

Bricket Wood Station Heritage Trust

*Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales,
Charity number 1176103.*

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*

<https://bricketwoodstationtrust.org.uk>

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						



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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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BRICKET WOOD, ST. ALBANS,
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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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