

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1 November 2022 **Period start date** **To:** 31 October 2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: North Eastern Railway Association

Charity registration number: 1164199

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Darlington Archives Team During the year 98 queries have been received and dealt with by the Archives Department based at McNay Street in Darlington and 50 through the webpage via the General Secretary, thus making a total of 148. Good progress has been made in ensuring the NERA archives are stored in archive-quality storage boxes, which should greatly improve the preservation of often unique material. One area that has been tackled is scanning of images in the archive, such that they can be loaded onto the Digital Archive available to all members. A team of three volunteer members, all remote from the archive premises in Darlington, stepped-up to do this and so far over 4,500 negatives have been scanned and uploaded. Enabling members access to these images across the Internet should help improve accuracy of models and articles.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	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: @ <i>The North Eastern Railway Association</i> .
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers.	Para 1.38	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.
Other		An Archives Working Group has been set up to plan a strategy for the future of the NERA archives. The Archives Team based at Darlington are all hard-working volunteers who give many hours of their free time to undertake this work.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Four issues of our <i>North Eastern Express</i> journal together with four accompanying supplements were published. Membership The membership currently stands at 632 of which 130 are digital only, meaning those members can receive copies of the <i>North Eastern Express</i> journal online instead of by post, thus saving the cost of postage. Publications and Sales A new Leeds Signalling book was produced and released for sale. Sales stands at live events and Model Railway Exhibitions have performed well with the sale of NERA books and facsimiles of North Eastern Railway related documents. Zoom Presentations There were 8 occasions where 12 presentations were arranged via Zoom Video technology. The presentations allowed a worldwide audience to participate directly from the comfort of their own homes. An Interpretation Board was unveiled at the site of the former Fallodon private railway station in Northumberland to illustrate the close links between the local railways and Sir Edward Grey (1862-1933), Foreign Secretary and Director of the North Eastern Railway, who lived at nearby Fallodon Hall.

		The programme of Railway Walks continued with a walk from Gateshead Metro Centre to Scotswood and Dunston Staithes. It was well attended by members and their guests. There are now two presentation meetings per annum at York (one of which includes the Annual General Meeting) and two at Hull; both are attracting more members and guests.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set.	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set.	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds a reserve fund which is adequate to meet all of its obligations in the event of winding up. NERA has four designated funds for: 1) Archive Acquisitions, Storage and Digitisation. 2) Membership Development. 3) IT development. 4) Publications.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No fund is in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership Fees and Publication Sales
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted.	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Normally elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. Exceptionally can be appointed by the Trustees at one of their meetings.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	Para 1.51	All new Trustees receive a copy of the Constitution and Rules. We have a Roles and Responsibilities Programme whereby every Trustee is identified in a Lead role in different aspects of the Association's projects, either working alone or with designated volunteers.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.	Para 1.51	A "Line Societies "working group has been established, which links all similar railway historical organisations together in order to share ideas and common working practices.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	NERA are forging closer links with the North Eastern Locomotive Preservation Group (NELPG). NERA also has a written understanding with the Signalling Record Society concerning sharing of data.

Other		Risk Assessments were carried out for a hybrid presentation at Hull in November 2022 and the AGM/Presentation Meeting at York in April 2023. In addition, a Railway Walk, which took place in May 2023 and a hybrid presentation at York in October 2023 were all similarly assessed.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	North Eastern Railway Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1164199
Charity's principal address	2 McNay Street Darlington DL3 6SW

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		Members of the charity
3	John McCree Scott	General Secretary		Members of the charity
4	Keith Richardson			Members of the charity
5	John George Teasdale		1/11/22 – 15/4/23	Members of the charity
6	Christopher John Henderson			Members of the charity
7	David John Williamson			Members of the charity
8	Claire Williamson			Members of the charity
9	Alan Tully			Members of the charity
10	John Dilworth Carr			Members of the charity
11	Ian Watson			Members of the charity
12	Edward John Orwin		12/8/23 – 31/10/23	Members of the charity

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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 (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	General Secretary

Date

18 November 2023

Charity Name NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION		No (if any) 1164199	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01-Nov-22	To	Period end date 31-Oct-23

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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	19,019	-	-	19,019	19,829
Donations	1,480	-	-	1,480	1,461
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Publications	13,965	-	-	13,965	6,741
Miscellaneous	2,991	-	-	2,991	322
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Archive services	-	-	-	-	20
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	37,455	-	-	37,455	28,373
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	37,455	-	-	37,455	28,373
A3 Payments					
Magazine	13,753	-	-	13,753	14,068
Donations & Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Meetings & Visits	708	-	-	708	37
Archive	3,722	-	-	3,722	8,308
Publications	13,034	-	-	13,034	2,759
Publicity	35	-	-	35	-
Administration	1,599	-	-	1,599	1,253
Miscellaneous	721	-	-	721	513
Show expenses	312	-	-	312	86
Sub total	33,794	-	-	33,794	27,023
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,794	-	-	33,794	27,023
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,662	-	-	3,662	1,349
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	100,757	-	-	100,757	-
Cash funds this year end	104,419	-	-	104,419	1,349

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	100,757	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	100,757	-	-
	(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
Christine Richardson	Christine Richardson	18/11/2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

North Eastern Railway Association - Charity Number 1164199

On the accounts for the period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023

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

25th November 2023