

BRICKET WOOD STATION HERITAGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1176103

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-12-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PRESERVE, RENOVATE, RECONSTRUCT AND OPERATE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF BRICKET WOOD, THE COUNTY OF HERTFORDSHIRE AND OF THE NATION AT LARGE, THE HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTIONAL HERITAGE OF THE STATION BUILDING AT BRICKET WOOD. THIS C.1903 STATION IS ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVING STATIONS FROM THE EDWARDIAN PERIOD AND THE SOLE SURVIVING "STEAM-AGE" STRUCTURE ON THE ABBEY LINE (WATFORD Û ST ALBANS ABBEY).2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE BRICKET WOOD STATION AND THE ABBEY LINE, ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVING BRANCH LINES FROM THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY (1846-1922), INCLUDING THE STUDY AND PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION, DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS AND OTHER MATERIAL PERTAINING TO THE RAILWAY LINE, BRICKET WOOD, AND RELATED ORGANISATIONS AND SUBJECTS.

Activities: To preserve, renovate, reconstruct and operate for the benefit of the people of Bricket Wood, the county of Hertfordshire and of the nation at large, the historical, architectural and constructional heritage of the station building at Bricket Wood. This c.1903 station is one of the few surviving stations from the Edwardian period and the sole surviving "steam-age" structure on the Abbey Line.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£7,179	£22,077	-	-
2023-12-31	£89,835	£165,113	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,821	£118,019	-	-
2021-12-31	£250,474	£6,387	-	-
2020-12-31	£839	£3,209	-	-

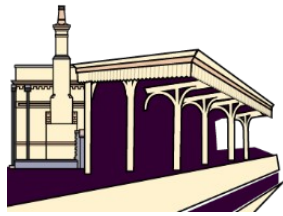
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Peever		2023-10-24
NIGEL STEPHEN WATSON		2017-12-27
PAUL AMSTERDAM		2017-12-27
RAYMOND KENNETH MCLEAN		2017-12-27
Vito SEPE		2017-12-27
WILLIAM ROBERT YORKE		2017-12-27
William Emlyn Pryce		2019-05-23

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BRICKET WOOD

STATION HERITAGE TRUST

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Trustees' Annual Report 2024

Unfortunately the most notable event of the year, one which left us all very much saddened, was the sudden passing of our Chair Laurie Hart in March this year. Most of you will know that Laurie was one of the founding members of a group whose aim was to restore the station building which then became the Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust. As well as being a driving force behind the initiation of the station project and setting up the trust he was a guiding hand during the restoration work with his infectious enthusiasm towards the project. He had the ability to enthuse the Trustees in working through issues and help find solutions to make the restored station building the success it is and a lasting legacy to his memory. In honour of his contribution to the Trust and the station project the Trustees have purchased a L&NWR replica station clock as a permanent memorial to Laurie. This has been mounted within the tearoom with a plaque.

Activities of The Trust since the last AGM, which took place on 9th October 2024.

1. Membership has been maintained at 40 members.
2. The Trust is continuing with its changed priorities from a restoration project to a management project in order to secure the long term future of the building.
3. Ongoing maintenance has been carried out, with the help of Network Rail, particularly relating to a continuing leak in the roof. Following replacement of the station canopy covering by Network Rail and some additional work to the station building roof the leak appears to have been dealt with.
4. Having had the replica benches installed a final restoration touch has been the reconstruction of a wooden fence in the forecourt replicating that which would have been in place in 1903.
5. The Tearoom has had another successful year and continues to be well supported by the community. As a result of this success, the hiring activities and the continuing work done in providing interested parties with access to historical records held in the Archive Room, the Trust is considered to be meeting its community objectives.

6. The station building had been entered into the National Railway Heritage Awards last year and at the awards ceremony in December 2024 the building came first in its category “Operational Enhancement”. A plaque from the NRHA recognising this was unveiled in May this year.
7. The station building has been used by several bodies for meetings including the Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership and other community groups. The advisory executive of the Railway Heritage Trust held their annual meeting at the station building to showcase to members the completed restoration. Following the meeting their plaque was formally unveiled.

Our priorities for the next 12 months remain as follows:

- 1 To continue to generate sufficient income to cover operating and maintenance costs to ensure the building continues to be safe and sustainable.
2. To seek to work with Network Rail and West Midlands Trains to enhance the station surroundings where possible but immediately to maintain and repair the forecourt area.
3. Continue to support the community through the tearoom and making the building available for community groups to use.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees, a big thank you to those many individuals, various organisations and to all our members for their continued support - it is very much appreciated.

Robert Yorke Chair, Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust

11th September 2025

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BRICKET WOOD STATION HERITAGE TRUST			
ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		YEARS	
		2024	2023
RECEIPTS			
Donations		317.48	87548.30
Membership Fees		525.10	436.60
Rental		6336.56	1849.73
TOTAL		7179.14	89834.63
PAYMENTS			
Subscriptions		96.00	208.50
Committee Members Expenses		15.00	0.00
Website		352.80	735.60
Materials		9.84	24431.68
Works		5679.93	104579.11
Contents		10637.63	30682.48
Insurance		1022.49	84.00
Legal Fees		0.00	1867.80
Utilities		2623.45	1498.32
Broadband		378.78	389.76
Waste		1044.28	223.44
Events		196.49	412.30
Miscellaneous		19.99	0.00
TOTAL		22076.68	165112.99
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		-14897.54	-75278.36
TOTAL		7179.14	89834.63
BALANCE SHEET			
Balance on Lloyds Account		42350.48	132526.38
CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		57248.02	132526.38
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		-14897.54	-75278.36
TOTAL		42350.48	57248.02
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Trustees' Annual Report 2024

Activities of The Trust since the last AGM, which took place on 24th October 2023.

Membership has been maintained at 40 members.

The Trust changed its priorities from a restoration project to a management project in order to secure a long term future for the building.

Ongoing maintenance has been carried out, particularly relating to a leak in the roof following a prolonged period of heavy rain.

The installation of three replica benches on the platform and a period lamp by the forecourt entrance has virtually completed the restoration.

An operating manual defining correct procedures to ensure safety and security for all aspects of the building's operation was finalised.

A hire agreement, to include Terms and Conditions, was prepared to enable safe use of the building by community groups - bearing in mind it is adjacent to a working railway.

The Tearoom has had a successful first year and has been well supported by the community. As a result, The Trust is considered to be meeting its community objectives.

The Trust has been cooperating with the Railway Heritage Trust and West Midland Trains who painted the canopy supports as well as the platform lamp posts and notice board supports in L&NWR colours, and are in the process of replacing the platform signs to match those on the building.

The Trust was the winner in the 'Most Enhanced Railway Space' category at the Community Rail Awards 2024 and received the Parish Council's 'Special Community Award'. Was also shortlisted for a Heritage Railway Association Award (a significant achievement since it is not a Heritage Railway) and has been recognised with a blue plaque by the Railway Heritage Trust.

The restoration has also been independently judged for a National Railway Heritage Award.

Our priorities for the next 12 months are as follows:

- 1) To ensure that sufficient income is generated to cover operating and maintenance costs.
- 2) To continue investigating ways to enhance the station building and the immediate surrounding area.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees, a big thank you to those many individuals, and the various organisations for all their help in getting the station to where it is today and to all our members for their continued support - it is very much appreciated.

Laurie Hart

*Chairman, Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust
September 2024*

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BRICKET WOOD STATION HERITAGE TRUST						
ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023						
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				YEARS		
				2023	2022	
RECEIPTS						
Donations				87548.30	1079.05	
Membership Fees				436.60	631.02	
Rental				1849.73	0.00	
Miscelleaneos				0.00	110.70	
	TOTAL			89834.63	1820.77	
PAYMENTS						
Subscriptions				208.50	96.00	
Committee Members Expenses				0.00	68.25	
Website				735.60	18.00	
Architects Fees				0.00	432.00	
Materials				24431.68	53454.76	
Works				104579.11	53157.06	
Contents				30682.48	0.00	
Insurance				84.00	792.87	
Legal Fees				1867.80	9999.60	
Utilities				1498.32	0.00	
Broadband				389.76	0.00	
Waste				223.44	0.00	
Events				412.30	0.00	
	TOTAL			165112.99	118018.54	
Surplus of Receipts over Payments				-75278.36	-116197.77	
	TOTAL			89834.63	1820.77	
BALANCE SHEET						
Balance on Lloyds Account				57248.02	132526.38	
	TOTAL			57248.02	132526.38	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
Balance at 1 January				132526.38	248724.15	
Surplus of Receipts over Payments				-75278.36	-116197.77	
	TOTAL			57248.02	132526.38	
V Sepe Hon Treasurer 29 January 2024						



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

BRICKET WOOD STATION HERITAGE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

2023

Charity no
(if any)

1176103

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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:

R. Collins

Date:

15/2/24

Name:

R. F. COLLINS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCA (RETIRED)

(if any):

Address:

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HERTS,

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.

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Trustees' Annual Report 2023

Achievements of the Trust since the last AGM, which took place on 19th October 2022:

- 1) Membership increased to 40 members.
- 2) The Full Lease was signed with Network Rail.
- 3) The restoration of the station was largely completed in August 2023, with just a few remaining jobs to finish. Building Control signoff received.
- 4) A Tea Room operator (Cheryl Clark) was appointed and the Tea Room opened for business on 2nd August 2023 under the name, "The Tea Room at Bricket Wood Station".
- 5) The Trust has submitted entries for the Community Rail Awards 2024, the St Stephen Parish Council 'Community Awards' and intends to submit an entry to the Heritage Railway Association Awards and National Railway Heritage Awards.

Our priorities for the next 12 months are as follows:

- 1) To finish the remaining building / restoration tasks.
- 2) To adopt a 'business as usual' management system which ensures that the building is sustainably and safely managed for the long term.
- 3) To actively market the station building for community use outside of Tea Room opening hours, hence creating new revenue streams.
- 4) To win awards.

On behalf of the Trustees I thank everybody who has worked so hard to finally achieve our goal.

David Horton

*Chairman, Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust
Tuesday 26th September 2023*

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BRICKET WOOD STATION HERITAGE TRUST					
ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022					
RECEIPTS AND PAYM	<u>YEARS</u>				
				<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
RECEIPTS					
Donations				1079.05	250090.00
Membership Fees				631.02	383.65
Miscellaneous				110.70	0.00
	TOTAL			1820.77	250473.65
PAYMENTS					
Subscriptions				96.00	96.00
Committee Members Expenses				68.25	96.10
Website				18.00	290.00
Architects Fees				432.00	5256.00
Materials				53454.76	36.00
Works				53157.06	0.00
Insurance				792.87	313.25
Legal Fees				9999.60	0.00
Planning				0.00	300.00
	TOTAL			118018.54	6387.35
Surplus of Receipts over Payments				-116197.77	244086.30
	TOTAL			1820.77	250473.65
BALANCE SHEET					
Balance on Lloyds Account				132526.38	248724.15
	TOTAL			132526.38	248724.15
CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
Balance at 1 January				248724.15	4637.85
Surplus of Receipts over Payments				-116197.77	244086.30
	TOTAL			132526.38	248724.15
V Sepe Hon Treasurer 29 January 2023					

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Trustees' Annual Report 2022

Achievements of the Trust since the last AGM, which took place on 20th October 2021:

- 1) Membership remained steady at 36 members.
- 2) The 'Agreement for Lease' was signed with Network Rail.
- 3) Paul Amsterdam was appointed as Project Manager, work started on the restoration in May 2022 and is progressing well, although for various reasons our initial target of opening to the public in summer 2022 has not been achieved.

Our priorities for the next 12 months are as follows:

- 1) To finish the restoration and open the building to the public.
- 2) To sign the full Lease with Network Rail, upon completion of the restoration work.
- 3) To decide upon a means by which the 'Edwardian Tea Room' will be operated, and to commence operation by Spring 2023.
- 4) To hold a 'grand opening' ceremony.

On behalf of the Trustees I thank everybody who has supported and encouraged us in the last year, and we look forward to further success in the year ahead.

Note that more detail of the Trust's activities can be viewed on our blog pages:

<https://bricketwoodstationtrust.org.uk/blog/>

David Horton

*Chairman, Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust
Friday 23rd September 2022*

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BRICKET WOOD STATION HERITAGE TRUST

ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<u>YEARS</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
RECEIPTS		
Donations	250090.00	328.16
Membership Fees	383.65	511.17
TOTAL	250473.65	839.33
PAYMENTS		
Subscriptions	96.00	146.00
Business Events	0.00	0.00
Committee Members Expenses	96.10	0.00
Website	290.00	252.00
Architects Fees	5256.00	2000.00
Materials	36.00	0.00
Insurance	313.25	0.00
Planning	300.00	811.00
TOTAL	6387.35	3209.00
Surplus of Receipts over Payments	244086.30	-2369.67
TOTAL	250473.65	839.33

BALANCE SHEET

Balance on Lloyds Account	248724.15	4637.85
TOTAL	248724.15	4637.85

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Balance at 1 January	4637.85	7007.52
Surplus of Receipts over Payments	244086.30	-2369.67
TOTAL	248724.15	4637.85

V Sepe Hon Treasurer 22nd January 2022



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
BRICKET WOOD STATION HERITAGE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

2021

Charity no
(if any)

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(remember to include the Page number(s) of any ...)

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 matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

Signed:

R Collins

Date:

8/2/22

Name:

RON COLLINS

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

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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Trustees' Annual Report 2021

Achievements of the Trust since the last AGM, which took place on 29th September 2020:

- 1) Grew membership from 31 to 36 members.
- 2) Awarded £250,000 of funding from London North Western Railway's "Customer and Communities Improvement Fund" (CCIF). First tranche of funding (£81,000) received in the Trust's bank account on 6th July 2021.
- 3) Awarded £67,000 of funding from the Railway Heritage Trust on 24th August 2021.
- 4) Finalised a Design Brief and commissioned detailed design work, specification and tendering exercise with our architects, Sheldon Peever. Project Programme agreed and underway.

Our priorities for the next 12 months are as follows:

- 1) To finalise a lease with Network Rail.
- 2) To tender the main works and commence restoration by beginning of December 2021.
- 3) To finish the restoration and fitting out of the building by end of April 2022.
- 4) To decide upon a means by which the 'Edwardian Tea Room' will be operated, and to commence operation by summer 2022.

On behalf of the Trustees I thank everybody who has supported and encouraged us in the last year, and we look forward to further success in the year ahead.

Note that more detail of the Trust's activities can be viewed on our blog pages:
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David Horton

*Chairman, Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust
Sunday 12th September 2021*

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020						
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				YEARS		
					<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
RECEIPTS						
Donations					328.16	5193.98
Membership Fees					511.17	115.00
	TOTAL				839.33	5308.98
PAYMENTS						
Subscriptions to other Organisations					146.00	146.00
Business Events					0.00	43.00
Committee Members Expenses					0.00	54.05
Website					252.00	424.00
Architects Fees					2000.00	0.00
Equipment					0.00	230.93
Insurance					0.00	644.00
Planning					811.00	0.00
	TOTAL				3209.00	1541.98
Surplus of Receipts over Payments					-2369.67	3767.00
	TOTAL				839.33	5308.98
BALANCE SHEET						
Balance on Lloyds Account					4637.85	7007.52
	TOTAL				4637.85	7007.52
CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
Balance at 1 January					7007.52	3240.52
Surplus of Receipts over Payments					-2369.67	3767.00
	TOTAL				4637.85	7007.52
V Sepe Hon Treasurer 4th January 2021						