



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	01	09	2024	<b>To</b>	31	08	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Risborough & District Model Railway Club

**Other names charity is known by** R&DMRC, RDMRC

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1173659

**Charity's principal address** 12 Culverton Hill

Princes Risborough

Buckinghamshire

**Postcode** HP27 0DZ

### 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	Paul Wright	Chair		
2	James Aitken	Treasurer		
3	Roy Norton	Secretary		
4	Richard Neil			
5	Michael Moignard			
6	Tim Peacock			
7	Gary Day			
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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 supported by Club Rules (byelaws)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

### 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 policy for inducting new trustees follows Charity Commission guidance and is included in the Constitution.

The Club has a range of policies including safeguarding, social media, health & safety and data protection (GDPR).

The trustees hold regular scheduled meetings at which risks and risk management measures are reviewed.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the Club are to advance public education, and foster a general interest, in model railways, prototype railways and allied pursuits and to encourage a high standard of railway modelling – in particular, amongst the members of the Club.

**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)**

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit, issued by the Charity Commission, when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance may be relevant. All trustees have read the guidance and take it into account at their regular meetings and in planning the organisation's activities.

The Club provides facilities to develop skills and knowledge to construct working railway models and to research prototype railways. It provides educational instruction on the methods and tools (e.g. electronics, metal working, computer assisted design (CAD), laser cutting, 3D printing, soldering etc.) to develop scale models. The Club also holds skills workshops, led by experts, and educational talks on both the operation of prototype & model railways and the history of railways and allied transport systems.

The Club organises model railway exhibitions and educational visits and supports local events. Collectively and individually, members give talks, contribute to railway magazine articles and railway related websites and blogs.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The Club continued to hold regular weekly meetings, which the public may attend, to further its objectives of fostering a general interest, in model railways, prototype railways and allied pursuits and encouraging a high standard of railway modelling.

Also, in line with its public benefit objectives, the Club held a number of exhibitions during the year – September (Haddenham), February (Princes Risborough) and May (Aylesbury). These provided a range of inspirational, high quality model railway layouts, practical skills demonstrations and an environment to learn more about railway modelling and prototype railways. About 2250 members of the public attended.

In July the club held a free-to-enter open day in support of the Princes Risborough Festival. We provided demonstrations of railway modelling, opportunities for hands-on train operation and historical and modelling information on local railways. This contributed to the objectives of advancing public education, and fostering a general interest, in model and prototype railways. About 100 members of the public attended.

In April, the club hosted a talk, open to the public, by well-known railway modeller Karl Crowther. The club also held a competition, judged by Karl, to encourage and inspire high quality railway modelling. About 50 people attended.

The Club continued to use Facebook and its free-to-view YouTube channel to maintain contact, provide advice and demonstrate modelling techniques. The Facebook Page has more than 328 followers and the YouTube channel currently has 53 videos containing demonstrations, inspirational model railways etc. There are currently about 850 subscribers, and the channel has been viewed 103,222 times.

The Club produced a free, quarterly publication “Footplate” containing instructive modelling items, Club news and details of relevant model railway and prototype railway events.

During the year we ran a number of workshops on model tree making and Digital Command Control (DCC) layout operating systems. There were about 20 attendees.

Club members also supported other Clubs and organisations by exhibiting Club, and their own, model railway layouts and providing demonstrations, lectures, talks and tutorials. These included talks on the Aylesbury stations, the original Maidenhead branch line and a display at the convention of the World Wide Group of the N Gauge Society.

These activities contributed to the objectives of advancing public education and of developing and sharing skills and knowledge to construct working railway models and to research prototype railways.

The Club continues to work on collaborative projects with Quainton Railway Society at the Bucks Railway Centre. This includes a permanent operating model of the original Aylesbury station as depicted in 1910. This has been seen by about 1000 members of the public and is used to explain the social, economic and cultural history of Aylesbury past e.g. the cultivation of osier for the local basket weaving industry and the expansion of the Aylesbury duck industry made possible by rail transport.

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## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Club's policy on reserves is to retain adequate funds to meet ongoing liabilities and to accumulate sufficient funds to establish the Club in permanent premises at Bucks Railway Centre to enable the Club to enhance and extend its charitable activities.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### 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)	R A Norton	
Full name(s)	Roy Norton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	2 December 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Risborough and District Model Railway Club

No (if any)  
1173659

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Sep-24		31-Aug-25

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Subscriptions	4,969	-	-	4,969	4,227
Exhibitions	40,070	-	-	40,070	33,257
Modelling workshops	10	-	-	10	10
Railway experiences	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,128	-	-	1,128	1,591
Savings interest	1,735	-	-	1,735	1,929
advanced subscriptions	875	-	-	875	835
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>48,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,787</b>	<b>41,849</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>48,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,787</b>	<b>41,849</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent, insurance, premises costs	3,744	-	-	3,744	4,393
Exhibition expenses	27,122	-	-	27,122	25,103
Modelling workshop costs	15	-	-	15	-
Railway experiences	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment and materials purchases	4,049	-	-	4,049	3,780
New club room expenses	-	-	-	-	4,686
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>37,962</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>37,962</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>13,887</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,887</b>	<b>3,887</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>83,430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,430</b>	<b>79,503</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>97,317</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,317</b>	<b>83,390</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	bank account	12,730	-	-
	savings account	21,487	-	-





## **Independent Examiner's Report Risborough & District Model Railway Club**

I report on the accounts of the Club for the Accounting year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 1 to 3

### **Respective responsibilities of the Risborough & District Model Railway Club and the examiner**

The Risborough & District Model Railway Club trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required under the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts required by the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of an independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Risborough & District Model Railway Club and a comparison of the end of year Balance presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the Risborough & District Model Railway Club trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **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 the Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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



David J Powell

Dated

21 March 2026