (e) employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO.
- (f) buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
- (g) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO.
- (h) borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed.

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1163073

Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

Notes	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming Resources		
3 Income and Endowments from:		
4 Donations/Legacies and Tax Recoverable	7,943	8,323
5 Charitable Activities	49,400	33,202
6 Other Trading Activities	597	739
7 Investments	776	5
Other	21	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>58,737</u>	<u>42,269</u>
Less RESOURCES EXPENDED		
8 Expenditure on:		
9 Raising Funds	129	816
10 Charitable Activities	46,592	27,401
11 Governance	271	217
Total Resources Expended	<u>46,992</u>	<u>28,434</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>11,745</u>	<u>13,835</u>
Transfers Between funds	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>11,745</u>	<u>13,835</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total Funds Brought Forward	514,373	500,538
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>526,118</u>	<u>514,373</u>

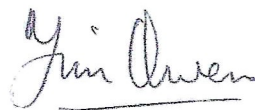
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets:		
13 Tangible Assets	183,161	189,020
14 Heritage Assets	106,296	106,296
Total Fixed Assets	289,457	295,316
Current Assets:		
15 Stock	11,331	1,848
16 Debtors	22,450	21,554
Cash at Bank	218,032	206,355
Cash in Hand	60	60
Total Current Assets	251,873	229,817
17 Creditors: amounts due within one yr.	(12,643)	(8,150)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	239,230	221,667
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	528,687	516,983
17 Creditors: amounts due after one yr.	(2,569)	(2,610)
Total Net Assets	526,118	514,373
Funds of the Charity:		
Total Funds Brought Forward	514,373	500,538
Add Net Incoming Resources	11,745	13,835
Total Funds as at 31.12.2022	526,118	514,373



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Notes to the Accounts –12 Months Ended 31st December 2022

Note 1 **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts are for the sixth full year of operation of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation Furness Railway Trust 1163073 which took over the assets and operations of the unincorporated Furness Railway Trust Registered Charity 1005211 from the 1st December 2015.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the unincorporated and CIO charities have merged, as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes(s) to these accounts.

The Furness Railway Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the Furness Railway Trust is a going concern after taking into account the current and anticipated levels of activity,

Note 2 **Accounting Policy**

Income

Incoming Resources, including grants, are accounted for on a receivable basis.

The value of donated goods is recognised only on sale because of the practicalities of measuring the value of such goods.

Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible assets and included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources when receivable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Expenditure

Resources Expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and include recognition of liabilities arising from legal or constructive obligation which commits the organisation to expenditure.

Certain support costs (Insurance and Printing, Stationery, Postage) are apportioned between activities based, where possible, on known cost drivers.

Governance Costs are shown separately for the purpose of clarity and, contrary to the SORP, not spread across activities because they are difficult to allocate and are not material in size.

Assets

Tangible and fixed assets for use by the charity

A long term shed lease, purchased in 2019, is being depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years.

A portable building and fixed safety gear are being depreciated on a straight line basis over 15 years.

Plant and Equipment assets purchased which can be used for more than one year are capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis at a rate of 25% per annum.

Assets purchased after 1st December 2015 are only capitalised if they cost £200 or more.

Heritage Assets

Heritage Assets are shown on the balance sheet at cost or, in the case of donated items, a realistic value estimated at the time of donation. An exception has been made for Furness Railway No. 20, built 1863. This historic locomotive is unique, difficult to value and is not included; there has been approximately £148,000 spent on it. The Trust's Collection and Disposal Policy states that there "should be a presumption against disposal." Grants received of £111,000 would potentially be repayable if this item was sold.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lesser of cost or recoverable value.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

Creditors are measured at transaction price.

		2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Total
		Funds	Funds
		£	£
Note 3	Analysis of Income		
Note 4	Donations and Legacies		
	Donations and Gifts	5,327	5,432
	Legacies	-	-
	Gift Aid	1,213	1,491
	Membership Subscriptions	1,403	1,400
	Total	7,943	8,323
Note 5	Charitable Activities		
	Rolling Stock Hire	49,400	31,702
	Book Sales	0	0
	Other Income	0	1,500
	Total	49,400	33,202
Note 6	Other Trading Activities		
	Fundraising Sales	176	228
	Proceeds from <i>Live Steam</i>	230	184
	Donated Goods	110	205
	Workwear	81	122
	Total	597	739
Note 7	Investment Income		
	Bank Interest Received	776	5
	Total	776	5
	Other Income	21	0
	Total	21	0

Note 8 Analysis of Expenditure

	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Total
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Note 9 Expenditure on Raising Funds		
Sales Goods	109	70
Insurance	20	410
Trust Promotion	0	337
Total	129	817
Note 10 Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Locomotive Restoration	5,513	4,445
Locomotive Repair/Maintenance	25,244	6,696
Coach Restoration	3,005	776
Building Maintenance	129	8
Transport/Craneage Costs	250	2,790
Magazine Publication	915	1,485
Insurance	2,294	2,365
Utilities	2,051	1,498
Membership Subscriptions	260	260
Travelling Expenses	0	114
Personal Safety Equipment	0	40
Workwear	109	120
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	232	398
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	6,590	6,406
Total	46,592	27,401
Note 11 Governance Costs		
Independent Examination	220	215
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	51	2
Total	271	217

Note 12 Expenditure Details

Insurance, amounting to £2,314 was purchased (£2,775 in 2021) which includes property and public liability insurance for certain activities (including funds generation) undertaken by the Trust, its Trustees and Members.

The work of the charity in restoring, maintaining and assisting in the operation of its assets is, in the main, carried out by volunteers with only specialist activities contracted out.

No staff were employed in either 2022 or 2021.

No fee for the Independent Examination of the 2022 accounts has been included. The cost of examining the 2021 accounts was £220 which is included in the 2022 accounts.

Note 13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2022	2022	2022	2022
	Building	Mess Room/	Plant &	Total
	Lease	Safety Eqmt	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2022	190,000	10,749	12,676	213,425
Additions/Disposals	-	-	100	100
At 31st December 2022	190,000	10,749	12,776	213,525
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2022	11,400	2,616	10,389	24,405
Depreciation	3,800	716	2,073	6,589
Less Depreciation on Disposal	-	-	-630	-630
At 31st December 2021	15,200	3,332	11,832	30,364
Net Book Value at 1st January 2022	178,600	8,133	2,287	189,020
Net book Value at 31st December 2022	174,800	7,417	944	183,161

Tangible Fixed Assets (Cont.)	2021	2021	2021	2021
Comparative figures for 2021	Building Lease	Mess Room/ Safety Eqmt	Plant & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2021	190,000	10,749	12,676	213,425
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2021	190,000	10,749	12,676	213,425
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2021	7,600	1,899	8,500	17,999
Depreciation	3,800	717	1,889	6,406
At 31st December 2021	11,400	2,616	10,389	24,405
Net Book Value at 1st January 2021	182,400	8,850	4,176	195,426
Net Book Value at 31st December 2021	178,600	8,133	2,287	189,020

Note 14 Heritage Assets	2022	2022	2022	2022
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2022	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2022	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

No depreciation has been applied to the Heritage Assets. Therefore the book values at 31st December 2022 are as above.

Comparative figures for 2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2021	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2021	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

Five Year Summary of Heritage Asset Transactions

A locomotive, valued at £20,000, was donated in 2017.

A coach was disposed of during 2017 with a gain of £20,833.

There have been no other purchases, donations, disposals or impairments to Heritage Assets during the last five years.

Note 15 Stocks

	2022 Stock £	2021 Stock
Charitable Activities - Books		
Opening	9	9
Added in Period	0	0
Expensed in Period	0	0
Closing	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Opening	1,839	2,030
Added in Period	89	0
Expensed in Period	218	191
Closing	<u>1,710</u>	<u>1,839</u>
Total Closing Sales Stock This year	1,719	1,848
Add Stocks of Stores	9,612	0
Total Stocks	11,331	1,848
Total Closing Stock Previous Year	1,848	2,039

Note 16 Analysis of Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Debtors	18,480	17,524
Prepayments and Accrued Income	2,196	1,492
Other Debtors	1,774	2,538
Total	22,450	21,554

**Note 17 Creditors and Accruals
Analysis of Creditors**

	Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		Amounts Falling Due After One Year	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Creditors	5,283	3,880	-	-
Accruals & Deferred Income	595	672	2,569	2,610
Other Creditors	6,765	3,598	-	-
Total	12,643	8,150	2,569	2,610

Note 18 Deferred Income

Income was deferred in respect of some membership subscriptions which were paid in advance and also a vehicle hire fee which covered two financial years.

Movement in Deferred Income Account

	2022		2021	
	Membership Subscriptions £	Vehicle Hire £	Membership Subscriptions £	Vehicle Hire £
Balance at the Start of the Reporting Period	3,282	329	3,525	329
Amounts Added in Current Period	692	0	478	0
Amounts Released to Income from Prev Periods	810	329	721	329
Balance at End of Reporting Period	<u>3,164</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,282</u>	<u>0</u>

Note 19 **Charity Funds**

Details of Movements in Funds in 2022

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2022	Income			31.12.2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	50	1,413	1,463	-	0
<i>Caliban</i> Locomotive restoration	5,580	0	620	-	4,960
<i>FR 25</i> Locomotive restoration	1,300	0	0	-	1,300
<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	1,493	0	420	-	1,073
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,237	0	0	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	9,660	1,413	2,503	-	8,570
Total Non Designated Funds	504,713	57,324	44,489	-	517,548
Total Unrestricted Funds	514,373	58,737	46,992	-	526,118
Total All Funds	514,373	58,737	46,992	-	526,118

Details of Movements in Funds in 2021

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2021	Income			31.12.2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	2,912	1,802	4,664	-	50
<i>Caliban</i> Locomotive restoration	4,746	834	0	-	5,580
<i>FR 25</i> Locomotive restoration	1,300	-	-	-	1,300
<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	1,468	125	100	-	1,493
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,237	-	-	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	11,663	2,761	4,764	-	9,660
Total Non Designated Funds	488,875	39,508	23,670	-	504,713
Total Unrestricted Funds	500,538	42,269	28,434	-	514,373
Total All Funds	500,538	42,269	28,434	-	514,373

Note 20 **Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits.

No Trustees received expenses in 2022.

Two trustees were paid a total of £102 for travel expenses in 2021.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust

Registered Charity No. 1163073

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the 12 months ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

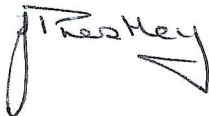
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

J. Priestley ACMA, CGMA
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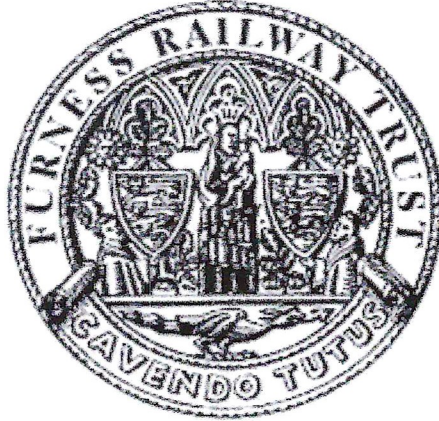
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Annual Report of the Trustees for 2021

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4. Achievements and Performance

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact significantly on the Trust's activities and financial performance during 2021. There was a partial recovery in rolling stock hire income, with Hunslet 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST locomotive *Cumbria* on hire to the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway through the year, whilst former Great Western Railway 0-6-2T locomotive *No. 5643* spent 2021 on hire to the East Lancashire Railway.

The ten year overhaul at Preston of Furness Railway locomotive *No. 20*, Britain's oldest working standard gauge steam locomotive, was completed in October 2021. The work had taken considerably longer than was anticipated at the outset, because of the restrictions imposed during the pandemic.

The overhaul of Peckett locomotive 0-4-0ST *Caliban* has also been delayed, but the end of the year saw the locomotive re-wheeled after the refurbishment of its axleboxes was completed.

The long term restoration of former Great Western Railway 4-6-0 'Hall' class locomotive *No. 4979 Wootton Hall* has continued, albeit also slowed due to the pandemic. The completion of the rolling chassis for the tender after extensive work was a notable milestone, whilst new boiler cladding continued to be cut and fitted.

The restoration of the Trust's diesel shunter 0-4-0DM *Fluff* was paused during the third lockdown but the ongoing fabrication of new steelwork for the superstructure continued for the rest of the year. The Trustees continue to search for a replacement engine, the original being beyond repair.

The pandemic has delayed any start of the restoration of former Furness Railway locomotive *No. 25* of 1865, but work did resume on the ongoing overhaul of Great Eastern Railway Royal Saloon *No. 5*, following the completion of work on Furness Railway *No. 20*. Initial work focused on repairs to the roof and its fittings.

Throughout the pandemic, the priority of the Trustees has been to ensure the safety of the Trust's volunteer workforce through undertaking statutory risk assessments and implementing Covid secure working practices. The Trustees are grateful to all the Trust's volunteers for their understanding, acceptance and adherence to these procedures.

The Trustees' annual Risks and Vulnerabilities Review had previously identified the need to attract more volunteers. Following a joint recruitment day with the Ribble Steam Railway, new volunteers were recruited but further recruitment is planned in 2022.

All activities of the Furness Railway Trust are undertaken by volunteers. There are no paid staff employed by the Trust.

5. Financial Position

Total income, at £42,269, was double that of 2020 when the COVID-19 lockdowns had a severe impact on heritage railway operations, but still well below the £72,091 of 2019. Rolling Stock Hire was almost three times greater than the previous year, reflecting the partial recovery in the leisure market seen during 2021. There was also a recovery in the income from fundraising activities such as the sales stand and the folk group *Live Steam*.

Given the deficit seen in 2020, and recognising the ongoing financial impact of the pandemic on finances, the Trustees continued to be cautious with expenditure. Expenditure on Locomotive Restoration, Maintenance and Repairs of £11,142 was one third of that incurred in 2020.

Expenses of £102 incurred by two Trustees in attending to on-hire locomotives were kindly gift aided back to the Trust.

Overall, with the total outgoings of £28,434, there was an excess of income over expenditure of £13,835, increasing net funds by that amount to £514,373.

6. Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that, despite the continuing difficulties caused by the pandemic, the Furness Railway Trust's current finances continue to be satisfactory. There is an ongoing need to maintain an appropriate level of reserves to provide for future overhauls of the Trust's operational locomotives and coaches. Fundraising will continue primarily for this purpose and also to fund the longer term restoration projects.

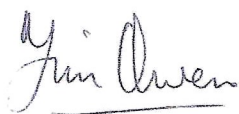
7. Looking Forward: COVID-19 and rising energy costs

It would appear that the leisure market still has some way to go to resume pre-pandemic levels of activity. Further, rising global energy costs are impacting on coal and diesel prices, forcing increased costs on heritage railways which are now starting to cut back on some operations. It looks likely that there will be a continuing detrimental impact on income to the Trust, so expenditure controls will remain in place to ensure that reserves are maintained for future overhauls whilst allowing a measured level of progress on key restoration projects.

The FRT's Trustees will continue to protect Trust's assets, finances and the health and wellbeing of its volunteer workforce during this challenging period of time.

Finally, the Trustees again wish record their grateful thanks to members and followers of the FRT for their continued support and generosity during 2021.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.



Tim Owen
Chairman
5th April 2022



Neil Smith
Secretary
5th April 2022

SUMMARY OF OBJECT AND POWERS

The object of the CIO is to establish a railway museum for the benefit of the public and the CIO has power to do anything to further its object, in particular, the power to:

- (a) acquire and preserve railway locomotives, railway carriages and other items of rolling stock and associated equipment.
- (b) restore and maintain such items, house them and put them on display; loan or hire them so that they may be used, if practicable, and make suitable arrangements for their continued preservation as far as is possible.
- (c) sponsor the publication of books, articles etc. containing information about these items and rolling stock and railways generally, and otherwise to promote interest in these subjects.
- (d) Procure contributions to the CIO by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise.
- (e) employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO.
- (e) buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
- (g) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO.
- (h) borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed.

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1163073

Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming Resources		
3 Income and Endowments from:		
4 Donations/Legacies and Tax Recoverable	8,323	9,818
5 Charitable Activities	33,202	11,018
6 Other Trading Activities	739	34
7 Investments	5	118
Other	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>42,269</u>	<u>20,988</u>
Less RESOURCES EXPENDED		
8 Expenditure on:		
9 Raising Funds	816	349
10 Charitable Activities	27,401	47,132
11 Governance	217	218
Total Resources Expended	<u>28,434</u>	<u>47,699</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>13,835</u>	<u>-26,711</u>
Transfers Between funds	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>13,835</u>	<u>-26,711</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total Funds Brought Forward	500,538	527,249
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>514,373</u>	<u>500,538</u>

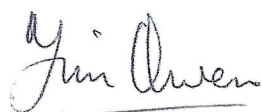
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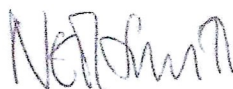
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021

	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets:		
13 Tangible Assets	189,020	195,426
14 Heritage Assets	106,296	106,296
Total Fixed Assets	295,316	301,722
Current Assets:		
15 Stock	1,848	2,038
16 Debtors	21,554	6,272
Cash at Bank	206,355	199,367
Cash in Hand	60	60
Total Current Assets	229,817	207,737
17 Creditors: amounts due within one yr.	(8,150)	(6,022)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	221,667	201,715
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	516,983	503,437
17 Creditors: amounts due after one yr.	(2,610)	(2,899)
Total Net Assets	514,373	500,538
Funds of the Charity:		
Total Funds Brought Forward	500,538	527,249
Add Net Incoming Resources	13,835	(26,711)
Total Funds as at 31.12.2021	514,373	500,538



Tim Owen
Chairman
5th April 2022



Neil Smith
Secretary
5th April 2022

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1163073

Notes to the Accounts –12 Months Ended 31st December 2021

Note 1 **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts are for the sixth full year of operation of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation Furness Railway Trust 1163073 which took over the assets and operations of the unincorporated Furness Railway Trust Registered Charity 1005211 from the 1st December 2015.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the unincorporated and CIO charities have merged, as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes(s) to these accounts.

The Furness Railway Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the Furness Railway Trust is a going concern after taking into account the current and anticipated levels of activity,

Note 2 **Accounting Policy**

Income

Incoming Resources, including grants, are accounted for on a receivable basis.

The value of donated goods is recognised only on sale because of the practicalities of measuring the value of such goods.

Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible assets and included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources when receivable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Expenditure

Resources Expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and include recognition of liabilities arising from legal or constructive obligation which commits the organisation to expenditure.

Certain support costs (Insurance and Printing, Stationery, Postage) are apportioned between activities based, where possible, on known cost drivers.

Governance Costs are shown separately for the purpose of clarity and, contrary to the SORP, not spread across activities because they are difficult to allocate and are not material in size.

Assets

Tangible and fixed assets for use by the charity

A long term shed lease, purchased in 2019, is being depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years.

A portable building and fixed safety gear are being depreciated on a straight line basis over 15 years.

Plant and Equipment assets purchased which can be used for more than one year are capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis at a rate of 25% per annum.

Assets purchased after 1st December 2015 are only capitalised if they cost £200 or more.

Heritage Assets

Heritage Assets are shown on the balance sheet at cost or, in the case of donated items, a realistic value estimated at the time of donation. An exception has been made for Furness Railway No. 20, built 1863. This historic locomotive is unique, difficult to value and is not included; there has been approximately £148,000 spent on it. The Trust's Collection and Disposal Policy states that there "should be a presumption against disposal." Grants received of £111,000 would potentially be repayable if this item was sold.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lesser of cost or recoverable value.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

Creditors are measured at transaction price.

Note	Analysis of Income	2021	2020
		Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Note 4	Donations and Legacies		
	Donations and Gifts	5,432	6,604
	Legacies	-	-
	Gift Aid	1,491	1,771
	Membership Subscriptions	1,400	1,443
	Total	8,323	9,818
Note 5	Charitable Activities		
	Rolling Stock Hire	31,702	11,018
	Book Sales	0	0
	Other Income	1,500	0
	Total	33,202	11,018
Note 6	Other Trading Activities		
	Fundraising Sales	228	0
	Proceeds from <i>Live Steam</i>	184	0
	Donated Goods	205	0
	Workwear	122	35
	Total	739	35
Note 7	Investment Income		
	Bank Interest Received	5	118
	Total	5	118
	Other Income	0	0
	Total	0	0

Note 8 Analysis of Expenditure

2021	2020
Unrestricted	Total
Funds	Funds
£	£

Note 9 Expenditure on Raising Funds

Sales Goods	70	0
Insurance	410	349
Trust Promotion	337	0
Total	817	349

Note 10 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Locomotive Restoration	4,445	23,423
Locomotive Repair/Maintenance	6,696	12,181
Coach Restoration	776	0
Building Maintenance	8	207
Transport Costs	2,790	0
Books	0	0
Magazine Publication	1,485	990
Insurance	2,365	1,993
Utilities	1,498	940
Membership Subscriptions	260	160
Travelling Expenses	114	0
Personal Safety Equipment	40	323
Workwear	120	31
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	398	257
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	6,406	6,627
Total	27,401	47,132

Note 11 Governance Costs

Independent Examination	215	215
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	2	3
Total	217	218

Note 12 Expenditure Details

Insurance, amounting to £2,775 was purchased (£2,342 in 2020) which includes property and public liability insurance for certain activities (including funds generation) undertaken by the Trust, its Trustees and Members.

The work of the charity in restoring, maintaining and assisting in the operation of its assets is, in the main, carried out by volunteers with only specialist activities contracted out.

No staff were employed in either 2021 or 2020.

No fee for the Independent Examination of the 2021 accounts has been included. The cost of examining the 2020 accounts was £215 which is included in the 2021 accounts.

Note 13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2021	2021	2021	2021
	Building	Mess Room/	Plant &	Total
	Lease	Safety Eqmt	Equipment	
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2021	190,000	10,749	12,677	213,426
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2021	190,000	10,749	12,677	213,426
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2021	7,600	1,899	8,501	18,000
Depreciation	3,800	717	1,889	6,406
At 31st December 2021	11,400	2,616	10,390	24,406
Net Book Value at 1st January 2021	182,400	8,850	4,176	195,426
Net book Value at 31st December 2021	178,600	8,133	2,287	189,020

Tangible Fixed Assets (Cont.)	2020	2020	2020	2020
Comparative figures for 2020	Building	Mess Room/ Safety Eqmt	Plant & Equipment	Total
	Lease			£
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2020	190,000	10,749	11,472	212,221
Additions	-	-	1,205	1,205
At 31st December 2020	190,000	10,749	12,677	213,426
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2020	3,800	1,183	6,390	11,373
Depreciation	3,800	716	2,111	6,627
At 31st December 2020	7,600	1,899	8,501	18,000
Net Book Value at 1st January 2020	186,200	9,566	5,082	200,848
Net Book Value at 31st December 2020	182,400	8,850	4,176	195,426

Note 14 Heritage Assets	2021	2021	2021	2021
		Other Rolling	Other	
	Locomotives	Stock	Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2021	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2021	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

No depreciation has been applied to the Heritage Assets. Therefore the book values at 31st December 2021 are as above.

Comparative figures for 2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
		Other Rolling	Other	
	Locomotives	Stock	Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
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Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2020	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

Five Year Summary of Heritage Asset Transactions

A locomotive, valued at £20,000, was donated in 2017.

A coach was disposed of during 2017 with a gain of £20,833.

There have been no other purchases, donations, disposals or impairments to Heritage Assets during the last five years.

Note 15 Stocks

	2021 Stock £	2020 Stock
Charitable Activities		
Opening	9	9
Added in Period	0	0
Expensed in Period	0	0
Closing	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Opening	2,030	1,829
Added in Period	0	232
Expensed in Period	191	31
Closing	<u>1,839</u>	<u>2,030</u>
Total Closing Stock This year	<u>1,848</u>	<u>2,039</u>
Total Closing Stock Previous Year	<u>2,039</u>	<u>1,837</u>

Note 16 Analysis of Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade Debtors	17,524	2,143
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,492	2,392
Other Debtors	2,538	1,737
Total	<u>21,554</u>	<u>6,272</u>

**Note 17 Creditors and Accruals
Analysis of Creditors**

	Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		Amounts Falling Due After One Year	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,880	3,377	-	-
Accruals & Deferred Income	672	955	2,610	2,899
Other Creditors	3,598	1,690	-	-
Total	<u>8,150</u>	<u>6,022</u>	<u>2,610</u>	<u>2,899</u>

Note 18 Deferred Income

Income was deferred in respect of some membership subscriptions which were paid in advance and also a vehicle hire fee which covered two financial years.

Movement in Deferred Income Account

	2021		2020	
	Membership Subscriptions £	Vehicle Hire £	Membership Subscriptions £	Vehicle Hire £
Balance at the Start of the Reporting Period	3,525	329	3,430	641
Amounts Added in Current Period	478	0	842	329
Amounts Released to Income from Prev Periods	721	329	747	641
Balance at End of Reporting Period	<u>3,282</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,525</u>	<u>329</u>

Note 19 Charity Funds

Details of Movements in Funds in 2021

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2021	Income			
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	2,912	1,802	4,664	-	50
<i>Caliban</i> Locomotive restoration	4,746	834	0	-	5,580
<i>FR 25</i> Locomotive restoration	1,300	0	0	-	1,300
<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	1,468	125	100	-	1,493
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,237	0	0	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	11,663	2,761	4,764	-	9,660
Total Non Designated Funds	488,875	39,508	23,670	-	504,713
Total Unrestricted Funds	500,538	42,269	28,434	-	514,373
Total All Funds	500,538	42,269	28,434	-	514,372

Details of Movements in Funds in 2020

Purpose	Balance at		Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at
	01.01.2020	Income			
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds					
<i>Wootton Hall</i> Locomotive restoration	1,432	4,923	3,443	-	2,912
<i>Caliban</i> Locomotive restoration	5,153	536	943	-	4,746
<i>FR 25</i> Locomotive restoration	1,040	260	-	-	1,300
<i>Fluff</i> Locomotive restoration	896	748	176	-	1,468
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,238	-	-	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	9,759	6,467	4,562	-	11,663
Total Non Designated Funds	517,490	14,522	43,137	-	488,875
Total Unrestricted Funds	527,249	20,989	47,699	-	500,538
Total All Funds	527,249	20,989	47,699	-	500,538

Note 20 Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits.
Two trustees were paid a total of £102 for travel expenses in 2021.
No travelling expenses were paid in 2020.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust

Registered Charity No. 1163073

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the 12 months ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

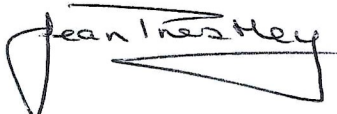
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

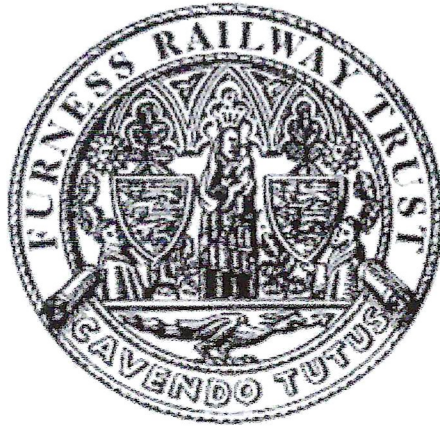
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Date:

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Registered Charity No. 1163073

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
2020**

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

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Annual Report of the Trustees for 2020

1. Governance and Administration

The business of the Furness Railway Trust, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), is managed by Trustees in accordance with a constitution approved by the Charity Commission. The Chairman is responsible for coordinating the day to day management of the affairs of the Trust. One third of the Trustees retire at each Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the constitution. A briefing document is given to new Trustees, which outlines the history of the Trust and its current obligations. The document also details the responsibilities of Trustees as defined by the Charity Commission.

The Trustees meet on a number of occasions throughout the year in order to manage the Trust's affairs and to agree required courses of action.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued on the 14th July 2014, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trust's banker is the Royal Bank of Scotland, Direct Business Banking, 4th Floor 1 Hardman Boulevard, Manchester, M3 3AG.

The Trust's Independent Examiner is J Priestley ACMA, CGMA, 24 Scarborough Road, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire FY8 3ES

2. Trustees and Committee Members

The following were the appointed Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust during 2020:

K. Brewer
J. Dixon
J.M. Kay
A. Middleton
T.D. Owen (Chairman)
A.M. Rigg
D.A. Rimmer
N.R. Smith
P. van Zeller

The above Trustees were responsible for preparing and approving this report.

3. Objectives and Activities

A summary of the Object and Powers of the Furness Railway Trust is attached as Appendix A at the end of this report.

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4. Achievements and Performance

The two lock downs during the year caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing associated restrictions on businesses and travel severely impacted on the Trust's activities and financial performance during 2020. Rolling stock hire, was particularly badly affected with Hunslet 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST locomotive *Cumbria* being the only steam locomotive from the Trust's fleet to earn any income, being on hire to the Emsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway during 2020.

Former Great Western Railway 0-6-2T locomotive *No. 5643* was transferred to the Trust's Preston base from Emsay after the end of the first lock down and, with the locomotive hire market being quiet, the opportunity was taken to undertake some maintenance work before the locomotive was transferred to the East Lancashire Railway in November, However further lock down restrictions prevented its planned use over the Christmas period.

The ten year overhaul at Preston of Furness Railway locomotive *No. 20*, Britain's oldest working standard gauge steam locomotive, has inevitably been delayed by the pandemic and the locomotive is not now expected to steam again until the middle of 2021. Similarly, the overhaul of Peckett locomotive 0-4-0ST *Caliban* has also been delayed but some work on the motion, lubrication system and smokebox was possible when access was allowed.

The long term restoration of former Great Western Railway 4-6-0 'Hall' class locomotive *No. 4979 Wootton Hall* has continued, albeit slowly, with receipt of the new valves and crossheads and also with further work being achieved on the boiler pipework and fittings.

The restoration of the Trust's diesel shunter 0-4-0DM *Fluff* has continued when possible with the fabrication of new steelwork for the superstructure being the main task. The Trustees have approved the sourcing of a replacement engine, the original being considered being beyond repair, and it is hoped that the relaxation of travel restrictions in 2021 will assist this process.

Reduced resources as a result of the pandemic have inevitably delayed all projects including the start of the restoration of former Furness Railway locomotive *No. 25* of 1865 and also the ongoing overhaul of Great Eastern Railway Royal saloon *No. 5*.

Throughout the pandemic the priority of the Trustees has been to ensure the safety of the Trust's volunteer workforce through undertaking statutory risk assessments and implementing Covid secure working practices. The Trustees are grateful to all the Trust's volunteers for their understanding of the importance of these measures and for their acceptance and adherence to these new procedures.

The Trustees conduct an annual Risks and Vulnerabilities Review. The Trustees had previously identified the need to attract younger volunteers to assist and learn from its existing ageing volunteer workforce. The pandemic has affected plans in 2020 to use the platform of the new shed to achieve this and it is hoped that 2021 will enable this initiative to be effected.

All activities of the Furness Railway Trust are undertaken by volunteers and the Trustees wish to thank all its hard working members for their support during the difficult times experienced during the pandemic.

There are no paid staff employed by the Trust.

5. Financial Position

Total income, at £20,988, was well below that of £72,091 in 2019. In particular Rolling Stock Hire, £11,018, was less than a quarter of that achieved in 2019 reflecting the difficult times experienced by the leisure market during the pandemic.

Recognising the financial impact that the pandemic would have on finances, the Trustees restricted expenditure to that required to progress the overhaul of Furness Railway *No. 20* and also to make best use of the volunteer resources available. The main expenditure therefore was on Locomotive Restoration, Maintenance and Repairs where a total of £35,604 was expended, compared with £40,810 in 2019, mainly arising from the pre-ordered crossheads and valves for *4979 Wootton Hall* and new engine springs for Furness Railway *No. 20*.

Pandemic restrictions meant that there was no net income from fundraising activities such as the sales stand and from folk group *Live Steam*.

Overall, total expenditure at £47,699 was £26,711 more than income, reducing net funds by that amount to £500,538.

6. Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that, despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic, the Furness Railway Trust's current finances continue to be satisfactory. There is an ongoing need to maintain an appropriate level of reserve to provide for future overhauls of the Trust's operational locomotives and coaches. Fundraising will continue primarily for this purpose and also to fund the longer term restoration projects.

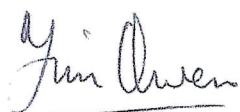
7. Looking Forward: Covid-19

The third pandemic lock down, which started on the 5th January 2021, along with further ongoing restrictions until the middle of 2021 will again have a detrimental effect on the Trust's finances and expenditure controls will remain in place to ensure that reserves are maintained for future overhauls whilst allowing a measured level of progress on key restoration projects.

The FRT's Trustees will continue to protect Trust's assets, finances and the health of its volunteer workforce during this challenging period of time.

Finally, the Trustees again wish record their grateful thanks to members and followers of the FRT for their continued support and generosity during 2020.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.



Tim Owen
Chairman
19th April 2021



Neil Smith
Secretary
19th April 2021

Appendix A

SUMMARY OF OBJECT AND POWERS

The object of the CIO is to establish a railway museum for the benefit of the public and the CIO has power to do anything to further its object, in particular, the power to:

- (a) acquire and preserve railway locomotives, railway carriages and other items of rolling stock and associated equipment.
- (b) restore and maintain such items, house them and put them on display; loan or hire them so that they may be used, if practicable, and make suitable arrangements for their continued preservation as far as is possible.
- (c) sponsor the publication of books, articles etc. containing information about these items and rolling stock and railways generally, and otherwise to promote interest in these subjects.
- (d) Procure contributions to the CIO by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise.
- (e) employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of the CIO.
- (e) buy, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and to maintain and equip it for use.
- (g) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the property belonging to the CIO.
- (h) borrow money and to charge the whole or any part of its property as security for the repayment of the money borrowed.

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1163073

Accounts for the 12 Months Ended 31st December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

Notes	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Incoming Resources		
3 Income and Endowments from:		
4 Donations/Legacies and Tax Recoverable	9,818	24,132
5 Charitable Activities	11,018	46,633
6 Other Trading Activities	34	1,071
7 Investments	118	255
Other	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>20,988</u>	<u>72,091</u>
Less RESOURCES EXPENDED		
8 Expenditure on:		
9 Raising Funds	349	1,057
10 Charitable Activities	47,132	53,364
11 Governance	218	213
Total Resources Expended	<u>47,699</u>	<u>54,634</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>-26,711</u>	<u>17,457</u>
Transfers Between funds	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>-26,711</u>	<u>17,457</u>
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total Funds Brought Forward	527,249	509,792
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>500,538</u>	<u>527,249</u>

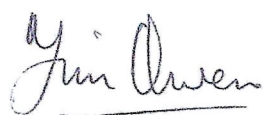
FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

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Notes

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets:		
13 Tangible Assets	195,426	200,848
14 Heritage Assets	106,296	106,296
Total Fixed Assets	301,722	307,144
Current Assets:		
15 Stock	2,038	1,837
16 Debtors	6,272	59,392
Cash at Bank	199,367	206,932
Cash in Hand	60	60
Total Current Assets	207,737	268,221
17 Creditors: amounts due within one yr.	(5,396)	(45,091)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	202,341	223,130
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	504,063	530,274
17 Creditors: amounts due after one yr.	(3,525)	(3,025)
Total Net Assets	500,538	527,249
Funds of the Charity:		
Total Funds Brought Forward	527,249	509,792
Add Net Incoming Resources	(26,711)	17,457
Total Funds as at 31.12.2020	500,538	527,249



Tim Owen
Chairman
19th April 2021



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Secretary
19th April 2021

FURNESS RAILWAY TRUST

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Notes to the Accounts –12 Months Ended 31st December 2020

Note 1 **Basis of Accounting**

The accounts are for the fourth full year of operation of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation Furness Railway Trust 1163073 which took over the assets and operations of the unincorporated Furness Railway Trust Registered Charity 1005211 from the 1st December 2015.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and with the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis that the unincorporated and CIO charities have merged, as defined in the Statement of Recommended Practice.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes(s) to these accounts.

The Furness Railway Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

These accounts have been prepared on the basis that the Furness Railway Trust is a going concern after taking into account the current and anticipated levels of activity,

Note 2 **Accounting Policy**

Income

Incoming Resources, including grants, are accounted for on a receivable basis.

The balance of one previously notified legacy was included in the accounts.

The value of donated goods is recognised only on sale because of the practicalities of measuring the value of such goods.

Goods donated for ongoing use by the charity are recognised as tangible assets and included in the Statement of Financial Activities as incoming resources when receivable.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Expenditure

Resources Expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and include recognition of liabilities arising from legal or constructive obligation which commits the organisation to expenditure.

Certain support costs (Insurance and Printing, Stationery, Postage) are apportioned between activities based, where possible, on known cost drivers.

Governance Costs are shown separately for the purpose of clarity and, contrary to the SORP, not spread across activities because they are difficult to allocate and are not material in size.

Assets

Tangible and fixed assets for use by the charity

A long term shed lease, purchased in 2019, is being depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years.

A portable building and fixed safety gear are being depreciated on a straight line basis over 15 years.

Plant and Equipment assets purchased which can be used for more than one year are capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis at a rate of 25% per annum.

Assets purchased after 1st December 2015 are only capitalised if they cost £200 or more.

Heritage Assets

Heritage Assets are shown on the balance sheet at cost or, in the case of donated items, a realistic value estimated at the time of donation. An exception has been made for Furness Railway No. 20, built 1863. This historic locomotive is unique, difficult to value and is not included; there has been approximately £148,000 spent on it. The Trust's Collection and Disposal Policy states that there "should be a presumption against disposal." Grants received of £111,000 would potentially be repayable if this item was sold.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lesser of cost or recoverable value.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Creditors

Creditors are measured at transaction price.

Note		2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Note 3	Analysis of Income		
Note 4	Donations and Legacies		
	Donations and Gifts	6,604	15,038
	Legacies	-	3,358
	Gift Aid	1,771	4,193
	Membership Subscriptions	1,443	1,543
	Total	9,818	24,132
Note 5	Charitable Activities		
	Rolling Stock Hire	11,018	46,577
	Book Sales	0	6
	Other Income	0	50
	Total	11,018	46,633
Note 6	Other Trading Activities		
	Fundraising Sales	0	333
	Proceeds from <i>Live Steam</i>	0	510
	Donated Goods	0	228
	Workwear	35	0
	Total	35	1,071
Note 7	Investment Income		
	Bank Interest Received	118	255
	Total	118	255
	Other Income	0	0
	Total	0	0

Note 8 Analysis of Expenditure

	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Note 9 Expenditure on Raising Funds		
Sales Goods	0	303
Insurance	349	342
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	0	212
Total	349	857
Note 10 Expenditure on Charitable Activities		
Locomotive Restoration	23,423	18,893
Locomotive Repair/Maintenance	12,181	22,117
Coach Restoration	0	1,111
Building Maintenance	207	401
Transport Costs	0	990
Books	0	17
Magazine Publication	990	495
Insurance	1,993	1,731
Utilities	940	700
Membership Subscriptions	160	200
Travelling Expenses	0	335
Personal Safety Equipment	323	0
Workwear	31	0
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	257	129
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	6,627	6,445
Total	47,132	53,564
Note 11 Governance Costs		
Independent Examination	215	210
Printing, Stationery, Postage etc	3	3
Total	218	213

Note 12 Expenditure Details

Insurance, amounting to £2,342 was purchased (£2,074 in 2019) which includes property and public liability insurance for certain activities (including funds generation) undertaken by the Trust, its Trustees and Members.

The work of the charity in restoring, maintaining and assisting in the operation of its assets is, in the main, carried out by volunteers with only specialist activities contracted out.

No staff were employed in either 2020 or 2019.

No fee for the Independent Examination of the 2020 accounts has been included. The cost of examining the 2019 accounts was £215 which is included in the 2020 accounts.

Note 13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2020 Building Lease £	2020 Mess Room/ Safety Eqmt £	2020 Plant & Equipment £	2020 Total £
Cost				
At 1st January 2019	190,000	10,749	11,472	212,221
Additions	0	0	1,205	1,205
At 31st December 2019	190,000	10,749	12,677	213,426
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2020	3,800	1,183	6,390	11,373
Depreciation	3,800	716	2,111	6,627
At 31st December 2020	7,600	1,899	8,501	18,000
Net Book Value at 1st January 2020	186,200	9,566	5,082	200,848
Net book Value at 31st December 2020	182,400	8,850	4,176	195,426

Tangible Fixed Assets (Cont.)	2019	2019	2019	2019
Comparative figures for 2019	Building Lease	Mess Room/ Safety Eqmt	Plant & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2019	-	3,495	5,119	8,614
Additions	190,000	7,254	6,353	203,607
At 31st December 2019	190,000	10,749	11,472	212,221
Depreciation				
At 1st January 2019	-	466	4,462	4,928
Depreciation	3,800	717	1,928	6,445
At 31st December 2019	3,800	1,183	6,390	11,373
Net Book Value at 1st January 2019	-	3,029	657	3,686
Net book Value at 31st December 2019	186,200	9,566	5,082	200,848

Note 14 Heritage Assets	2020	2020	2020	2020
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2020	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2020	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

No depreciation has been applied to the Heritage Assets. Therefore the book values at 31st December 2020 are as above.

Comparative figures for 2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
	Locomotives	Other Rolling Stock	Other Artefacts	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st January 2018	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296
Additions/Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2018	79,595	22,861	3,840	106,296

Five Year Summary of Heritage Asset Transactions

A locomotive, valued at £20,000, was donated in 2017.

A coach was disposed of during 2017 with a gain of £20,833.

There have been no other purchases, donations, disposals or impairments to Heritage Assets during the last five years.

Note 15 Stocks

	2020 Stock £	2019 Stock
Charitable Activities		
Opening	9	26
Added in Period	0	0
Expensed in Period	0	17
Closing	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Opening	1,829	1,659
Added in Period	232	472
Expensed in Period	31	303
Closing	<u>2,030</u>	<u>1,828</u>
Total Closing Stock This year	<u>2,039</u>	<u>1,837</u>
Total Closing Stock Previous Year	<u>1,837</u>	<u>1,686</u>

Note 16 Analysis of Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade Debtors	2,143	16,608
Prepayments and Accrued Income	2,392	1,751
Other Debtors	1,737	41,033
Total	<u>6,272</u>	<u>59,392</u>

**Note 17 Creditors and Accruals
Analysis of Creditors**

	Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		Amounts Falling Due After One Year	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	2,986	40,986	-	-
Accruals & Deferred Income	1,703	1,046	2,899	3,025
Other Creditors	3,854	3,059	-	-
Total	<u>8,543</u>	<u>45,091</u>	<u>2,899</u>	<u>3,025</u>

Note 18 Deferred Income

Income was deferred in respect of some membership subscriptions which were paid in advance and also a vehicle hire fee which covered two financial years.

Movement in Deferred Income Account

	2020		2019	
	Membership Subscriptions	Vehicle Hire	Membership Subscriptions	Vehicle Hire
	£	£	£	£
Balance at the Start of the Reporting Period	3,430	641	3,553	625
Amounts Added in Current Period	842	329	349	641
Amounts Released to Income from Prev Periods	747	641	472	625
Balance at End of Reporting Period	<u>3,525</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>3,430</u>	<u>641</u>

Note 19 Charity Funds

Details of Movements in Funds in 2020

Purpose	Balance at				Balance at
	01.01.2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31.12.2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Shed Appeal New shed at Preston	0	0	0	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted Funds					
Wootton Hall Locomotive restoration	1,432	4,923	3,443	-	2,912
Caliban Locomotive restoration	5,153	536	943	-	4,746
FR 25 Locomotive restoration	1,040	260	-	-	1,300
Fluff Locomotive restoration	896	748	176	-	1,468
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,238	-	-	-	1,237
Total Designated Funds	9,759	6,467	4,562	-	11,663
Total Non Designated Funds	517,490	14,522	43,137	-	488,875
Total Unrestricted Funds	527,249	20,989	47,699	-	500,538
Total All Funds	527,249	20,989	47,699	-	500,538

Details of Movements in Funds in 2019

Purpose	Balance at				Balance at
	01.01.2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31.12.2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Shed Appeal New shed at Preston	33,073	-	-	(33,073)	-
Total Restricted Funds	33,073	-	-	(33,073)	-
Unrestricted Funds					
Wootton Hall Locomotive restoration	10,057	9,956	18,581	-	1,432
Caliban Locomotive restoration	5,785	1,033	1,665	-	5,153
FR 25 Locomotive restoration	-	1,040	-	-	1,040
Fluff Locomotive restoration	-	1,148	252	-	896
NLR Brake Carriage restoration	1,238	-	-	-	1,238
Total Designated Funds	17,080	13,177	20,498	-	9,759
Total Non Designated Funds	459,639	58,914	34,136	33,073	517,490
Total Unrestricted Funds	476,719	72,091	54,634	33,073	527,249
Total All Funds	509,792	72,091	54,634	-	527,249

Transfers Between Funds

The Shed Appeal: £33,073 was transferred from Restricted Funds to Unrestricted Funds in 2019 upon acquisition of a lease for the new shed at Preston. The Trustees have agreed that the terms of the appeal have been met so allowing the charity to use the asset on an unrestricted basis for any charitable purpose.

Note 20 Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits.

No travelling expenses were paid in 2020. One Trustee was paid a total of £335 for travel expenses in 2019.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Furness Railway Trust

Registered Charity No. 1163073

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the 12 months ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

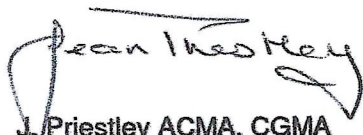
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

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Date:

10th May 2021