



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 Period start date
To 31st March 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Abingdon & District Model Railway Club

Charity registration number: 1176029

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance public education and foster a general interest in model railways, railways and allied pursuits, and in particular to encourage a high standard of modelling amongst the members of the Club. The Club welcomes people of all genders and abilities.
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	The main club night is on a Friday, but members and visitors can and do access the facilities on other days subject to a minimum of two members being present. Time has been spent to ensure that the club has easy disability access. The club normally organises two exhibitions held annually at other venues but there was only one this year. The club also stages minor displays, at a local garden centre. Once a month there are guided training sessions on aspects of railway modelling. The Club attends Abingdon Town Council's "Clubs and Societies Days".
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees and managing committee take into account the Commission's public benefit guidance when making any decision it is relevant to.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	<p>The Club organised one two-day major exhibition in Abingdon which was very well supported by the public and in particular families.</p> <p>A two-day display was held at a local Garden Centre which stimulated a lot of interest.</p> <p>The positive response from the public and the interest shown confirms that the sharing of information and knowledge of 'model railways and allied pursuits' is beneficial to society as a whole.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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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	Deficit for the year was £909 (surplus £595 2023). Due to slightly lower income from Fund raising activities; Premises expenses were higher £13,419 (£11,763 2023), due to increased energy costs and essential electrical upgrade.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover rent and to meet advance costs for staging exhibitions.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

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	
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	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Commission Scheme.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated
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	When there is a vacancy for a Trustee, they are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Abingdon & District Model Railway Club
Other name the charity uses	"ADMRC"
Registered charity number	1176029

Charity's principal address	ADMRC, Lodge Hill, Abingdon, OX14 2JD

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	William Robert Marnane.	Chair/Trustee		Membership at AGM
2	Christopher Alan Nutman	Trustee		Membership at AGM
3	Trevor Slaughter	Trustee/ Treasurer		Membership at AGM
4	Andrew John Skinner	Trustee		Membership at AGM
5	Peter Thomas Hunt	Trustee		Membership at AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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)

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Full name(s)

William Robert Marnane	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date


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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

24 January 2025

ABINGDON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ABINGDON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Exhibition equipment	326	-
Current Assets		
Stock	593	613
Debtors	1,450	-
Prepayments	240	-
Bank current account	6,114	4,075
Bank deposit account	9,829	14,637
Petty cash	-	2
	<u>18,226</u>	<u>19,327</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors & accruals	<u>513</u>	<u>379</u>
	<u>513</u>	<u>379</u>
	<u>18,039</u>	<u>18,948</u>
Represented by		
Income & expenditure Account - B/Fwd	18,948	18,353
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>-909</u>	<u>595</u>
	<u>18,039</u>	<u>18,948</u>

ABINGDON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscription income				
Subscriptions	8,550		8,232	
Discounts allowed	-320		-327	
		8,230		7,905
Fund raising activities				
Exhibition surplus/(deficit) - Abingdon	1,011		1,323	
Exhibition surplus/(deficit) - Didcot	-		-	
Exhibition surplus/(deficit) - 200 Club	980		805	
Private owner wagons	16		318	
Club merchandise	-		65	
2nd hand stall (open day)	-		8	
Tea & coffee	-		-	
		2,007		2,519
Other income				
Grants	-		-	
Gift aid	1,450		1,333	
Amazon smile	-		13	
Donations	254		140	
Interest received	120		25	
Rent received	408		408	
Scrap metal sales	41		15	
		2,273		1,934
Total Income		12,509		12,358
EXPENDITURE				
Premises expenses				
Rent	7,401		7,404	
Property repairs - general	1,360		1,814	
Property repairs - electrical upgrade	1,974		-	
Light & heat	1,250		794	
Insurance	1,275		984	
Publicity & promotion	-		64	
Website	113		113	
Other property expenditure	-		1	
Subtotals C/Fwd		13,373		11,173

ABINGDON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24		2022/23
	£	£	£
Subtotals B/Fwd		13,373	11,173
Layout expenses			
Donations	-		-
Expenditure	-		-
		-	-
Other expenses			
Subscriptions	-		40
Audit & accountancy	-		32
Equipment repairs & replacement	-		414
First aid supplies	-		45
Non ADMRC exhibition expenses	-		59
Depreciation - Exhibition equipment	109		
Sundries	-62		-
		46	590
Total Expenditure		13,419	11,763
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		-909	595

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FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24			2022/23		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
EXHIBITIONS						
Abingdon						
Income		35,287			8,931	
Expenditure		34,276			-7,608	
			1,011			1,323
Didcot						
Income		-			-	
Expenditure		-			-	
			-			-
Exhibitions surplus/(deficit)		1,011				1,323
200 Club						
Income		1,080			1,125	
Expenditure		-100			-320	
Surplus			980			805
Private Owner Wagons						
Sales		36			792	
Cost of Sales						
Opening stock	613			-		
Purchases	-			1,087		
	613			1,087		
Closing stock	-593			-613		
		20			474	
Surplus			16			318
Club Merchandise						
Income		-			65	
Expenditure		-			-	
			-			65
Club Open Day (2nd Hand Stall)						
Income		-			8	
Expenditure		-			-	
			-			8
Fund raising surplus		2,007			2,519	

ABINGDON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

FIXED ASSETS SCHEDULE - EXHIBITION EQUIPMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Barriers	Radio Equipment	PDQ Equipment	Total
COST				
As at 1 April 2023	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	435	435
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	-	-	435	435
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 April 2023	-	-	-	-
Charge for year	-	-	109	109
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	-	-	109	109
NET BOOK VALUES				
As at 31 March 2024	-	-	326	326
As at 31 March 2023	-	-	-	-



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

ABINGDON & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1176029

Set out on pages

Of the accounts as supplied to me.

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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 no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Patrick Lonergan

Date:

23/01/2025

Name:

Mr Patrick Lonergan

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

None - Abingdon town councillor

Address:

35 Cherwell Close, Abingdon, OX14 3TD

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

My only comment is, given the relatively small turnover of the club, that accounts on a Receipts and payment basis, using CC16a, would suffice. This would also facilitate the eventual appointment of the next treasurer. This, whilst noting that although the level of debtors is relatively high, such a figure could be simply set out in the treasurer/trustee's annual report to qualify, say, a 'loss' for the year in question.