

Charity Number: 1172812
Company Number: CE010206



The Friends Of March Railway Station (FOMRS)

Annual Report and Accounts

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

Purposes, Aims and Objectives

The purposes, aims and objectives of the Friends Of March Railway Station (FOMRS) are:

- Maintaining and preserving buildings of heritage importance and interest, associated with the history of railways in March
- Make the facilities of a community room, library, meeting facilities and lecture room available to community groups and community support groups
- Providing resources for learning about the history of and the role the railway has played in development of the town
- A place to display and be viewed by the general public, artefacts donated to the group that relate to the railway history of March

Achievements

With the removal of restrictions as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic, the group got back into running events.

Two events were held during the year, The Model Railway Exhibition 21st May 2022 and The Heritage Openday on 1st September 2022. Unfortunately where dates clashed with train strike days the footfall was down on pre-covid numbers, but there was a good turnout and healthy levels of donations for the group.

Work continued on general maintenance of the station and sprucing up the rooms that need a repaint.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds for the period were £967.95. The restricted grant of £400 from March Town Council received in 2019-2020 for a gazebo for events which was to be purchased in March 2019, but due to Covid19 this expenditure did not happen as the event was cancelled, will be carried over a further year until events can be restarted in earnest and the gazebo can be purchased.

During the period £710.97 was spent on maintenance and repairs of the rooms and the outside works. Other costs were plants for the station area at £19.98, £30.00 for Cambridgeshire Council for Voluntary Services annual membership and £96.00 for the Groups Liability Insurance which is with Zurich Insurance.

The net result for the year was a surplus of receipts over payments of £216.03. Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balance carried forward at 31st March on unrestricted funds is £1,784.80 plus £400.00 restricted funds, giving a total of £2,184.80.

Reserves Policy

FOMRS has an agreement to maintain a balance of circa £2,500 to cover any unforeseen costs. As a result of the Pandemic we have had to fall back on reserves to cover the deficit. The group plan to replenish the reserves is progressing well since being able to commence fundraising activities and events.

FOMRS works on a basis of applying for Grants for specific projects but in general the grant payments although awarded are not paid out until the work has been carried out. The reserves balance held is to fund any projects prior to grant pay out.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers that work hard to make the station a vibrant and lively place.

Structure, Management and Governance

The FOMRS structure, management and governance is defined in our constitution. We have a Committee of four Trustees that fulfil the officer roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

All decisions are overseen by the Committee and all members have voting rights on all proposals, which are discussed and voted on at regular members meetings and the AGM.

Administrative Information

The Friends Of March Railway Station is based at and has the buildings on Platform 2 of March Railway Station, the address of which is 4 Station Approach, March PE15 8SJ.

The up to date contact details for The Friends Of March Railway Station can be found on the Charity Commission website.

The FOMRS Committee of Trustees for the period of this report were:

Adrian Sutterby – Chair

Gary Christy – Vice Chair

Max Mobius – Secretary

Nicola Christy – Treasurer



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022

To

Period end date
31/03/2022

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					
Donations	415	-	-	415	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Funds from Events	553	-	-	553	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	968	-	-	968	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	968	-	-	968	-
A3 Payments					
Plants	20	-	-	20	-
Cost of Events	21	-	-	21	-
Maintenance and Repairs	585	-	-	585	-
CCVS Membership	30	-	-	30	-
Insurance	96	-	-	96	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	752	-	-	752	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	752	-	-	752	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	216	-	-	216	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,569	400	-	1,969	-
Cash funds this year end	1,785	400	-	2,185	-

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 Account	982	400	-
	Cash	802	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,785	400	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	