

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	November	2020		31	October	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name North Eastern Railway Association

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1164199

Charity's principal address c/o Darlington Railway Museum

Station Road

Darlington

Postcode

DL3 6ST

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Neil Mackay	Chairman		Members of the charity
2	Christine Joyce Richardson	Treasurer	Secretary to 14/11/20	Members of the charity
3	John McCree Scott	Secretary	14/11/20 – 31/10/21	Members of the charity
4	Keith Richardson			Members of the charity
5	John George Teasdale			Members of the charity
6	Christopher John Henderson			Members of the charity
7	David John Williamson			Members of the charity
8	Christopher John Lawson			Members of the charity
9	Claire Williamson			Members of the charity
10	Alan Tully			Members of the charity
11	John Dilworth Carr			Members of the charity
12	Ian Watson		10/04/21 – 31/10/21	Members of the charity
13	Ian Mitchell	Treasurer	1/11/20 – 14/11/20	Members of the charity
14	Gareth Foster		1/11/20 – 10/04/21	Members of the charity
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance, and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Normally elected by members at the AGM. Exceptionally can be appointed by the Trustees at one of their meetings.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Association successfully held an Annual General Meeting in April 2021 using Zoom technology. Members who attended were able to use the electronic voting facility to take part in any vote on matters requiring their approval.

The Trustees have discussed the possibility of returning to face-to-face meetings for the four meetings held each year to carry out the business of the Association. However, it has been considered expedient in the current circumstances to continue with such meetings using Zoom technology.

In preparation for the celebration of the bicentennial of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, to be held in 2025, the Association is involved with ongoing talks with the Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway and other groups concerned with railway heritage and construction in the North East of England, about how our organisation can assist in preparing for that event.

Close contact is being maintained with Darlington Borough Council who plan to redevelop the North Road Station Site (including the building housing our archive) as the "Rail Heritage Quarter". Attention is particularly focussed on the potential relocation of all archives on site (including our own) to a different building.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the history of all the railways that have operated in the North East of England, particularly the North Eastern Railway, its constituents, and successors. The charity will achieve this object by: collecting and preserving historical records, regularly publishing a Journal, arranging a programme of meetings/exhibitions, encouraging the construction of accurate models of the railways, encouraging the writing of appropriate books and their publication, and working with public and private bodies such as Community Rail Partnerships and Train Operating Companies, Network Rail, Heritage Railway Associations and Associations representing railway staff.

Main Activities

Due to the pandemic, and to avoid risk to attendees, the Trustees decided to cancel all physical meetings (including talks, attending exhibitions, and Trustees meetings) these have been an important part of NERA's public outreach.

Darlington Archives Team A total number of 181 queries have been received and dealt with by the Archives Team or the General Secretary during the year. In addition, the Archives Department based at McNay Street in Darlington reopened due to the easing of lockdown restrictions.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Special assistance was requested from different television/film production companies to supply information and archive material for the route between York and Edinburgh; a major part of which covers the former North Eastern Railway between York and Berwick upon Tweed. Photographs of the construction of the King Edward VII Bridge at Newcastle, and historical images of the Royal Border Bridge at Berwick were forwarded to them. Information about the High Level Bridge and Water Tower at Newcastle was also requested.

Future Programme The trustees, in support of their charitable objects for the public benefit, are considering the future programme for the 2021-22 period. They are planning to re-start physical meetings from April 2022. An Outreach, Public Relations and Marketing Committee has been created to assist with planning the programme of physical, virtual and hybrid events, considering the marketing of historically valuable items with suitable plaques or interpretation boards and managing other activities in furtherance of our charitable aims.

All the facilities and activities are available to the public and are advertised on the charity's website (<http://www.ner.org.uk>) and on the Facebook page @ The North Eastern Railway Association.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity continues to be run by volunteers and their contribution across the full range of our activities has been essential to the success of the Association during the year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the Financial Year activities were affected by the outbreak of the pandemic COVID 19 (Coronavirus). Trustees took the view that we needed to continue to deliver our charitable objects to the maximum possible extent. The Association transitioned very effectively to digital delivery whilst its publications activities met the needs of people with spare time on their hands to pursue their interests made available by successive lockdowns.

Four issues of our journal were published, together with four supplements, and nine presentations were arranged via Zoom Video technology. The presentations allowed a worldwide audience to participate directly from the comfort of their own homes.

We succeeded in holding a joint Zoom presentation with the Signalling Record Society, which proved successful.

Membership The membership currently stands at 646 of which 100 are digital only, meaning those members can receive copies of the *North Eastern Express* journal online instead of by post, thus saving the cost of postage.

Publications and Sales Two books were published during this period, and Sales have continued to progress and have been improving due to the increasing availability of Publications for sale via the Shop section of the website. There has been an increase in orders from outside of the UK as the ordering process has been streamlined. eBooks are now available to purchase via the website.

IT / Web Site Following cancellation of all physical meetings due to the pandemic, online meetings were held using Zoom and the recordings added to the website. Members and the public can now register for online Zoom meetings through the website free of charge.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity holds a reserve fund of £40,000 which is adequate to meet all its obligations in the event of winding up. It has three designated funds for archive acquisitions, membership development and IT development, and publications. At year end, the total value of the designated funds was £28,187

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No fund is in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	A N Mackay	J M Scott
Full name(s)	Andrew Neil Mackay	John McCree Scott
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	General Secretary
Date	20 November 2021	

Charity Name NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION		No (if any) 1164199	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01-Nov-20	To	Period end date 31-Oct-21

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	19,789	-	-	19,789	18,353
Donations	1,273	-	-	1,273	1,090
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Publications	20,718	-	-	20,718	15,847
Miscellaneous	423	-	-	423	665
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Archive services	57	-	-	57	193
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,260	-	-	42,260	36,149
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,260	-	-	42,260	36,149
A3 Payments					
Magazine	12,414	-	-	12,414	12,137
Donations & Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Meetings & Visits	50	-	-	50	139
Archive	4,099	-	-	4,099	2,929
Publications	5,480	-	-	5,480	19,894
Publicity	290	-	-	290	614
Administration	1,634	-	-	1,634	2,370
Miscellaneous	781	-	-	781	151
Show expenses	-	-	-	-	329
Sub total	24,908	-	-	24,908	38,565
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,908	-	-	24,908	38,565
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,351	-	-	17,351	- 2,416
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	95,746	-	-	95,746	-
Cash funds this year end	113,098	-	-	113,098	- 2,416

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Bank accounts	95,746	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	95,746	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement	Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets				
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	C J Richardson	C J RICHARDSON	20/11/2021	
	A N Mackay	A N MACKAY	20/11/2021	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

North Eastern Railway Association - Charity Number 1164199

On the accounts for the period 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021

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 year 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed CW Jagger FCA

Date 30 November 2021