

Charity registration number: 1172852

Littlehampton Heritage Railway Association

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

D Harris
S Shanks
P Roberts
R Ward
S Hill

Charity Registration Number

1172852

Registered Office

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Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

As stated in the charity's memorandum, the object of the charity is:

To restore, preserve, exhibit and operate railway locomotives, carriages, wagons, vehicles and other artefacts of historical interest and the structures connected therewith for the benefit and education of the general public and to conserve books, drawings, records, documents, sound and visual recordings, cinematography, films and photographs and other archive material relating to such artefacts and vehicles, their history and development.

Public benefit

The Littlehampton Heritage Railway Association (LHRA) is run on a not for profit basis and the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and paid due regard to it in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

This year we celebrated 76 years of operating the oldest operating 12 1/4 inch gauge railway in the UK. We still get huge interest from near and far from train enthusiasts and visitors. Despite increases in coal, electricity, and construction material prices we still managed to hold our prices for a 9th consecutive year but this needs to be closely monitored for the next season.

During the winter closed season, the last section of track and sleepers were replaced including levelling and re ballasting. This was undertaken by the volunteers resulting in an investment of approximately £5,400. This means since the railway was taken by over LHRA, 100% of track has been replaced. The volunteers of the railway all completed this.

Several of our policies were updated and improved namely our Safeguarding and Risk assessments. Health, Safety & Wellbeing and Equality, Diversity and inclusion policies were adopted. A Rule book Addendum was published and issued to all Volunteers updating current best practices and responding to near miss incidents

Again Santa specials continue to be a huge success throughout the community and sold out within 3 days of being on sale to the general public and something we hope to improve on for 2025.

A Defibrillator has been installed at the engine shed and registered on "The Circuit". A number of volunteers have been trained on using this and it is carried on the train when we are running.

First aid training was given to a further 4 volunteers, so we now have 7 trained first aiders.

Two volunteers' fairs were attended one in Chichester and one in Rustington and as a result of that and by talking to those in the park or on the train has resulted in 10 new volunteers.

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Other improvements for the year included:

- Fire stopping walls and ceiling in the fuel store to create a 1 hour compartment separation from the engine shed.
- Concrete laid in the engine shed to reduce the risk of trip hazards.
- Concrete crossing laid at Mewsbrook park to facilitate access to the gardening shed and North lawn.
- Passenger signage improvements including safety and information were started at both stations.
- A new train information and lighting was installed into all carriages and operated from the guards van.
- Speedometers have been installed in all diesel locomotives to improve line speed compliance.
- Painting of fences at both stations and new gates installed and new power feed to waiting room and lights for the Santa specials.
- A new hydraulic valve was installed in Daisy which has significantly improved the driveability.

A joint project between Ruislip Railway and LHRA has started to refurbish the engine unit "Tony" from Fairbourne Railway.

Lastly we have been successful in passing out new guards and drivers and there has been a small increase in our membership.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The trustees seek to maintain adequate unrestricted reserves to enable the smooth day to day operations of the charity. At the present moment in time the trustees would like to build the level of unrestricted reserves to cover six months expenditure.

Going concern

The charity has reviewed its financial performance and general reserves position. The charity has adequate financial resources and is able to manage its business risks. The charity's planning process has taken into consideration the current economic climate and its potential impact on the various sources of income and planned expenditure.

Taking into account all factors the charity has reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and believe that there are no material uncertainties that call into the charity's ability to continue in operation.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

D Harris
R Cook (resigned 26 March 2025)
S Shanks
P Roberts
C Shanks (resigned 2 July 2025)
R Ward (appointed 26 March 2025)
S Hill (appointed 2 July 2025)

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Trustees' Report

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) as of 3 May 2017.

Organisational structure

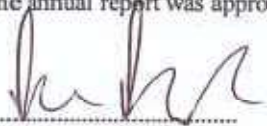
The charity is run by a board of trustees who delegate the day to day operation to volunteers.

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 15/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:



P Roberts
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

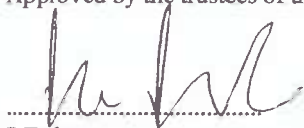
Charity SORP requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 15/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:



P Roberts
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Littlehampton Heritage Railway Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, 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.



M J Hodson BSc FCA
Independent Examiner

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Date: 21/10/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	3	50,204	50,204
Investment income	4	521	521
Total income		50,725	50,725
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	(43,243)	(43,243)
Total expenditure		(43,243)	(43,243)
Net income		7,482	7,482
Net movement in funds		7,482	7,482
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		84,127	84,127
Total funds carried forward	12	91,609	91,609
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	3	53,252	53,252
Investment income	4	423	423
Total income		53,675	53,675
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	(66,216)	(66,216)
Total expenditure		(66,216)	(66,216)
Net expenditure		(12,541)	(12,541)
Net movement in funds		(12,541)	(12,541)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		96,668	96,668
Total funds carried forward	12	84,127	84,127

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 12.

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

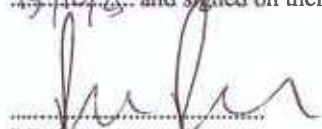
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Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	39,844	46,602
Current assets			
Debtors	9	7,161	6,610
Cash at bank and in hand	10	45,401	31,685
		52,562	38,295
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(797)	(770)
Net current assets		51,765	37,525
Net assets		91,609	84,127
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		91,609	84,127
Total funds	12	91,609	84,127

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 15/10/25 and signed on their behalf by:


 P Roberts
 Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and consequently does not have a share capital.

The address of its registered office is:

The Engine Shed

Mewsbrook Park

Hendon Avenue

Littlehampton

West Sussex

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2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Littlehampton Heritage Railway Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Income and endowments

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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Donations and legacies

Donations, are recognised when they have been communicated in writing with notification of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliable measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset has been transferred to the charity.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charity for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Plant and machinery	over 4 years
Fixture and fittings	15% reducing balance
Equipment	between 2 and 5 years

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Railway operation	50,204	50,204
Total for 2025	50,204	50,204
Total for 2024	53,252	53,252

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	521	521
Total for 2025	521	521
Total for 2024	423	423

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £
Railway operation		40,961	40,961
Allocated support costs	6	1,375	1,375
Governance costs	6	907	907
		43,243	43,243

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £
Railway operation		63,812	63,812
Allocated support costs	6	1,378	1,378
Governance costs	6	1,026	1,026
		66,216	66,216

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2025 £
Railway operations	40,961	1,375	42,336
	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2024 £
Railway operations	63,812	1,378	65,190

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £907 (2024 - £1,026) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

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6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	907	907
Total for 2025	907	907
Total for 2024	1,026	1,026

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Other tangible fixed asset £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 June 2024	20,699	59,011	79,710
Additions	1,557	-	1,557
At 31 May 2025	22,256	59,011	81,267
Depreciation			
At 1 June 2024	12,125	20,983	33,108
Charge for the year	2,414	5,901	8,315
At 31 May 2025	14,539	26,884	41,423
Net book value			
At 31 May 2025	7,717	32,127	39,844
At 31 May 2024	8,574	38,028	46,602

9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	5,807	5,057
Other debtors	1,354	1,553
	7,161	6,610

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	138	151
Cash at bank	15,460	7,251
Short-term deposits	29,803	24,283
	45,401	31,685

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	(1)	2
Accruals	798	768
	<u>797</u>	<u>770</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2025

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 June 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 May 2025 £
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Unrestricted funds

General

Railway Operation	84,127	50,725	(43,243)	91,609
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	Balance at 1 June 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 May 2024 £
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Unrestricted funds

General

Railway Operation	96,668	53,675	(66,216)	84,127
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13 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 June 2024 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 May 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	31,685	13,716	45,401
Net debt	31,685	13,716	45,401

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.