

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

England & Wales · Charity number 1176818

Details

Other names	LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-01-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ENGINEERING THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF MODELS OF ENGINEERING, THE PROVISION OF TALKS, PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND BY PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND RUNNING ENGINEERING MODELS.

Activities: A model engineering society based at Cinderbarrow Picnic site at Yealand Redmayne, Carnforth, Lancashire where run a Miniature Railway that is open to the public for rides on Sundays from spring to autumn. We aim to develop a interest in engineering in miniature by our activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£19,770	£20,077	-	-
2023-12-31	£17,544	£12,313	-	-
2022-12-31	£21,152	£24,874	-	-
2021-12-31	£13,702	£18,381	-	-
2020-12-31	£16,356	£20,265	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Graham Mark Brown	Chair	2018-10-07
ADRIAN DIXON		2018-10-07
ANDREW STEWART DUNN		2018-10-07
BEVIS MULHOLLAND		2018-10-07
David Alan Fuller		2025-05-13
Glenn Howard McQuire		2021-10-17
Kevin John Pearson		2022-12-11
Margaret Elizabeth Gray		2025-05-13
Peter John Livesley		2021-10-17
Raymond Pengelly		2023-09-05
Samantha Pearson		2023-11-14

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CHARITY DETAILS

Trustees	Mr G M Brown (Chairman) Mr A Dixon Mr A Dunn Mr P Livesley Mr G McQuire Mr B Mulholland Mr K Pearson Mrs S Pearson Mr R Pengelly Mr D Wilson
Charity Names	Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society (2018)
Working name	Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society
Charity registration number	1176818
Registered office	22 Naworth Drive Carlisle CA3 0DD
Scrutineers	Mr Anthony Marshall Ms Margaret Grey

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution dated 7 October 2018. The charity was registered on 24 January 2018.

The Trustees who have held office during the year are shown on page 3.

Objectives and activities

The charity is a model engineering society based at Cinderbarrow Picnic Site at Yealand Redmayne, Carnforth, Lancashire. The charity operates a miniature railway that is open to the public for rides on Sundays and Bank Holidays from spring to autumn and throughout the year on other specified days. The charity also holds events to develop interest in engineering projects.

The object of the charity is the advancement of public education in engineering through the construction and operation of models of engineering, the provision of talks, public exhibitions, demonstrations and by providing facilities for construction, development and running engineering models.

In establishing the objects and activities of the charity the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Appointments of trustees

The charity is required to have at least three trustees. Trustees are appointed by the members at the annual general meeting or at any time as required. New trustees are provided with a copy of the constitution and a copy of the latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

Achievements and performance

A full programme of passenger train operations was held during the summer until the end of October 2024. In addition to the usual Sunday and Bank Holiday operations, the Society also ran trains on Thursdays during summer school holidays and this was very well supported by the public.

The Society held a programme of evening meetings of general and educational engineering interest which were well supported by members. Monthly members running evenings were held from April to the end of the year which were well supported by members of other local clubs.

The Society ran a number of events providing additional benefits to the community, an event was held for the children from Carnforth County Primary School and two events for Loyne Special School in Lancaster. The Society also took part in an amateur radio event - Railways on the Air, a international event, at which Morecambe Bay Amateur Radio Society provided and operated a radio station. Members of the public were able to come and see an amateur radio station in operation and find out more about this fascinating hobby.

Work continued on replacement of points on the main track. Considerable further investment was made in this project with the purchase of another load of rail which was sufficient to complete the whole of the inner track and should be enough to complete two thirds of the outer track. The track improvements will result in a safer and more comfortable ride for passengers.

The Society has continued to attract new members, including a significant number of junior members, indicating our success in inspiring the younger generation with an interest in models and engineering more generally. Many of our new members were attracted by our Gauge 1 track, demonstrating the value of this facility. Our membership increased to over 150.

The Society began a project to set up a Garden Rail layout adjacent to our Gauge 1 track, It is intended to extend this significantly over coming years. It has been a particular attraction for young children.

Financial review

The Society's Reserves Policy is shown at Annex 1. At the end of 2024 the Society's reserve was above target, but in view of the capital projects that the Society plans to continue in 2025, this surplus is considered reasonable. The main capital projects envisaged for 2025 and beyond are

- Continued replacement of main track
- Upgrade and replacement of signalling system for main track
- Construction of Garden Gauge track
- Construction of raised track for 5" and 3½" gauge trains which involves moving the public footpath in order to provide space alongside the existing outer track

Free reserves as at 31 December 2024 were £21,203

Income for the year was £19,770 and expenditure was £20,077.

In view of the level of income the charity has prepared these accounts on the receipts and payments basis, summarising all money received or paid by the charity during the year. A statement giving details of the assets and liabilities at the end of the year is provided on page 8.

Trustees Statement

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The accounts have been scrutinised by two members of the Society, as permitted within the Society's rules and as agreed by the Trustees. To the best of their knowledge, the Trustees confirm that: .

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; and
2. the accounts accord with those records; and
3. the accounts comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

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TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2024

This report was approved by the Trustees on12-8-25..... and signed on their behalf.


.....
G M Brown – Chairman

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 24						
	Note	Financial Year, Jan'24-Dec'24				2023
	↓	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	1	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Income						
Track Donations		9,229			9,229	10,172
Other donations	2	2,246			2,246	564
Grants					0	0
Gift Aid		0			0	841
Income Generation					0	
Group Booking Income		0			0	0
Members' Subscriptions	3	4,497			4,497	2,585
Sale Of Misc. Items		2,192			2,192	34
Investment Income		0			0	0
Charitable Income						
Miscellaneous		0			0	0
Sale Of Donated Items		1,065			1,065	6,825
Asset Sales		540			540	132
TOTAL RECEIPTS		19,770	0	0	19,770	21,152
PAYMENTS						
Cost Of Generating Income						
Operating The Railway		586			586	0
Special Events		310			310	0
Other		656			656	578
Sub-total		1,551	0	0	1,551	578
Capital Expenditure						
Main Track		401			401	9,794
Small Track Projects		75			75	228
Raised Track		1,013			1,013	5
Carriage Shed		0			0	456
Workshop Equipment	4	3,500			3,500	0
Workshop Construction		0			0	4,641
New Rolling Stock		0			0	280
Equipment		254			254	419
Sub-total		5,242	0	0	5,242	15,823
Recurring Costs						
Rent & Rates		800			800	0
Services		7,362			7,362	5,136
Sub-total		8,162	0	0	8,162	5,136
Administration						
General Administration	5	827			827	1,004
Other Administrative	6	36			36	362
Sub-total		863	0	0	863	1,366
Maintaining Fixed Assets		4,258			4,258	1,971
TOTAL PAYMENTS		20,077	0	0	20,077	24,874
NET RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS		-307	0	0	-307	-3,722

Notes

- Accounting policies These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. Expenditure is inclusive of VAT.
- Includes generous donations totalling £1600 from 3R Foundation for signage and publicity.
- Membership subscriptions includes a proportion of subscriptions from both 2024 and 2025.
- Expenditure for 2024 includes £3500 for purchase of a deceased member's workshop. Sale of surplus equipment will take place in 2025.
- No remuneration or other benefits were paid to the charity's trustees or people connected with them.
- General administration is expenses internal to the Society. Other administration is expenses incurred with external organisations, including legal costs.

Tangible Fixed Assets and liabilities at 31-Dec-24							
Assets	Buildings	Equipment	Track & Fencing	Rolling stock	Canopy	Gauge 1 Track	Total
Depreciation rate	3.33%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	
Base Value	£29,855						
Value at 31 Dec 23	£20,228	£1,972	£14,590	£6,356	£3,664	£2,248	£49,058
Depreciation	-£995	-£197	-£1,459	-£636	-£366	-£225	-£3,878
Addition in year	£0	£254	£1,413	£0	£0	£75	£1,742
Value at 31 Dec 24	£19,233	£2,029	£14,544	£5,720	£3,298	£2,098	£46,922
Liabilities							
Site clearance at end of lease	£7,000						£7,000
Net total fixed assets							£39,922

Declaration

The receipts and payments account for the financial period ended on 31 December 2024 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date are approved by the Trustees.

For and on behalf of the Trustees:



G M Brown - Chairman

16-9-25

Date

Annex 1

Reserves Policy

The Society aims to maintain a positive balance of available assets to cover future planned expenditure and unplanned expenses. In developing a Reserves Policy, the Society has considered separate categories of unavoidable recurrent expenditure and discretionary capital expenditure.

Considering first the non-discretionary expenditure, there are considerable recurring expenses which are incurred by the Society in the maintenance of the site, such as rent, electricity, buildings maintenance, site maintenance. These costs must all be covered even if the Society does not have any income. Therefore it is necessary to maintain a level of reserve funds to cover any eventuality where the society is unable to generate any income. The Society considers it prudent to keep at least one year's running costs in hand to cover such cases.

The site at Cinderbarrow is leased from Lancashire County Council, and although we have a long lease, and are hoping to negotiate an extension, there is always the possibility that the lease may be terminated at some time in the future. It is also possible that the Society might be dissolved at some time in the future, for example if there are insufficient members to continue. In this event, there is a potential cost which would be incurred for site clearance in accordance with the lease. Considering that the Society now has considerable investment in physical assets, which could be disposed of to realise significant value, the Society believes that site clearance costs could be covered by such disposal.

The operation of the railway and maintenance of the site requires a considerable quantity of valuable equipment which must be both maintained and replaced from time to time. The Society must also maintain a significant reserve of funds available to cover exceptional expenses which inevitably arise from time to time, such as the replacement of major items of equipment.

Regarding discretionary expenditure, in a change from previous annual reports, the funds required for planned capital projects are no longer included in the reserve policy, but are listed in the Financial Review on page 5.

Calculation of a reasonable reserve target for 2024

Ongoing expenditure if no income	£7,000
Unplanned capital expenditure	£3,000
Total	£10,000

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CHARITY DETAILS

Trustees

Mr G M Brown (Chairman)	
Mr A Dixon	
Mr A Dunn	
Mr R Higgins	(From 4 July 2023 to 1 December 2023)
Mr P Livesley	
Mr G McQuire	
Mr B Mulholland	
Mr K Pearson	
Mrs S Pearson	(From 14 December 2023)
Mr D Wilson	
Mr D C Wood	

Charity Names

	Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society (2018)
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Registered office

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Mr Richard Davey

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Appointments of trustees

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Achievements and performance

A full programme of passenger train operations was held during the summer until the end of October 2023 and occasionally to the end of the year depending on staffing and the weather. In addition to the usual Sunday and Bank Holiday operations, the Society also ran trains on Thursdays during summer school holidays and this was very well supported by the public. The Society held a programme of evening meetings of general and educational engineering interest which were well supported by members. Monthly members running evenings were held from April to the end of the year which were well supported by members of other local clubs. The Society ran a number of events providing additional benefits to the community, an event for the North Lancs Downs Syndrome group, an event for the Bee Unique Autism Group and a visit from local cubs groups.

The Society also took part in an amateur radio event - Railways on the Air, a international event, at which Morecambe Bay Amateur Radio Society provided and operated a radio station. Members of the public were able to come and see an amateur radio station in operation and find out more about this fascinating hobby. Work continued on replacement of the main track and was completed by the end of March. This will provide for a safer and more comfortable ride for our passengers. Considerable further investment was made in this project with the purchase of another load of rail which was sufficient to complete the whole of the inner track and should be enough to complete two thirds of the outer track. The Society has continued to attract new members, including a significant number of junior members, indicating our success in inspiring the younger generation with an interest in models and engineering more generally. Many of our new members were attracted by our Gauge 1 track, demonstrating the value of this facility. Our membership increased to over 130. The Society began a project to set up a Garden Rail layout adjacent to our Gauge 1 track, It is intended to extend this significantly over coming years. It has been a particular attraction for young children.

Financial review

The Society's Reserves Policy is shown at Annex 1. At the end of 2023 the Society's reserve was above target, but in view of the capital projects that the Society plans to continue in 2024, this surplus is considered reasonable. The Society operated a full program of public train rides throughout the summer, and with significant benefit from extra running dates in the school holidays, donations associated with this continued at a high level. The main capital projects envisaged for 2024 and beyond are

- Continued replacement of main track
- Upgrade and replacement of signalling system for main track
- Construction of Garden Gauge track
- Construction of raised track for 5" and 3½" gauge trains which involves moving the public footpath in order to provide space for it.

Free reserves as at 31 December 2023 were £21,524.

Income for the year was £17,544 and expenditure was £12,313.

In view of the level of income the charity has prepared these accounts on the receipts and payments basis, summarising all money received or paid by the charity during the year. A statement giving details of the assets and liabilities at the end of the year is provided on page 9.

Trustees Statement

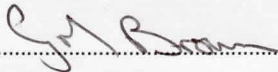
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LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2023

This report was approved by the Trustees on 11-6-24 and signed on their behalf.


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G M Brown – Chairman

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 23						
	Note	Financial Year, Jan'23-Dec'23				2022
	↓	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	1	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Income						
Track Donations		9,566			9,566	10,172
Other donations		1,743			1,743	564
Grants					0	
Gift Aid		1,244			1,244	841
Defibrillator campaign		697			697	0
Income Generation						
Group Booking Income		850			850	0
Members' Subscriptions	3	3,335			3,335	2,585
Sale Of Misc. Items		85			85	34
Investment Income						
		0			0	0
Charitable Income						
		0			0	
Sale Of Donated Items		0			0	6,825
Asset Sales						
		24			24	132
TOTAL RECEIPTS		17,544	0	0	17,544	21,152
PAYMENTS						
Cost Of Generating Income						
Operating The Railway		13			13	0
Special Events		267			267	0
Other		452			452	578
Sub-total		732	0	0	732	578
Capital Expenditure						
Main Track		1,353			1,353	9,794
Gauge 1 Track		0			0	
Pathway To Gauge 1 Track		0			0	228
Garden Rail		302			302	456
Raised Track		19			19	5
New Rolling Stock		0			0	280
Equipment		0			0	419
Defibrillator		841			841	0
Signalling		305			305	0
Office Equipment		490			490	
Sub-total		3,309	0	0	3,309	11,182
Recurring Costs						
Rent & Rates	5	1,600			1,600	0
Services		4,550			4,550	5,136
Sub-total		6,150	0	0	6,150	5,136
Administration						
General Administration	2	595			595	1,004
Other Administrative	4	498			498	362
Sub-total		1,093	0	0	1,093	1,366
Maintaining Fixed Assets						
		1,029			1,029	1,971
TOTAL PAYMENTS		12,313	0	0	12,313	20,232
NET RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS		5,231	0	0	5,231	920

Notes

- Accounting policies These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. Expenditure is inclusive of VAT.
- Trustees No remuneration or other benefits were paid to the charity's trustees or people connected with them.

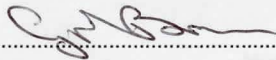
- 3 Membership subscriptions includes a proportion of subscriptions from both 2023 and 2024.
- 4 General administration is expenses internal to the Society. Other administrative is expenses incurred with external organisations, including legal costs.
- 5 We paid for two year's rent in 2023 (2022 and 2023)

Tangible Fixed Assets and liabilities at 31-Dec-23							
Assets	Buildings	Equip-ment	Track & Fencing	Rolling stock	Canopy	Gauge 1 Track	Total
Depreciation rate	3.33%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	
Base Value	£29,855						
Value at 31 Dec 22	£21,223	£1,852	£14,707	£7,062	£4,071	£2,498	£51,414
Depreciation	-£995	-£185	-£1,471	-£706	-£407	-£250	-£4,014
Addition in year	£0	£305	£1,353	£0	£0	£0	£1,658
Value at 31 Dec 23	£20,228	£1,972	£14,590	£6,356	£3,664	£2,248	£49,057
Liabilities							
Site clearance at end of lease	£7,000						£7,000
Net total fixed assets							£42,057

Declaration

The receipts and payments account for the financial period ended on 31 December 2023 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date are approved by the Trustees.

For and on behalf of the Trustees:



G M Brown - Chairman

21-7-24

Date

Annex 1

Reserves Policy

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Considering first the non-discretionary expenditure, there are considerable recurring expenses which are incurred by the Society in the maintenance of the site, such as rent, Insurance, electricity, buildings maintenance, site maintenance. These costs must all be covered even if the Society does not have any income. Therefore it is necessary to maintain a level of reserve funds to cover any eventuality where the society is unable to generate any income. The Society considers it prudent to keep at least one year's running costs in hand to cover such cases.

The site at Cinderbarrow is leased from Lancashire County Council, and although we have a long lease, and are hoping to negotiate an extension, there is always the possibility that the lease may be terminated at some time in the future. It is also possible that the Society might be dissolved at some time in the future, for example if there are insufficient members to continue. In this event, there is a potential cost which would be incurred for site clearance in accordance with the lease. Considering that the Society now has considerable investment in physical assets, which could be disposed of to realise significant value, the Society believes that site clearance costs could be covered by such disposal.

The operation of the railway and maintenance of the site requires a considerable quantity of valuable equipment which must be both maintained and replaced from time to time. The Society must also maintain a significant reserve of funds available to cover exceptional expenses which inevitably arise from time to time, such as the replacement of major items of equipment.

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Calculation of a reasonable reserve target for 2023

Ongoing expenditure if no income	£7,000
Unplanned capital expenditure	£3,000
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Mr D Wilson	
Mr D C Wood	

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Achievements and performance

Following the lifting of the majority of Covid restrictions at the end of 2021, a full programme of passenger train operations was held during the summer until the end of October 2022. In addition to the usual Sunday operations, the Society also ran trains on Thursdays during summer School holidays and this was very well supported by the public.

The Society held a programme of evening meetings of general and educational engineering interest which were well supported by members.

The Society ran a number of events providing additional benefits to the community, in July an event for the North Lancs Downs Syndrome group, in August an event for the Bee Unique Autism Group and in October a visit from local cubs groups. The Society also held an event for our older members who, due to physical limitations, can no longer easily travel to the Cinderbarrow site.

There were also events to which other local societies were invited, including an Open day and meetings of the GL5 society, the Gauge 1 Model Railway Association and the Morris Minor Club. The Society also took part in an amateur radio event - Railways on the Air, a international event, at which Morecambe Bay Amateur Radio Society provided and operated a radio station. Members of the public were able to come and see an amateur radio station in operation and find out more about this fascinating hobby.

Work continued on replacement of the main track which had deteriorated severely over the many years of our operation. This will provide for a safer and more comfortable ride for our passengers when completed. Considerable further investment was made in this project with the purchase of another load of rail which should be sufficient to complete the whole of the inner track and some of the outer track.

The Society has continued to attract new members, including a significant number of junior members, indicating our success in inspiring the younger generation with an interest in models and engineering more generally. Many of our new members were attracted by our new Gauge 1 track, demonstrating the value of this facility.

Another project which was completed was the construction of a new workshop. Thanks to a number of generous donations this has now become well equipped with engineering and machine tools. This project was largely funded by the auction of an entire donated workshop which was held by the Society and raised considerable funds. The auction was held entirely on line owing to residual concerns about the risk of spreading Covid in a large gathering of people.

Financial review

The Society's Reserves Policy is shown at Annex 1. At the end of 2022 the Society's reserve was above target, but in view of the capital projects that the Society plans to continue in 2023, this surplus is considered reasonable. The Society benefited from the sale of an entire workshop which was donated for this purpose. This was very beneficial in progressing our major capital projects. The Society operated a full program of public train rides throughout the summer, and with significant benefit from extra running dates in the school holidays, donations associated with this reached the highest level on record. The main capital projects envisaged for 2023 and beyond are

- Continued replacement of main track
- Construction of a pathway to Gauge 1 viewing area suitable for wheelchairs
- Upgrade and replacement of signalling system for main track
- Construction of Garden Gauge track
- Construction of raised track for 5" and 3½" gauge track

Free reserves as at 31 December 2022 were £16,293

Income for the year was £21,152 and expenditure was £24,874.

In view of the level of income the charity has prepared these accounts on the receipts and payments basis, summarising all money received or paid by the charity during the year. A statement giving details of the assets and liabilities at the end of the year is provided on page 8.

Trustees Statement

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The accounts have been scrutinised by two members of the Society, as permitted within the Society's rules and as agreed by the Trustees. To the best of their knowledge, the Trustees confirm that: .

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; and
2. the accounts accord with those records; and
3. the accounts comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

This report was approved by the Trustees on6 June 2023..... and signed on their behalf.



G M Brown – Chairman

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 22						
	Note	Financial Year, Jan'22-Dec'22				2021
		↓ General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	1	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS						
Voluntary Income						
Track Donations		10,172			10,172	8,388
Other donations		564			564	2,510
Grants					0	
Gift Aid		841			841	
Income Generation						
Group Booking Income		0			0	0
Members' Subscriptions	3	2,585			2,585	2,764
Sale Of Misc. Items		34			34	40
Investment Income						
		0			0	0
Charitable Income						
Sale Of Donated Items		6,825			6,825	0
Asset Sales						
		132			132	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		21,152	0	0	21,152	13,702
PAYMENTS						
Cost Of Generating Income						
Operating The Railway		0			0	550
Special Events		0			0	132
Other		578			578	114
Sub-total		578	0	0	578	796
Capital Expenditure						
Main Track		9,794			9,794	4,950
Gauge 1 Track		228			228	2,271
Carriage Shed		456			456	1,304
Raised Track		5			5	0
Workshop Construction		4,641			4,641	0
New Rolling Stock		280			280	4,583
Equipment		419			419	0
Sub-total		15,823	0	0	15,823	13,108
Recurring Costs						
Rent & Rates		0			0	800
Services		5,136			5,136	2,063
Sub-total		5,136	0	0	5,136	2,863
Administration						
General Administration	2	1,004			1,004	63
Other Administrative	4	362			362	0
Sub-total		1,366	0	0	1,366	63
Maintaining Fixed Assets						
		1,971			1,971	1,551
TOTAL PAYMENTS		24,874	0	0	24,874	18,381
NET RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS		-3,722	0	0	-3,722	-4,679

Notes

- Accounting policies These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. Expenditure is inclusive of VAT.
- Trustees No remuneration or other benefits were paid to the charity's trustees or people connected with them.
- Membership subscriptions includes a proportion of subscriptions from both 2022 and 2023.
- General administration is expenses internal to the Society. Other administration is expenses incurred with external organisations, including legal costs.

Tangible Fixed Assets and liabilities at 31-Dec-22							
Assets	Buildings	Equipment	Track & Fencing	Rolling stock	Canopy	Gauge 1 Track	Total
Depreciation rate	3.33%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	
Base Value	£29,855						
Value at 31 Dec 21	£22,218	£1,593	£5,459	£7,846	£4,523	£2,776	£44,416
Depreciation	-£995	-£159	-£546	-£785	-£452	-£278	-£3,215
Addition in year	£0	£419	£9,794	£0	£0	£0	£10,213
Value at 31 Dec 22	£21,223	£1,852	£14,707	£7,062	£4,071	£2,498	£51,414
Liabilities							
Site clearance at end of lease	£7,000						£7,000
Net total fixed assets							£44,414

Declaration

The receipts and payments account for the financial period ended on 31 December 2022 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date are approved by the Trustees.

For and on behalf of the Trustees:



G M Brown - Chairman

26 June 2023

Date

Annex 1

Reserves Policy

The Society aims to maintain a positive balance of available assets to cover future planned expenditure and unplanned expenses. In developing a Reserves Policy, the Society has considered separate categories of unavoidable recurrent expenditure and discretionary capital expenditure.

Considering first the non-discretionary expenditure, there are considerable recurring expenses which are incurred by the Society in the maintenance of the site, such as rent, electricity, buildings maintenance, site maintenance. These costs must all be covered even if the Society does not have any income. Therefore it is necessary to maintain a level of reserve funds to cover any eventuality where the society is unable to generate any income. The Society considers it prudent to keep at least one year's running costs in hand to cover such cases.

The site at Cinderbarrow is leased from Lancashire County Council, and although we have a long lease, and are hoping to negotiate an extension, there is always the possibility that the lease may be terminated at some time in the future. It is also possible that the Society might be dissolved at some time in the future, for example if there are insufficient members to continue. In this event, there is a potential cost which would be incurred for site clearance in accordance with the lease. Considering that the Society now has considerable investment in physical assets, which could be disposed of to realise significant value, the Society believes that site clearance costs could be covered by such disposal.

The operation of the railway and maintenance of the site requires a considerable quantity of valuable equipment which must be both maintained and replaced from time to time. The Society must also maintain a significant reserve of funds available to cover exceptional expenses which inevitably arise from time to time, such as the replacement of major items of equipment.

Regarding discretionary expenditure, in a change from previous annual reports, the funds required for planned capital projects are no longer included in the reserve policy, but are listed in the Financial Review on page 5.

Calculation of a reasonable reserve target for 2022

Ongoing expenditure if no income	£7,000
Unplanned capital expenditure	£3,000
Total	£10,000

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Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society (2018)

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LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

CHARITY DETAILS

Trustees

Mr G M Brown (Chairman)	
Mr A Dixon	
Mr A Dunn	
Mr P Livesley	(From 17 October 2021)
Mr J McKay	
Mr G McQuire	(From 17 October 2021)
Mr B Mulholland	
Mr D Wilson	
Mr D C Wood	

Charity Names

Working name	Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society (2018)
	Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society

Charity registration number 1176818

Registered office

22 Naworth Drive
Carlisle
CA3 0DD

Scrutineers

Mr Anthony Marshall
Mr Richard Davey

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution dated 7 October 2018.

The charity was registered on 24 January 2018.

The Trustees who have held office during the year are shown on page 3.

Objectives and activities

The charity is a model engineering society based at Cinderbarrow picnic site at Yealand Redmayne, Carnforth, Lancashire. The charity operates a miniature railway that is open to the public for rides on Sundays and Bank Holidays from spring to autumn. The charity also holds events to develop interest in engineering projects.

The object of the charity is the advancement of public education in engineering through the construction and operation of models of engineering, the provision of talks, public exhibitions, demonstrations and by providing facilities for construction, development and running engineering models.

In establishing the objects and activities of the charity the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Appointments of trustees

The charity is required to have at least three trustees. Trustees are appointed by the members at the annual general meeting or at any time as required. New trustees are provided with a copy of the constitution and a copy of the latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

Achievements and performance

The Society planned a range of meetings and events at the beginning of 2021. Although Covid-19 restrictions were lifted part way through the year, it was thought prudent to suspend resumption of our regular meetings as it would be difficult to maintain social distancing in a confined space.

Passenger trains were resumed during the year following introduction of screens to the carriages and implementation of thorough disinfection procedures.

Members also carried out significant work in the construction of a new carriage shed to protect our valuable assets. The new carriage shed is now complete and fully operational. Another major project of the construction of a Gauge 1 railway track for the operation of smaller models was also undertaken and completed. Work has now started on replacement of the main track which has deteriorated severely over the many years of our operation. Other capital projects included a considerable investment in rolling stock. This includes a new works locomotive to assist with track work and significant investment in passenger carriages by upgrading bogies and brakes to improve safety and comfort.

The Society has continued to attract new members, including a significant number of junior members, indicating our success in inspiring the younger generation with an interest in models and engineering more generally. Many of our new members were attracted by our new Gauge 1 facility, demonstrating the value of this facility.

The decision was also taken to take advantage of a new opportunity opened up by the construction of the new carriage shed, which enabled us to free up space in the old "container" and use it to create a new workshop. Apart from offering great value in the maintenance of our facilities, we believe we will also be able to use it to create more interest in the activities of the Society and as an educational facility. The trustees felt that the additional investment was justified in the view of the fact that the Society has recently received a large donation of workshop equipment which will be sold at the highest price possible to raise funds for the Society's continued work.

The operation of the miniature railway inevitably involves significant wear and tear on the infrastructure of the railway and in particular, after 20 years of operation, the condition of the track was becoming very poor and maintaining it in a condition to ensure safe and reliable operation of the railway was becoming increasingly difficult. The Trustees therefore took the decision to undertake a major project to replace as much of the track as possible over a number of years and as funding allows. To this end a bulk purchase of rail was made at the end of the financial year, and a start was made on track re-laying.

Financial review

The Society's Reserves Policy is shown at Annex 1. A number of capital projects have been planned for the next financial year which are detailed below and there are also some known liabilities for next year. When taken together, the specified Reserve, the known liabilities and the capital projects budget match closely with the Society's cash assets at the end of the financial year.

The Society benefited from some substantial donations in the year which were beneficial in enabling us to progress these capital projects. Despite a late start due to Covid restrictions in the early part of the year, the Society operated a full program of public train rides throughout the summer, and possibly with the advantage of a new contactless payments system, donations associated with our public running reached the highest level on record.

Free reserves as at 31 December 2021 were £20,015

Income for the year was £13,702 and planned expenditure was £18,381.

In view of the level of income the charity has prepared these accounts on the receipts and payments basis, summarising all money received or paid by the charity during the year. A statement giving details of the assets and liabilities at the end of the year is provided on page 7.

Known liabilities and capital projects planned for the next financial year:

Known liabilities	£1,000
Capital project – track replacement	£3,000
Capital project –workshop construction	£5,000
Smaller capital projects	£1,000

Total: £10,000

Trustees Statement

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The accounts have been scrutinised by two members of the Society, as permitted within the Society's rules and as agreed by the Trustees. To the best of their knowledge, the Trustees confirm that: .

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; and
2. the accounts accord with those records; and
3. the accounts comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2021

This report was approved by the Trustees on6 June 2022..... and signed on their behalf.



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G M Brown – Chairman

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 21							
	Note	Financial Year, Jan'21-Dec'21				(Note 6)	
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Income							
Track Donations		8,388			8,388	0	6,242
Other donations		2,510			2,510	369	912
Grants						10,000	0
Gift Aid	2	0			0	3,015	0
Income Generation					0		
Group Booking Income		0			0	130	490
Members' Subscriptions	3	2,764			2,764	2,843	1,755
Sale Of Misc. Items		40			40	0	10
Investment Income		0			0	0	0
Charitable Income		0			0	0	0
Asset Sales		0			0	0	4,537
Transfers To/From Lmmes Ltd		0			0	168	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		13,702	0	0	13,702	16,525	13,946
PAYMENTS		£	£	£	£		£
Cost Of Generating Income							
Operating The Railway		550			550	0	40
Special Events		132			132	0	571
Other		114			114	0	375
Sub-total		796	0	0	796	0	987
Capital Expenditure							
Main Track		4,950			4,950	0	0
Gauge 1 Track		2,271			2,271	229	1,212
Carriage Shed		1,304			1,304	11,904	0
Canopy		0			0	0	433
Rolling Stock		4,472			4,472	0	2,026
New Workshop		111			111	0	0
Equipment		0			0	230	358
Sub-total		13,107	0	0	13,107	12,363	4,028
Recurring Costs							
Rent & Rates		800			800	800	1,600
Services		2,063			2,063	4,017	4,831
Sub-total		2,863	0	0	2,863	4,817	6,431
Administration							
General Administration	4	63			63	291	288
Other Administrative	5	0			0	2,272	65
Sub-total		63	0	0	63	2,563	353
Maintaining Fixed Assets		1,551	0	0	1,551	519	1,110
TOTAL PAYMENTS		18,381	0	0	18,381	20,262	12,908
NET RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS		-4,679	0	0	-4,679	-3,737	1,038

Notes

- Accounting policies These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. Expenditure is inclusive of VAT.
- Gift Aid Not all donations are eligible for Gift Aid. There was insignificant Gift Aid eligible income in the previous year, and so the claim was deferred to a subsequent year. Gift aid can be claimed for the previous 3 years.
- Membership subscriptions includes a proportion of subscriptions from both 2021 and 2022
- Trustees No remuneration or other benefits were paid to the charity's trustees or people connected with them.
- General administration is expenses internal to the Society. Other administration is expenses incurred with external organisations, including legal costs.
- Figures for 2019 have been included to provide comparison with the last year that was unaffected by Covid-19 restrictions.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31-Dec-21					
Cash Assets	Bt'Fwd at 01 Jan 21	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31- Dec-21
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Petty Cash	0	6,027	0	-6,027	0
Bank, Current Account	24,694	7,675	-18,381	6,027	20,015
	24,694	13,702	-18,381	0	20,015
Outstanding Transactions					
Receipts (<i>Unreconciled Deposits</i>)	0				0
Payments (<i>Unpresented Cheques</i>)	0				0
	0				0
Investment Accounts	Bt'Fwd	Interest		Net Transfers	Cd'Fwd
Bank, Deposit Account	0	0		0	0
Total Cash Assets	24,694				20,015

Tangible Fixed Assets & Liabilities

Expenditure incurred on tangible fixed assets in excess of £100, except planning and legal costs, is capitalised, values below that are written off as expenditure in the year they are incurred. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives to the Society.

Asset classes where the value is reduced to under £100 will be removed as insignificant.

The depreciation rates and methods are as follows:

Equipment - 10% of current value

Track and Fencing - 10% of current value

Rolling stock – 10% of current value

Club House Buildings - straight line basis from 1st January 2000 to 31st December 2029

Canopy - 10% of current value

Gauge 1 track – 10% of current value

The Society has a potential liability, estimated at £7000, for clearance of the site at the end of the lease or should the Society be wound up. This is shown below as a charge against total assets.

Tangible Fixed Assets and liabilities at 31-Dec-21							
Assets	Buildings	Equipment	Track & Fencing	Rolling stock	Canopy	Gauge 1 Track	Total
Depreciation rate	3.33%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	
Base Value	£29,855						
Value at 31 Dec 20	£21,910	£1,770	£566	£6,300	£5,026	£561	£36,133
Depreciation	-£995	-£177	-£57	-£630	-£503	-£56	-£2,417
Addition in year	£1,304	£0	£4,950	£2,176	£0	£2,271	£10,701
Value at 31 Dec 21	£22,218	£1,593	£5,459	£7,846	£4,523	£2,776	£44,416
Liabilities							
Site clearance at end of lease	£7,000						£7,000
Net total fixed assets							£37,416

Declaration

The receipts and payments account for the financial period ended on 31 December 2021 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date are approved by the Trustees.

For and on behalf of the Trustees:



.....
G M Brown - Chairman

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Date

6 Jun 2022

Annex 1

Reserves Policy

The Society aims to maintain a positive balance of available assets to cover future planned expenditure and unplanned expenses. In developing a Reserves Policy, the Society has considered unavoidable recurrent expenditure and the possibility of any unexpected unavoidable expenditure.

There are considerable recurring expenses which are incurred by the Society in the maintenance of the site, such as rent, electricity, buildings maintenance, site maintenance. These costs must all be covered even if the Society does not have any income. Therefore it is necessary to maintain a level of reserve funds to cover any eventuality where the society is unable to generate any income. The Society considers it prudent to keep at least one year's running costs in hand to cover such cases.

The site at Cinderbarrow is leased from Lancashire County Council, and although we have a long lease, and are hoping to negotiate an extension, there is always the possibility that the lease may be terminated at some time in the future. It is also possible that the Society might be dissolved at some time in the future, for example if there are insufficient members to continue. In this event, there is a potential cost which would be incurred for site clearance in accordance with the lease. Considering that the Society now has considerable investment in physical assets, which could be disposed of to realise significant value, the Society believes that site clearance costs could be covered by such disposal and therefore no cash allowance has been made in the reserve policy for this eventuality.

The operation of the railway and maintenance of the site requires a considerable quantity of valuable equipment which must be both maintained and replaced from time to time. The Society must also maintain a significant reserve of funds available to cover exceptional expenses which inevitably arise from time to time, such as the replacement of major items of equipment.

Calculation of a reasonable reserve target for 2021

Ongoing expenditure if no income	£7,000
Unexpected capital expenditure	£3,000
Total	£10,000

Accounts

Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society (2018)

Accounts

Financial Year Ended 31 December 2020

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LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

CHARITY DETAILS

Trustees	Mr G M Brown (Chairman) Mr A Dixon Mr A Dunn Mr J McKay Mr B Mulholland Mr D Wilson Mr D C Wood
Charity Names	Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society (2018)
Working name	Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society
Charity registration number	1176818
Registered office	22 Naworth Drive Carlisle CA3 0DD
Scrutineers	Mr Anthony Marshall Mr Richard Davey

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's constitution and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its constitution dated 7 October 2018. The Charity was registered on 24 January 2018.

The Trustees who have held office during the year are shown on page 3.

Objectives and activities

The Charity is a model engineering society based at Cinderbarrow picnic site at Yealand Redmayne, Carnforth, Lancashire. The Charity operates a miniature railway that is open to the public for rides on Sundays and public holidays from spring to autumn. The Charity also holds events to develop interest in engineering projects.

The object of the Charity is the advancement of public education in engineering through the construction and operation of models of engineering, the provision of talks, public exhibitions, demonstrations and by providing facilities for construction, development and running engineering models.

In establishing the objects and activities of the Charity the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Appointments of trustees

The Charity is required to have at least three trustees. Trustees are appointed by the members at the annual general meeting or at any time as required. New trustees are provided with a copy of the constitution and a copy of the latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

Achievements and performance

The Society planned a range of meetings and events at the beginning of 2020. All of these meetings and events were cancelled due to Government restrictions introduced as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Financial review

The Society was unable to generate any income from some of the usual sources during 2020. However the Society received a grant of £10000 from Lancaster City Council to support the Society during the pandemic and a significant amount of gift aid was received relating to a claim for several previous years. As a result, towards the end of 2020 when restrictions were eased, the Society was able to commence work on a major capital project to construct a new carriage shed, which was essential to protect the Society's assets.

The Society's Reserves Policy is shown at Annex 1. At the end of 2020 the Society's reserve was somewhat higher than target. In view of this, the Society intends to continue with the capital investment projects begun in 2020.

On 24 November the Lancaster and Morecambe Model Engineering Society Ltd, which formerly conducted the Society's business was wound up and all remaining assets were transferred to the Society.

Free reserves as at 31 December 2020 were £24,694 of which £6,798 were allocated to specific capital projects.

Income for the year was £16,356, expenditure was £20,265 and £168 was transferred from LMMES Ltd. prior to its dissolution.

In view of the level of income the charity has prepared these accounts on the receipts and payments basis, summarising all money received or paid by the charity during the year. A statement giving details of the assets and liabilities at the end of the year is provided on page 8.

Trustees Statement

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been scrutinised by two members of the Society, as permitted within the Society's rules and as agreed by the Trustees. To the best of their knowledge, the Trustees confirm that: .

1. accounting records were kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; and
2. the accounts accord with those records; and
3. the accounts comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (2018)

TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2020

This report was approved by the Trustees on 25/10/2021 and signed on their behalf.



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G M Brown – Chairman

Receipts & Payments Account for the Financial Year Ended 31 Dec 20					
	Note	Financial Year, Jan'20-Dec'20			2019
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Income					
Track Donations		0		0	6,242
Other donations		369		369	912
Grants		10,000		10,000	0
Gift Aid		3,015		3,015	0
Income Generation				0	
Group Booking Income		130		130	490
Members' Subscriptions	3	2,843		2,843	1,755
Sale Of Misc. Items		0		0	10
Investment Income		0		0	0
Charitable Income		0		0	0
Asset Sales		0		0	4,537
Transfers From Lmmes Ltd		168			0
TOTAL RECEIPTS		16,356	0	0	13,946
PAYMENTS					
Cost Of Generating Income					
Operating The Railway		0		0	40
Special Events		0		0	571
Other		0		0	375
Sub-total		0	0	0	987
Capital Expenditure					
Gauge 1 Track		229		229	1,212
Carriage Shed		11,904		11,904	0
Canopy		0		0	0
Other		368		368	2,458
Sub-total		12,502	0	0	1,212
Recurring Costs					
Rent & Rates		800		800	1,600
Services		4,018		4,018	4,831
Sub-total		4,818	0	0	4,818
Administration					
General Administration	2	292		292	288
Other Administrative	4	2,272		2,272	65
Sub-total		2,564	0	0	2,564
Maintaining Fixed Assets		381		381	1,110
TOTAL PAYMENTS		20,265	0	0	12,550
NET RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS		-3,909	0	0	1,395
OTHER TRANSACTIONS					
Final transfers from LMMES Ltd		168		168	0
TOTAL TRANSFERS		168	0	0	

Notes

- Accounting policies These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. Expenditure is inclusive of VAT.
- Trustees No remuneration or other benefits were paid to the charity's trustees or people connected with them.
- Membership subscriptions includes a proportion of subscriptions from both 2020 and 2021.
- General administration is expenses internal to the Society. Other administration is expenses incurred with external organisations, including legal costs.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31-Dec-20					
Cash Assets	Bt'Fwd at 01 Jan 20	Receipts in Period	Payments in Period	Transfers in Period	Cd'Fwd at 31- Dec-20
Cash at Bank & in Hand					
Petty Cash	0	0	0	0	0
Bank, Current Account	28,435	16,356	-20,265	168	24,694
	<u>28,435</u>	<u>16,356</u>	<u>-20,265</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>24,694</u>
Outstanding Transactions					
Receipts (<i>Unreconciled Deposits</i>)	0				0
Payments (<i>Unpresented Cheques</i>)	0				0
	<u>0</u>				<u>0</u>
Investment Accounts	Bt'Fwd	Interest		Net Transfers	Cd'Fwd
Bank, Deposit Account	0	0		0	0
Total Cash Assets	<u>28,435</u>				<u>24,694</u>

Tangible Fixed Assets & Liabilities

Expenditure incurred on tangible fixed assets in excess of £100, except planning and legal costs, is capitalised, values below that are written off as expenditure in the year they are incurred. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives to the Society.

Asset classes where the value is reduced to under £100 will be removed as insignificant.

The depreciation rates and methods are as follows:

Equipment - 10% of current value

Track and Fencing - 10% of current value

Rolling stock – 10% of current value

Club House Buildings - straight line basis from 1st January 2000 to 31st December 2029

Canopy - 10% of current value

Gauge 1 track – 10% of current value

The Society has a potential liability, estimated at £7000, for clearance of the site at the end of the lease or should the Society be wound up. This is shown below as a charge against total assets.

Tangible Fixed Assets and liabilities at 31-Dec-20							
Assets	Buildings	Equipment	Track & Fencing	Rolling stock	Canopy	Gauge 1 Track	Total
Depreciation rate	3.33%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	
Base Value	£28,551						
Value at 31 Dec 19	£10,958	£1,558	£629	£7,000	£5,585	£369	£26,098
Depreciation	-£952	-£156	-£63	-£700	-£558	-£37	-£2,466
Addition in year	£11,904	£368		£0	£0	£229	£12,502
Value at 31 Dec 20	£21,910	£1,770	£566	£6,300	£5,026	£561	£36,134
Liabilities							
Site clearance at end of lease	£7,000						£7,000
Net total fixed assets							£29,134

Declaration

The receipts and payments account for the financial period ended on 31 December 2020 and the statement of assets and liabilities at that date are approved by the Trustees.

For and on behalf of the Trustees:



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G M Brown - Chairman

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25/10/2021

Date

Annex 1

Reserves Policy

The Society aims to maintain a positive balance of available assets to cover future planned expenditure and unplanned expenses. In developing a Reserves Policy, the Society has considered separate categories of unavoidable recurrent expenditure and discretionary capital expenditure.

Considering first the non-discretionary expenditure, there are considerable recurring expenses which are incurred by the Society in the maintenance of the site, such as rent, electricity, buildings maintenance, site maintenance. These costs must all be covered even if the Society does not have any income. Therefore it is necessary to maintain a level of reserve funds to cover any eventuality where the society is unable to generate any income. The Society considers it prudent to keep at least one year's running costs in hand to cover such cases.

The site at Cinderbarrow is leased from Lancashire County Council, and although we have a long lease, and are hoping to negotiate an extension, there is always the possibility that the lease may be terminated at some time in the future. It is also possible that the Society might be dissolved at some time in the future, for example if there are insufficient members to continue. In this event, there is a potential cost which would be incurred for site clearance in accordance with the lease.

The operation of the railway and maintenance of the site requires a considerable quantity of valuable equipment which must be both maintained and replaced from time to time. The Society must also maintain a significant reserve of funds available to cover exceptional expenses which inevitably arise from time to time, such as the replacement of major items of equipment.

Now turning to the discretionary expenditure, there are a number of projects which a majority of members have asked for and which the Trustees have approved.

As outlined in the previous annual report, a priority for the Society is the construction of a new carriage shed to protect our investment in rolling stock. This project was started during 2020, although progress was limited because of the Covid pandemic. However most of the capital investment required has now been made and the remaining investment required is now substantially smaller.

Also identified in the previous annual report was the objective of creating a new gauge 1 track layout, which, it is hoped will stimulate the interest of younger visitors as well as being more manageable for our older members. This project was initiated in 2020 and most of the required capital investment is still outstanding, and therefore remains in the calculation of the reserve target.

The Society has also identified significant work which needs to be carried out on rolling stock to bring it up to modern safety standards. The cost of this work will significantly exceed our typical maintenance budget and so it has been included in the calculation of the reserve target.

Calculation of a reasonable reserve target for 2020

Ongoing expenditure if no income	£7,500
Site clearance at end of lease	£7,000
Unexpected capital expenditure	£3,000
Carriage Shed (estimated)	£2,096
Gauge 1 track	£2,071
<u>Upgrade of rolling stock</u>	<u>£2,631</u>
Total reserve target	£24,298