

THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

England & Wales · Charity number 1177252

Details

Other names	THE FRIENDS OF THE S&DR;
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-02-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY (S&DR) AND ITS SEMINAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN RAILWAY THROUGH ITS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE AND THE CONSERVATION OF THE STRUCTURES, ARCHIVES AND ARTEFACTS OF THE S&DR.

Activities: We work to preserve the 1825 Stockton and Darlington Railway a site of international importance and start of the modern railway. Working with partners on promotion, access, interpretation, research and conservation of our heritage, we aim to raise profile and awareness locally, nationally and internationally and apply how this can be used for education, community and economic regeneration.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Darlington
- Durham
- Middlesbrough
- Redcar And Cleveland
- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-26	£499,950	£130,036	-	-
2024-09-26	£86,468	£37,172	-	-
2023-09-26	£41,615	£35,587	-	-
2022-09-26	£20,219	£20,648	-	-
2021-09-26	£43,204	£22,923	-	-
2020-09-26	£8,815	£5,369	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Neil HARDIE-HAMMOND	Chair	2017-09-07
ALAN ROBSON TOWNSEND		2017-09-07
CAROLINE HARDIE		2017-09-07
James Barry Thompson		2019-06-16
Kerrin Wilson		2025-11-01
Margaret Fenwick		2025-11-01
Yvonne Richardson		2025-08-21

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 27th September 2024

To 26th September 2025

Charity name: The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

Charity registration number: 1177252

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public about the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) and its seminal role in the development of the modern railway through its national and international influence and the conservation of the structures, archives and artefacts of the S&DR.
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 Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway carry out these purposes through: • Promoting the Stockton & Darlington Railway through the research and publication of articles, books and digital materials relating to the history of the Stockton & Darlington Railway • Outreach and education activities in the local community including the leading of guided walks and giving talks on the Stockton & Darlington Railway • Conservation activities relating to the historic structures and landscapes of the Stockton & Darlington Railway • Campaigning and lobbying to raise awareness of the importance of the Stockton & Darlington Railway with decision makers and, to prevent loss of, and unsympathetic redevelopment impacting on the historic structures and setting of the S&DR.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of guidance published by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit and the guidance is

Commission on public benefit		taken into account when they review the objectives and activities of the charity. The Charity exists for the public benefit by ensuring that it's work focuses on the advancement of education of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and the conservation of structures, archives and artefacts of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.
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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	At the 2025 AGM (Nov 1st) The Chair reported as follows: I'm writing this report in late October 2025, looking back on a remarkable year and reviewing the Chair's report I gave last year which was full of hope that various projects and initiatives which the Friends had worked on for a decade or more were coming to fruition. The S&DR's bicentenary year has turned out to have delivered considerable success in most areas, a few disappointments and some unexpected but very welcome moments and experiences which will long stay in the memory. The key message I think from this year is that we have now clearly established the S&DR in the public mind, regionally, nationally and internationally as the place the modern railway began. On the crest of the SDR200 and Rail200 festivals, a multitude of TV, radio and press appearances, engaged communities and increased visitors we now have an opportunity to put in place a lasting legacy. What form will that legacy take? I hope one of communities inspired by and engaged with their heritage, well maintained historic buildings, vibrant museums and events, prosperous local business and those in education being inspired to be the next generation of innovators, engineers and those who will care for the S&DR legacy in the future. How will we achieve this? Well I'm pleased to say we've already started by continuing to work with and foster the partnerships which have made the successes of the last decade and seen over £60 million invested in terms of museum refurbishment, historic building restoration, events, interpretation and other S&DR/rail projects. In difficult economic times, Durham,

		Darlington and Stockton Councils, together with the Science Museum Group (Locomotion) have delivered on many of the projects we've keenly lobbied for. After 2025 we want to see these new museum facilities prospering, the S&DR walking/Cycling trail managed and cared for, events, education and historic structural conservation on-going. Our role in this future is still to be defined, but with support from partners we were late last year successful in getting a grant of £238,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to undertake planning to identify this and how we as an organisation can develop and evolve. We're now well on with a variety of studies and work: • Jim Rees (late of Beamish and the NRM), was appointed as our full time Project officer until June 2026. • Jonathan Ratcliffe our secretary has been employed for additional hours. • Archaeo-Environment have been appointed to research and deliver a Conservation Management Plan for the line and creation of a GIS database to manage it. • And just recently we've appointed a consortium of specialists led by Tourism UK to take forward the production of a Business Plan, a governance review, a fund-raising strategy and a communications and marketing plan. As an organisation rooted in its communities, volunteers, supporters and partnerships these various specialists will be consulting and asking everyone for their thoughts and help in the coming months. Hopefully by April/May 2026 we will have a completed plan for how we go forward in future which all partners can sign up to and support. This is how we hope to deliver a lasting legacy for the S&DR. This development into a more established charity is not an easy one with significant bureaucracy and paperwork (essential though for future grants and projects), and I must pay thanks to our trustees, advisors and our Vice Chair Alan Townsend for their help and guidance. In particular we should all be grateful to have such a wonderful secretary as Jonathan Ratcliffe who brings expertise, diligence and passion to his work and without whom we would not be where we are.
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		Jonathan has also taken forward placing our accounts onto new software, no small challenge but essential as the number of transactions and scale of our funding increases. Finances look healthy at the moment with grants and publications sales in particular allowing us to achieve many things. This next year will be challenging however and dependant on a successful outcome of our business planning study and grant applications, in particular for the Heighington project. Although still to be agreed, it seems likely that owning and managing heritage railway property and buildings will be a large part of our future. Not only will this deliver our conservation objectives, but managed well should produce income and opportunities for volunteering, education and visitors. Our flagship project in this area is Heighington Station (the World's oldest railway station). As members will know we launched a campaign in early 2024 to raise the required funds and held discussions with several grant giving bodies to buy the building. While many parties were keen to help restore the building, there were few opportunities for grant aid to buy it. Well I'm exceptionally pleased to say this year we did it! Crowd source funding raised over £40k from nearly 400 individual donations, The Headley Trust provided £10k towards the project, events, lectures and publicity kept small donations rolling in (including several from the local Masonic community inspired perhaps that one of their members John Carter built it in 1826!), but the final essential donation of £250,000 came from Hitachi Rail. Following amazing work by local MP Alan Strickland and his colleague Lord Phil Wilson, Hitachi were pleased to make our project happen, clearly seeing the link between the S&DR and their rail factory a few hundred metres away. As of September 2025, we now own the building and are developing a plan for restoration and to re-open (hopefully by its 200th birthday) in 2027. Big thanks to the new Heighington Station volunteer group and their fantastic efforts to make the building look tidy on the outside. We have grant applications in to now help with the restoration to Railway Heritage Trust, Architectural Heritage Fund, Durham County Council and are planning a major bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund next year. Fingers crossed we'll all be able to enjoy food and drink in
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		our own Georgian themed railway station-inn sometime soon! Our other significant building restoration project has been the former house of Edward Pease on Northgate in Darlington. Here Pease and Stephenson met and planned the modern railway. Sadly, after Edward died the house was sold and divided into shop units, in recent years even though it is listed Grade II, it has fallen into considerable decay. Working with Darlington Council one of the four divided parts of the house has now been bought. The intention was for this part to be restored and for the Friends to have a 30 year lease to use as our offices and from which to work on acquiring and restoring the remainder of the house. This is an incredibly important project not just for S&DR history, but for regenerating Northgate, connecting town centre with the Hopetown Railway Museum. Sadly, despite listed building consent being granted for works, finances at Darlington Council mean the full repairs can't go ahead. Instead, the roof will be repaired stabilising the building from further decay while a longer-term solution is discussed. Darlington have however acknowledged our need for offices and we are in discussion with them to use space in another quaker merchant house also on Northgate. Having our own offices is essential, not only in the message it sends out as to the status of our charity, but also most of your trustees and officers desperately need to get space in our spare rooms back which are full of publications for sale and archives! I'm pleased to say that our on-going partnership with the councils of Durham, Darlington and Stockton continues and we are represented on the Rail Heritage Partnership Board which is steering 2025 and longer-term celebration and conservation of the S&DR. As in any partnership we are often required to keep many matters confidential. The board have been helpful in many and various ways to the Friends and we hope the post 2025 future will see it remain in some form as a coordinating and facilitating force. I can't possibly do justice to the work of Niccy Hallifax the 2025 Festival Director and her colleagues in this short annual review. The breadth of events was staggering, covering all age ranges and appetites, well done Niccy and
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		team! From aerial drone shows, to steam engines, creative writing to theatre and spectacle there was something for everyone. We look forward to seeing any official reviews of the year, but a quick look back through our own Facebook page (please do join if you haven't already), provides a visually stimulating record of all that went on. My own lasting memories probably centre on the anniversary weekend and the journey of the 1975 replica No.1. The 26 mile relay of a basket of coal and flour organised by John Raw on the 27th was special, and in the early morning at Brusselton waiting to do my bit I bumped into a father and seven year old son who had driven overnight to be there, later that day Locomotion No.1 paused by our Heighington station, and later on the sight of Matthew Pease, our president and 4 times Great Grandson of Edward dressed as the great man with wide brimmed hat and with specially grown sideburns just made the day! While the festival programme became clear and defined by the early part of 2025, there was concern from many members that the event was not being advertised sufficiently and perhaps too late. We have raised this at every opportunity for several years and promoting the S&DR far and wide from our own limited resources. Well done to those who established and ran our own festival office in Darlington to hand out information and answer questions. Part of Niccy's work before her contract concludes next year will be to review the festival and it's important we understand any lessons to be learnt as we plan for the future. While big S&DR festivals happen every 50 years (since 1875!), part of our plans for the future will be to hold more modest, but no less important festivals every year in September in future. I'm really grateful to our members and volunteers who worked on a wonderful selection of projects from guided walks to Rail Ale Trails, street theatre to lecture programmes this year, all of which will inspire future festivals. If you have bright ideas please do come forward. In addition to the festival and fringe we also were pleased to host the 8th international Early Railways Conference this year, held in Darlington. Many members attended and also gave papers on the S&DR. The proceedings will be published next year and we'll make sure everyone knows
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		once these are available. Thanks again to our friends at Husqvarna for sponsoring the key note speech and wine reception. Our publications continue to sell well and I congratulate everyone who contributes to The Globe and has helped in reviewing and republishing our walk booklets which are all now available in the new much improved format. In addition to earning an income for future publications these are key to getting our message out to the public. The limited-edition S&DR bicentenary art quality book being produced by ourselves turned out to be even more amazing than anticipated and has sold exceptionally well, a few copies are left which will make great Christmas presents! at the moment as a fitting souvenir of 2025. https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/product/stockton-darlington-railway-book/ As in previous years I once again take great pleasure in complementing our amazing volunteers and partners along the line for the work and passion they show in caring for our railway heritage be it through repair works, guided walks, events, litter picking, tree planting or just trying to enthuse their neighbours and relatives to get involved. Our membership continues to grow and accounts are in healthy shape. There are once more too many people to thank individually. Key to our ongoing work are our area groups who will be reporting elsewhere. But the sterling efforts of long-term groups at Etherley, West Auckland and Brusselton are now being complemented by a new group at Heighington, great progress in Darlington from the 'DIG' and a real difference to the site at Fighting Cocks, while at Stockton quayside plans to mark this key (Quay?!), part of the line came to fruition thanks Barry Thompson and Paul Marriner. Durham County Council have continued with the Levelling up Fund project to construct the S&DR walking/Cycling route, but a number of logistical problems meant it wasn't all in place for September. Richie Starrs and his colleagues (in particular Bryan Harris, Dave Bambridge and Bev Bentham) have put huge effort into this and much is completed with interpretation boards, surfacing and way marking. With the installation of a new Gaunless Bridge in spring 2026 and a Discovery
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		Trail phone App in place we look forward to an official launch. Much remains to be done of the trail with 'missing' sections, especially passed Teesside airport, but we will keep working on it in future years. In the meantime, with a mixture of foot, bike and train use you can travel and explore the 26 miles now. Supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (keep buying those lottery tickets) Cait Barratt, Claire Skaife and Jess Woodley at Darlington Council continue to work on community and volunteering projects along the line widening out involvement to children and the wider community. As we plan for the post 2025 legacy we hope and need to work more closely with Cait and colleagues to make the most of scarce resources. Cait is also the coordinating project officer for the S&DR Community Grant Scheme. This has approximately £40,000 per year to give to worthwhile community projects which celebrate S&DR and rail heritage along the line. The applications are judged against published criteria and decisions made by a panel which includes the Friends. Drop Cait a line if you have an idea for a project and are interested in applying for a grant at s&drcommunitygrantsscheme@darlington.gov.uk These will continue until 2027. Our own education work this year has involved assisting Felicity and Jess of the Bishop Line Community Rail Partnership with a project at Newton Aycliffe University Technical College, but mostly with primary school children through 'Little Loco's Big Day' a children's book on the opening day of the S&DR written by my ever-inspiring wife Caroline Hardie. https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/product/little-locos-big-day/. We were successful in attracting grant aid and support from Durham Councillors to run class room sessions and give primary school children along the line free copies of the book as a 2025 keepsake in County Durham. We also worked with Darlington library, Preston Hall Museum and The Witham (Barnard Castle) with Little Loco sessions. A great and lasting success for 2025 was the erection of large metal signs along the line, modelled on those used on the ECML by LNER in the 1930s. Marking the 1825 route in this way was
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		the brainchild of member Maurice Burns and we were pleased to help by raising the £30,00 pounds or so needed by successful grant applications to Durham and Stockton Councils, Railway Heritage Trust and Northern Trains to who thanks also go. Big thanks also to Network Rail for agreeing to bear the costs of installation and on-going maintenance. The signs were all made locally by Northern Heritage Engineering in Darlington. We were also pleased to work with Maurice on another project to digitise his film of the 1975 cavalcade and make it available on DVD. Spreading the word about the S&DR is a big part of what we do and myself, Caroline and others have all delivered an enormous number of talks and lectures not just regionally but as far afield as Wells in Somerset. Providing lectures also brings in additional donations and opportunities for book sales. We've spoken to UK wide groups including those planning L&MR2030 (just as in 1825 the S&DR has lessons to pass on to them!), to Historic England and at heritage professional workshops. Perhaps most gratifying we were invited to China to forge cultural links with their railways resulting not only in groups of Chinese schoolchildren visiting Hopetown, but also a happy 200th birthday S&DR video sung by the staff of the Great Wall of China Museum! I conclude with a thought that this must be a little like what it felt like in late 1825. After 10 years work, two Acts of Parliament and considerable toil and trouble, the directors of the S&DR now had a railway, they now needed to make it work, innovate and turn a profit. This is very much where we find ourselves, thanks to substantial investment and attention the S&DR is better known and cared for than ever before. We must build on that, innovate and Experiment to ensure the legacy of the S&DR is of benefit to the communities along the line and all those who come to visit us. Niall Hammond, Chair FSDR
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Financial Review

This keeps the meaning but uses more formal annual-report language, including “material uncertainties” and “going concern.” Review of the charity’s financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financial performance The charity performed strongly during 2024/25, supported by significant grants, major donations and private giving. As a result, it enters the new financial year in a strong financial position. During the year, the charity purchased its first significant asset in the historic former Heighington Station Building. Publication sales also increased following the development of new books, and the charity now holds publication stock that is expected to provide a steady income stream and strengthen future sustainability. Membership has continued to grow, providing both regular income and wider support for the organisation. The trustees continue to embed financial sustainability within the charity’s operating model. With support from an organisational stability grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, consultants have been engaged to develop long-term business and fundraising plans. These plans are expected to support the charity’s objectives over the next financial year and into future years. The trustees consider that the charity is well placed for the next financial year, with all staff and contractor commitments fully funded for that period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our activities are structured so that all funds received are applied directly to charitable purposes within a short timeframe, and we do not retain unrestricted funds beyond what is required for immediate operational commitments. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on reserves and are satisfied that a zero-reserves position is appropriate for the scale and nature of our work. Our activities carry minimal financial risk, and our expenditure is only incurred when funding is already secured with all staff posts fully funded.

		Should circumstances change, the trustees will review this policy to ensure it remains appropriate and responsible.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and future commitments and have identified no material uncertainties that would cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the next financial year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The organisation was registered as a charity on 20th February 2018
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is a CIO registered in England & Wales
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	Trustees are appointed from the charity's membership through decision by the charity's members at the annual general meeting.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177252
Charity's principal address	Marian Cottage Lartington Barnard Castle County Durham DL12 9BP

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	Neil Hardie-Hammond	Chair		
2	Alan Townsend	Vice-Chair		
3	Peter Bainbridge	Membership Secretary		
4	Caroline Hardie	Editor		
5	Barry Thompson	Trustee		
6	George Alderslade	Trustee		
7	Yvonne Richardson	Trustee	From: 25 th August 2025	
8	John Raw	Trustee		
9	Norman Hugill	Trustee		
10	Paul Bruce	Trustee	From: 4 th September 2025	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Neil Hardie-Hammond	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	24-07-2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway			Charity No (if any)	1177252	
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	27/09/2024	To	Period end date	26/09/2025	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	14,269	463,103	-	477,372	78,305
Charitable activities	S02	18,447	1,489	-	19,936	8,113
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	2,642	-	-	2,642	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	35,358	464,592	-	499,950	86,418
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	807	-	-	807	-
Charitable activities	S09	26,603	91,268	-	117,871	36,116
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	2,671	8,687	-	11,358	1,271
Total	S12	30,081	99,955	-	130,036	37,387
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	5,277	364,637	-	369,914	49,031
Net income/(expenditure)	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items	S15	5,277	364,637	-	369,914	49,031
Transfers between funds	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	5,277	364,637	-	369,914	49,031
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	21,405	63,294	-	84,699	35,668
Total funds carried forward	S22	26,682	427,932	-	454,614	84,699

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway`		Charity No	1177252	
		Company No		
Annual accounts for the period	Period start date: 27/9/2024		To period end date: 26/9/2024	
Section B				
Balance sheet				

			Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	-	286,602	-	286,602	-
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03		2,950	-	2,950	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	-	289,552	-	289,552	-
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	6,783	158,788	-	165,571	84,914
Total current assets		B10	6,783	158,788	-	165,571	84,914
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	510		-	510	215
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	6,273	158,788	-	165,061	84,699
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	6,273	448,340	-	454,614	84,699
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	6,273	448,340	-	454,614	84,699
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds (Note 27)		B17	-		-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)		B18		448,340		448,340	63,294
Unrestricted funds		B19	6,273		-	6,273	21,619
Revaluation reserve		B20				-	
Fair value reserve		B21					
Total funds		B22	6,273	448,340	-	454,614	84,914

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors

Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

Signature of director authenticating accounts being sent to Companies House

Signature	Date dd/mm/yyyy
	Print name

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

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the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

- and with*

the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

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* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

Not Applicable

Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

Not Applicable

Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

Not Applicable

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes*

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No*

* -Tick as appropriate

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i>	
<i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i>	

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*	☒	* -Tick as appropriate
No*	☐	

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i>	
<i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i>	
<i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i>	

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*	☒	* -Tick as appropriate
No*	☐	

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i>	
<i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i>	

Note 2 Accounting policies

Please complete this note when first reporting under FRS2102. Section 35 of FRS102, requires 3 reconciliations to be presented, if all are applicable.

2.1 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

Please provide a description of the nature of each change in accounting policy

N/A

Reconciliation of funds per previous GAAP to funds determined under FRS 102

	Start of period £	End of period £
Fund balances as previously stated		
<i>Adjustments:</i>		

Fund balance as restated

Reconciliation of net income/(net expenditure) per previous GAAP to net income/(net expenditure) under FRS 102

	End of £
Net income/(expenditure) as previously stated	
<i>Adjustments:</i>	

Previous period net income/(expenditure)
as restated

Note 2

Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Legacies	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☒	☐
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	Yes	No	N/a
		☐	☒	☐
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.	Yes	No	N/a
		☒	☐	☐

Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES				
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
2.4 ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least			
	They are valued at cost.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Intangible fixed assets	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.			
	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	Yes ☐	No ☒	N/a ☐
	They are valued at cost.	Yes ☐	No ☐	N/a ☒
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
	They are valued at cost.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	Yes ☒	No ☐	N/a ☐

Current asset investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Yes	No	N/a
	✓	

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Yes	No	N/a
		✓

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM
THOSE ABOVE**

Note 3

Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	General Donations	3,754	18,029	-	21,783	38,126
	Corporate Sponsorship & Donations	4,500	253,450	-	257,950	-
	Gift Aid	528	-	-	528	3,836
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	191,624	-	191,624	30,147
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	5,487	-	-	5,487	4,584
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	1,612
	Total	14,269	463,103	-	477,372	78,305
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
	Publication Sales	17,077	50	-	17,127	8,063
	Events Income	146	1,439	-	1,585	-
	Speakers Fees	1,224	-	-	1,224	50
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	18,447	1,489	-	19,936	8,113
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	2,642	-	-	2,642	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	2,642	-	-	2,642	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		35,358	464,592	-	499,950	86,418

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for:
(please provide description and amounts)

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

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Note 6 Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
				£				£
Expenditure on raising funds:								
Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	807	-	-	807	-	-	-	-
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	807	-	-	807	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Cost of Sales	21,436	12,050	-	33,486	4,634	-	-	4,634
Project Expenditure	1,225	51,795	-	53,020	-	16,790	-	16,790
Small Grant Scheme	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	-
Direct Expenses	721	-	-	721	156	-	-	156
General Expenses	284	-	-	284	5,958	-	-	5,958
Volunteer Expenses	1,986	107	-	2,093	1,867	-	-	1,867
Employee Expenses	227	713	-	941	-	-	-	-
Project Salaries	-	25,356	-	25,356	-	6,711	-	6,711
Volunteer Training	224	-	-	224	-	-	-	-
Pensions Costs	-	1,246	-	1,246	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on charitable activities	26,603	91,268	-	117,871	12,615	23,501	-	36,116
Separate material item of expense								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other								
Postage, Freight and Courier	1,285	-	-	1,285	-	-	-	-
Audit & Accountancy Fees	198	-	-	198	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-	70	-	70	-	-	-	-
Insurance	556	4,860	-	5,416	195	-	-	195

Legal Expenses	-	3,755	-	3,755	-	-	-	-
Printing and Stationary	59	-	-	59	-	-	-	-
Telephone & Internet	18	1	-	19	-	-	-	-
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	659	-	-	659
Subscriptions	555	-	-	555	417	-	-	417
Total other expenditure	2,671	8,687	-	11,358	1,271	-	-	1,271
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,081	99,955	-	130,036	13,886	23,501	-	37,387

Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Activity 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activity 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Note 10 Details of certain items of expenditure

10.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's fees

Assurance services other than audit or independent examination

Tax advisory fees

Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner

This year £	Last year £
198	180
-	-
-	-
-	-

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Note 11 **Paid employees**
Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	25,356	6,711
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,246	-
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	26,603	6,711

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

N/A

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

N/A

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.

This year £	Last year £
-	-

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	1	-
Governance	1	1
Other	-	-
Total	2	1

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)

Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.

Please explain the nature of the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)

This year £	Last year £
-	-

11.4 Redundancy payments

Please complete if any redundancy or termination payment is made in the period.

Total amount of payment

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

The nature of the payment (cash, asset etc.)

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The extent of redundancy funding at the balance sheet date

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

Please state the accounting policy for any redundancy or termination payments

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Note 12 **Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.**

12.1 *Please complete this note if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.*

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	1,246	-

Please explain the basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.

All salaries are funded by specific restricted project grants.	
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12.2 *Please complete this section where the charity participates in a defined benefit pension plan but is unable to ascertain its share of the underlying assets and liabilities.*

Please confirm that although the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, it is a defined benefit plan.

Please provide such information as is available about the plan's surplus or deficit and the implications, if any, for the reporting charity for this year and last year, if different

12.3 *Please complete this section where the charity participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.*

Describe the extent to which the charity can be liable to the plan for other entities' obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan. If this is different for last year, provide details

Provide an explanation of how any liability arising from an agreement with a multi-employer plan to fund a deficit has been determined. If this is different for last year, provide details

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Note 13 Grantmaking

Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or donations which in aggregate form a material part of the charitable activities undertaken.

This year:

13.1 Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

Analysis	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Support costs	Total
			£	£
Digitisation of S&DR footage	-	500.00	-	500.00
Activity or project 2	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 3	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 4	-	-	-	-
Total	-	500	-	500

Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

13.2 Grants made to institutions

My charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking. Details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution is available on the charity's web site.	Yes	Please provide details of charity's URL.
	No	Provide details below

Names of institution	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions in reporting period		-
Other unanalysed grants		-
TOTAL GRANTS PAID		-

Last year:

13.3 Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

Analysis	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Support costs £	Total £
Activity or project 1	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 2	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 3	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 4	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

13.4 Grants made to institutions

My charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking. Details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution is available on the charity's web site.

Yes	<i>Please provide details of charity's URL.</i>
No	<i>Provide details below</i>

Names of institution	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions in reporting period		-
Other unanalysed grants		-
TOTAL GRANTS PAID		-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 14 Tangible fixed assets***Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***14.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	285,000	-	-	4,623	289,623
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	285,000	-	-	4,623	289,623

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB
** Rate	2%			33%	

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	70	70
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	70	70

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	285,000	-	-	4,552	289,552

14.4 Impairment

This year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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Last year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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14.5 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

the methods applied and significant assumptions

the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.

This year	Last year
-	-

14.6 Other disclosures

(i) Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.

(ii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

(iii) Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 15 Intangible assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any intangible assets

15.1 Cost or valuation

	Research & development	Patents and trademarks	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-

15.2 Amortisation and impairments

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance ("RB")
** Rate					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-
At end of year	-	-	-	-

15.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-

15.4 Accounting policy

Please disclose the accounting policy for intangible fixed assets including:

Reasons for choosing amortisation rates

Policies for the recognition of any capital development

15.5 Impairment

This year:

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

Last year:

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

15.6 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

the methods applied

the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.

This year	Last year

15.7 Other disclosures

(i) If your intangible asset was acquired by way of grant, provide value on initial recognition and carrying amount of the asset.

(ii) Details of the carrying amounts of any intangible assets to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.

(iii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of intangible assets.

(iv) State the amount of research and development expenditure recognised as expenditure in the year.

(v) Please detail the headings in the SOFA in which a charge for amortisation of intangible assets is included.

(vi) For any material intangible assets, please provide a description, its carrying amount and any remaining amortisation period.

** The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.*

*** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.*

Section C
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Note 16 Heritage assets
Please complete this note if the charity has heritage assets
16.1 General disclosures for all charities holding heritage assets

	This year	Last year
(i) Explain the nature and scale of heritage assets held.	The Charity has purchased historic station signage for Heighington Station to enhance the display and interpretation of the building	
(ii) Explain the policy for the acquisition, preservation, management and disposal of heritage assets.	The charity acquires heritage assets only when they support its charitable aims and have clear, ethical provenance. All assets are preserved through appropriate conservation, secure storage, and regular monitoring. Management follows recognised standards to ensure accurate records, responsible use, and public benefit. Disposal is rare and undertaken transparently, prioritising transfer to suitable custodians who can ensure continued care and access.	

16.2 Cost or valuation

	Heighington Station Totem Sign £	Heritage asset 2 £	Heritage asset 3 £	Heritage asset 4 £	Total £
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	2,950	-	-	-	2,950
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	2,950	-	-	-	2,950

16.3 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL					Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance
** Rate	0%					

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	-	-	-	-	-

16.4 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year
Net book value at the end of the year

-	-	-	-	-
2,950	-	-	-	2,950

16.5 Impairment

This year

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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Last year

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

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16.6 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

qualifications of independent valuer

the methods applied and significant assumptions

any significant limitations on the valuation

This year	Last year

16.7 Analysis of heritage assets by class or group distinguishing those at cost and those at valuation

Carrying amount at the beginning of the period

Additions

Disposals

Depreciation/impairment

Revaluation

Carrying amount at the end of period

At valuation Group A £	At cost Group B £	Total £
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

16.8 Heritage assets (where heritage assets are not recognised on the balance sheet)

(i) Explain the reason why heritage assets have not been recognised on the balance sheet.

(ii) Describe the significance and nature of heritage assets.

(iii) Disclose information that is helpful in assessing the value of heritage assets.

(iv) Explain the reason why it is not practicable to obtain a valuation of heritage assets.

This year	Last year

16.9 Five year summary of heritage assets transactions

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	£	£	£	£	£
Purchases					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-				
Other	-				
Donations					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for impairment					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total charge for impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals					
Group A - carrying amount	-	-	-	-	-
Group B - carrying amount	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total disposals	-	-	-	-	-

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Note 20 **Creditors and accruals**

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	510	215	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	510	215	-	-

20.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

Balance at the start of the reporting period

Amounts added in current period

Amounts released to income from previous periods

Balance at the end of the reporting period

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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Note 22 Other disclosures for debtors, creditors and other basic financial instruments

22.1 Please provide information about the significance of financial instruments (eg. debtors, creditors, investments etc) to the charity's financial position or performance, for example, the terms and conditions of loans or the use of hedging to manage financial risk.

This year	Last year
N/A	N/A

22.2 If the charity has provided financial assets as a form of security, the carrying amount of the financial assets pledged as security and the terms and conditions related to its pledge should be given here.

N/A	N/A
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Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 20 **Creditors and accruals**

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	510	215	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
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This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

Balance at the start of the reporting period

Amounts added in current period

Amounts released to income from previous periods

Balance at the end of the reporting period

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 24 **Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Other
Total

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
165,571	84,914
-	-
165,571	84,914

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

FALSE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
Niall Hammond & Caroline Hardie	Governing document	6,435	-	-	-	6,435
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Archaeoenvironment Ltd. a company owned by Niall Hammond & Caroline Hardie were paid £6435 for the research, design and development of guided walk booklets.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£		£	£
Niall Hammond & Caroline Hardie	Governing document	201	-	-	-	201
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

The Stockton & Darlington Railway company owned by Niall Hammond & Caroline Hardie were paid £201.08 for products for sale to raise funds.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-
	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

I report on the accounts of the Charity, registration no. 1177252, The Friends Of The Stockton & Darlington Railway, (FS&DR) for the year ended 26th September 2025 which are as set out on the enclosed pages.

Respective Responsibilities of FSDR Trustees and Examiner

The FSDR members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the FSDR 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 you as members 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 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

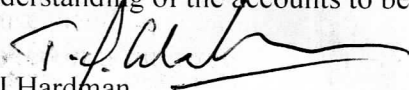
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.


T J Hardman
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24 July 2025

THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

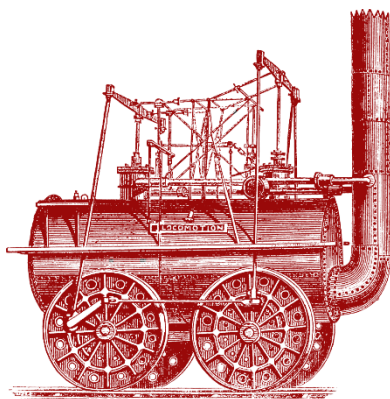
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Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 1177252

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year 27/09/2023 to 26/09/2024**



**Friends of the
Stockton &
Darlington Railway**
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1. Introduction

This fifth Annual Report is an account of the activities of the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway (FSDR), for the year 27th September 2023 to 26th September 2024. The FSDR year runs from the anniversary of the opening of the railway on 27th September 1825.

The Friends became a constituted group in 2013 and a registered charity in 2018. The particular legal form of the charity is as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

This Annual Report reflects a year of progress and development following the COVID pandemic which continues to impact on activity in terms of volunteer numbers and activities. Nevertheless, significant progress is being made on a number of fronts once again in particular our participation in numerous working groups with partners in local authorities and government agencies in the planning for the S&DR bicentenary in 2025 and in putting in place a lasting legacy beyond.

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public about the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) and its seminal role in the development of the modern railway through its national and international influence and the conservation of the structures, archives and artefacts of the S&DR.
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2. Acknowledgements.

As ever, the work of the FSDR would not be possible without the significant support and work of many people. We work with many individuals, communities, and organisations and while there is always a danger in missing out someone, we would in particular like to thank the following for continued support and participation;

- The Trustees and our many other volunteers within our Area Groups, those who attend our meetings and events, or simply follow us on Facebook. Those, whose physical and administrative tasks have kept the charity growing and our objectives to be worked towards.
- The staff and elected members of Durham County Council staff, Darlington Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council and the Tees Valley Combined Authority who continue to support us in our efforts and to work in partnership, together with institutions such as the staff of the SMG at Locomotion in Shildon.
- The local organisations, businesses and communities along the S&DR who have provided us with physical help and support.
- To those who have provided funding for our work, in particular this year to Husqvarna, A.V Dawson, Durham County Council, Darlington Brough Council. Stockton Borough Council, Rail Heritage Trust, Headley Trust, National Lottery Heritage Fund and the many private donations to our Save Heighington Station campaign.

3. Chair's Report.

As I write this report to be presented at our 2024 AGM in November, a quick check of the calendar tells me that by this time next year the Bicentenary and its events will be over. Hopefully we'll all have thoroughly enjoyed a festival stretching from March to October and will have many wonderful memories. 2025 is not however the end of the work of the Friends of the S&DR it is in many ways just the start. Working and lobbying with our partners in local authorities, Historic England and others over the last decade we have achieved a great deal, and after 2025 we want to see the new museum facilities prospering, the S&DR walking/Cycling trail managed and cared for, events, education and historic structural conservation on-going.

I'm pleased to say that our on-going partnership with the councils of Durham, Darlington and Stockton continues and we are represented on the Rail Heritage Board which is steering 2025 and longer-term celebration and conservation of the S&DR. As in any partnership we are often required to keep many matters confidential. The board have been helpful in many and various ways to the Friends and have this year supported us financially and have secured the transfer of the privately owned Stockton & Darlington Railway trademark to the Friends for our future use.

Time this year has therefore been spent on a number of specific, long-term projects. The first of these is a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. With generous financial support from Durham, Darlington and Stockton Councils, we appointed Tricolor Associates to help us develop this bid to identify the best way to take forward long term management of the S&DR, evolving the Friends as a single focus charitable body to develop that long term approach. Well, I'm pleased to tell you that our bid was successful and we have been awarded a grant of £238,000 to help us develop a project to take this forward and make sure what we aspire to do is both sustainable and achievable. This will include the following broad areas over the next two years.

- Appointment of a full time Project officer.
- Enhanced hours for our current Secretary.
- Production of a Conservation Management Plan for the line and creation of a GIS database to manage it.
- In partnership with Durham, Darlington and Stockton Councils the creation of a Business Plan to identify how this will be managed and funded in the medium to long term.

Volunteers, supporters and partnerships will be a big part of this so we'll be consulting and asking everyone for their thoughts and help in the coming months. Parts of this development will also see us take forward a project with Darlington Council for the restoration of part of Edward Pease's house on Northgate. This will become our office and base, while the rear 'parlour' will be restored as it was in 1823 when painted by Arthur Rankley, a big improvement on its sad state at present and part of regenerating Northgate connecting town centre with Hopetown Railway Museum.

Further west our project to acquire and restore Heighington Station (the World's oldest railway station), has eaten up considerable time this year. We launched a campaign in early 2024 to raise the required funds and held discussions with several grant giving bodies. The problem is that while there are many keen to help when we own the building, finding support to buy it in the first place has been difficult. Our initial £500,000 project budget looked to be going well with public and other donations (including a fantastic offer of support from the Rail Heritage Trust), raising over £120,000 which we hoped to make up to the £500k with a bid to the Community Ownership Fund (COF). Our initial application was successful, but sadly due to an early General Election the COF has now been closed and we are left waiting for the new government to make announcements and left in limbo. We are pursuing other options and I'm still hopeful we will take this forward shortly. In the meantime, big thanks to the new Heighington Station volunteer group and their fantastic efforts to make the building look tidy on the outside. Fingers crossed we'll all still be able to enjoy food and drink in our own Georgian railway inn sometime soon!

After a year of preparation since her appointment, Niccy Hallifax the 2025 Festival Director together with her colleagues including Jill Read (S&DR 200 Coms manager), were finally able to release some of the detail for the 2025 festival at a press and publicity event at Darlington Hippodrome in September. This was an event aimed specifically at press, media and funders of the festival such as Arts Council and National Heritage Lottery Fund. I know many people were disappointed to not receive an invite and find out about the festival, but we have had input to the process through the Rail Heritage Board and we were invited to be represented, and also contribute towards the content of the press packs issued. Much detail still remains to be announced on the festival, but it will start with a major event in March and run right through to October with the journey of the 1975 replica Locomotion and its train the high point before a closing event at Stockton riverside. The programme is gradually being confirmed and filled out and people ought to check the official website and sign up for the newsletter here <https://www.sdr200.co.uk/>. Not everything we would have liked to see will happen, but the programme is looking exciting and will be part of nationwide celebrations of the bicentenary being organised by Network Rail <https://railway200.co.uk/>.

While the festival programme is now clearer there is I understand from many members worry that the event is not being advertised sufficiently and perhaps too late. Be reassured that we have been raising this issue for several years and promoting the S&DR far and wide from our own limited resources. I understand the regional tourist bodies have material ready to go early next year, and there has been a reluctance from national media to go overboard on articles and promotion too soon. Nevertheless there are many avenues being pursued to make sure S&DR200 and the heritage of our railway is widely promoted and celebrated next year.

While big S&DR festivals happen every 50 years (since 1875!), part of our plans for the future will be to hold more modest, but no less important festivals every year in September in future. This year's Festival Fringe for smaller events (<https://www.sdr200.co.uk/fringe-festival>) will provide an opportunity to develop this with a programme of guided walks, talks and other events. I'm really grateful to our members and volunteers helping to develop this and if you have bright ideas please do come forward.

Planning for the international Early Railways Conference continues where we are represented on the committee, and it will meet in Darlington in September 2025 between the evening of

Tuesday 23rd September and Friday 26th. Here all things S&DR as well as other research on other early railways will be presented and debated. You can find out more here <https://rchs.org.uk/early-railways-conference-combined/> and I do hope many of you will attend.

Our publications continue to sell well and I congratulate everyone who contributes to The Globe and has helped in reviewing and republishing our walk booklets. In addition to earning an income for future publications these are key to getting our message out to the public. In particular I draw your attention to the limited-edition S&DR art quality book being produced by ourselves at the moment as a fitting souvenir of 2025. With text by our own Caroline Hardie, photos by local photographer Peter Giroux and others and with multi-media content it's looking like excellent value for money...order yours before they are all snapped up! <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/product/stockton-darlington-railway-book/>

I pay thanks to all of those volunteers along the 26 miles who continue to celebrate our rail heritage in whatever way they can, be it through repair works, guided walks, events, litter picking, tree planting or just trying to enthuse their neighbours and relatives to get involved. This year we marked the 199th anniversary of the S&DR opening with a well-attended public event at Toft Hill, and the launch of our revised walk booklet Shildon-Heighington, funded by our good Friends at Husqvarna, whose factory is beside the line at Newton Aycliffe. Husqvarna surpassed themselves with this event by providing the biggest most accurate 'cake' version of the S&DR possibly ever seen, as well as a second generous donation of £2500 which we will be using to re-write and publish an updated version of the Darlington circular walk.

As in previous years I once again take great pleasure in complementing our amazing volunteers and partners along the line for the work and passion they show in caring for our railway heritage. Our membership continues to grow and accounts are in healthy shape and as it seems every year I'm amazed at the passion and time given by our volunteers. There are once more too many people to thank individually, but my gratitude in particular goes to our trustees who work incredibly hard and without whom we wouldn't be pushing forward with such great promise as we are. Key to our ongoing work are our area groups who will be reporting elsewhere. But the sterling efforts of long-term groups at Etherley, West Auckland and Brusselton are now being complemented by a new group at Heighington, great progress in Darlington from the 'DIG' and a real difference to the site at Fighting Cocks, while at Stockton quayside plans are afoot to mark this key (Quay?!), part of the line in time for 2025.

Durham County Council have continued with the Levelling up Fund project to construct the S&DR walking/Cycling route with several sections now in place and completion due by early 2025. This will be accompanied by the new interpretation boards and signage running along the 26 miles. Part of the interpretation will be conventional panels, but a successful bid for just short of £250,000 to the National Lottery Heritage Fund will also allow Teesside University to produce some stunning computer graphics and VR models to enhance a journey down the line. Just as in 1825 the S&DR was the cutting edge of technology, hopefully this will attract new and different audiences to our story. One part of the new route involves the conservation of the Gaunless Bridge abutments and a new Corten steel deck across the river to carry the S&DR trail. Meanwhile the original Gaunless Bridge ironwork has been rescued from obscurity at NRM York and stands in pride of place outside the New Hall at Locomotion, Shildon in a

surprising green and white paint scheme, but based on analysis of the original bridge, this is what it looked like in 1825!

We and our partners have been fortunate to be supported in several ways by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (so keep buying those lottery tickets!). Our joint application with Darlington Borough Council was approved in late 2023, and we now have a team of three, Cait Barratt, Claire Skaife and Jess Woodley, working on community and volunteering projects along the line widening out involvement to children and the wider community. Making sure everyone along the line knows of and values the S&DR and its heritage is key to the future and ensuring our rail heritage is looked after and celebrated.

On that note I must mention 'Little Loco's Big Day' a children's book on the opening day of the S&DR written by my ever-inspiring wife Caroline Hardie. Although published independently this is allowing us to engage with a young audience and is available through the FSDR website where every purchase contributes to our charitable funds. <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/product/little-locos-big-day/> . We are applying for grant aid to Durham Councillors at the moment to run class room sessions and give primary school children along the line free copies of the book as a 2025 keepsake.

Cait Barrat is also the coordinating project officer for the S&DR Community Grant Scheme. This has approximately £40,000 per year to give to worthwhile community projects which celebrate S&DR and rail heritage along the line. The applications are judged against published criteria and decisions made by a panel which includes the Friends. So far grants have been given for a railway mural at Fighting Cocks, a music project to recreate the sounds which would have been heard on the opening day in 1825, path improvements, creative writing and the restoration of railway vehicles. Drop Cait a line if you have an idea for a project and are interested in applying for a grant at s&drcommunitygrantsscheme@darlington.gov.uk

I conclude with some optimism for 2025 and the future. Funding for a variety of projects, NLHF bid, Pease's House, Heighington Station, education for schools, conservation management plan and many other exciting developments are all now happening or well moved forward. I also offer a note of caution however, while there is significant and substantial activity and funding from many partners large and small, if all our aspirations to have in place a world class visitor attraction are to be realised we need you our members and volunteers to keep supporting our work, and spreading the word near and far about the S&DR story and how this part of North East England changed the world.

Niall Hammond, Chair, Friends of the S&DR.

4. Membership Secretary's Report

Fees & Donations: - 27 September 2023 to 25 September 2024:-
Ordinary Members - £3422.52 (including donations of £309.23)

Corporate Members - £848.90
Total - £4271.42

Membership

Individual Members – **299**

Members on Facebook – **32.11 %**

Corporate Members – **18**

Peter Bainbridge, Membership Secretary

5. Planning Officer's Report

1. It is the job of the planning system, through Local Plan policies and decisions on planning applications, to serve the aims and objectives of the Rail Heritage Board and facilitate the proposals of the Programme and Delivery Plan of the Heritage Action Zone. Throughout the last year, the Friends have continued to try to ensure the protection, enhancement and promotion of the S&DR by responding to opportunities to comment on planning applications and other reports, with varied success.

2. Durham County, Darlington Borough and Stockton Borough Councils all have adopted Local Plans, each of which contains a specific policy for the S&DR. The policies maps show the main S&DR line and the Haggerleases, Black Boy, Surtees, Darlington (Coal Depot), Croft and Yarm Branches. Middlesbrough BC is preparing a new local plan, and we requested them to include a policy for the 1830 Middlesbrough extension to Port Darlington and the New Town, in order to be consistent with the other Councils. A draft plan was issued for consultation early this year, but it did not include the policy we recommended. We have asked the Council to explain this omission, before the plan enters the formal stages leading to adoption.

3. Since the last AGM we have been involved with 23 planning applications about which we submitted comments. 11 of these were carried over from the previous year. 14 have been approved to date and the rest remain to be decided. This is about the same workload as last year; I have logged 95 hours on planning duties. This work includes time spent on monitoring the three Councils' online planning registers for applications on or adjacent to the S&DR and its branch lines (we are not always notified of new applications); identifying any issues which need to be addressed; visiting the sites; submitting comments after consulting the Trustees and Friends (where time permits to meet consultation deadlines) and keeping track of changes to the proposals. In some cases, there are meetings with developers and negotiations to modify the proposals to resolve any problems. As a last resort to achieve a satisfactory outcome, we sometimes have the opportunity to attend the Planning Committee and address members, but this has not happened this year.

4. Darlington Borough Council have completed public consultation on the draft Northgate Conservation Area Appraisal and Proposed Extension. This extends the boundary to include railway heritage assets centred on the S&DR line to the east and northwest of North Road Station; this was enthusiastically supported by the Friends. Consultation on the proposed Middleton St George (Fighting Cocks) Conservation Area is planned to start in the New Year. Durham County Council expects to progress designation of S&DR Conservation Areas within their boundary next year. There are no proposals for an S&DR Conservation Area in Stockton.

5 Permission was granted after a long delay for the extension of Craggwood Holiday Caravan Park at Ramshaw. This will see mobile homes sited on the top of the embankment of the S&DR Haggerleaves Branch. This was previously a very untidy and prominent tipping site but the proposed fencing, hedging and embankment landscaping will provide a welcome improvement to the setting of the Branch. Story Homes have handed over £10,000 to the Friends as a requirement of their planning permission for a housing estate at Middleton St George. This will help pay for work at Fighting Cocks Heritage Hub, Walk Booklet 6 and for publicity.

6. Three sites along the S&DR in Darlington are being developed for massive warehouse/industrial/business units. Six huge new buildings are planned to line Tornado Way between the former Paton & Baldwin complex and the A66 Bypass, overshadowing the S&DR Walking and Cycling Route. Our pleas to set development behind screen woodland planting were set aside and token landscaping will do little to relieve the visual impact of these buildings.

7. The drawn out saga of Northern Metal Recycling's 100 metre long concrete panel wall at the foot of the Brusselton East Incline continues. Officially we are waiting to be consulted by the site owner on the mural required by the County Council's planning permission. One of our members is attempting to unblock the log jam by offering a solution but matters are caught up in an impasse between the site owner and the Council's planners.

8. It remains a problem that some applicants are either unaware of policies for the S&DR or that they choose to ignore them when justifying their proposals. Particular failings continue to omit or under-represent the impact of the proposed development on the setting of the S&DR or to make provision for the Walking and Cycling Route (now called the Discovery Trail). It is important that we draw attention to these discrepancies when commenting on applications as we cannot always be sure that the planning officer responsible for the case or Committee Members are fully aware of the situation. Very few applications obtain our unreserved support but it is rare for us to object totally to an application. Wherever possible we recommend how an application could be improved to become more compliant with policy or where a financial contribution to the line's enhancement can be justified.

9. Things would have a chance to improve if we could be treated by Councils as a specialist advisor and be involved in discussions with developers before planning applications are submitted. This is a matter I asked our consultants Tricolor to include in their bid for funding to establish the Friends in having responsibility for a management plan for the conservation of the S&DR asset.

10. In the coming year we propose to discuss with Darlington Council planners our concern about the diminishing rural gap along the railway between the town and Newton Aycliffe. Approved residential developments, industrial developments and the Burtree Solar Panel Farm will reduce the gap to just over one kilometre (at present it is almost four kilometres). In 1825 the S&DR passed through almost entirely undeveloped countryside but its success brought about the creation of the towns, industries and commerce that we know today. However, we feel that it is important that the rural sections of the active line that remain should be protected as a legacy of the original setting and character of the line.

11. Once again I am again very grateful for help given to me by individual Friends and those in the various local interest groups for their detailed knowledge, visiting sites, taking photographs, talking to residents and notifying me of any issues they come across whilst 'out there' and think needs attention.

Ross Chisholm, Planning Officer and Trustee

6. Editor and Webmasters Report

The Globe

Two Globes have been produced this last year in December 2023 and July 2024. Hard copies are sent by Peter Bainbridge to those who expressed a preference and copies have also been sent to the British Library. To all those who have submitted articles in the last year, thank you on behalf of all our readers. If you would like to submit something S&DR related in the future, ask me for our guidance notes – this can save time later. The deadline for contributions for our next Globe is 28th November 2024.



We print 100 hard copies a year, although most members prefer a PDF copy. Currently there is no additional cost to members who request a hard copy, but I do think we will need to review that in future.

Badges



This last year we have also had rather attractive dark red and gold badges made, modelled on Hackworth's plug wheel. New members will receive a badge while stocks last. Additional badge can be purchased for £2.50 in our online shop here, or at any events: <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/product/friends-sdr-badge/>

Walks booklets

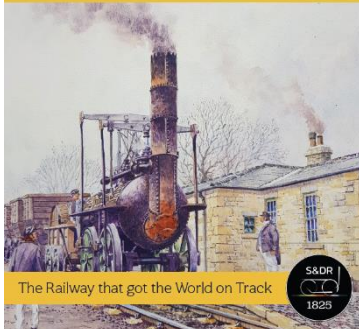
This year we have updated one of our self guided walk booklets thanks to sponsorship from Husqvarna (and a fun launch at Locomotion thank you Husqvarna and Locomotion). That was the Shildon to Heighington stretch. The revision of the Darlington Circular is underway; look out for your invite to try out the walk soon. Once the Darlington Circular is complete we will have updated four booklets:

-  West Auckland to Shildon,
-  Shildon Circular,
-  Shildon to Heighington and,
-  the Darlington Circular

and produced attractive folders which can be used to hold complete sets of walks booklets (or Globes).

These are all for sale on our web site. <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/store/>

Shildon to Heighington
Stockton & Darlington
Railway Walk No.4



The next booklets to be reviewed will either be Witton Park to West Auckland or Darlington to Fighting Cocks/Goosepool. The timetable is set by the new walking and cycling route being constructed. Options for different routes at the Stockton end are still being considered with support from Barry Thompson.

Coffee table book

At the time of writing, we have had 123 subscribers plus an additional 80 ordered by A. V. Dawson in Middlesbrough (who will have their logo included as part sponsors of the book).

Subscriptions received so far, excluding those purchased by A.V. Dawson, have raised £4,225 excluding postage costs. That will help towards the printing costs. The text (by me, Caroline Hardie) and photography (by Peter Giroux) is nearly finished and the content is being reviewed by a small editorial team before going to wider consultation. I am thrilled that we have also had contributions from other photographers and artist John Wigston, plus poets Ann Cuthbert, Lizzy Lovejoy and Hary Gallagher as well as music by Sam Slatcher.

The book should be ready in January or February 2025. I hope that local bookshops plus Locomotion will stock it. Sadly if Hopetown continue their policy of not selling books we won't be able to sell it there, nor will we be able to sell the guided walk booklets that cover the Hopetown buildings!

S&DR Music



The project to replicate the musical sounds from the opening day is complete. This also includes videos of the musicians playing the authentic 1825 period instruments. Just visit our web site and you'll see a short cut link to the S&DR music page here:
<https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/>

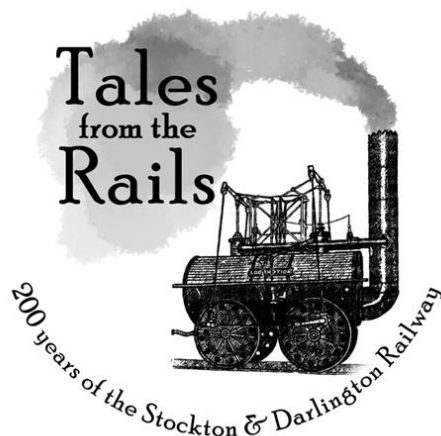
The musicians are Queen Victoria's Consort and the music arranger Steve Robson. The music and videos are free for you to download. Why not use this music at your next S&DR event?

Podcast – Tales from the Rails

We have now generated 9 podcasts in the hope of reaching a slightly different audience. These were on (click on the title if you want to listen):

1. [The Opening Day of the S&DR](#)
2. [The Importance of the S&DR](#)
3. [Heighington Station – the World's Earliest Railway Station \(with Niall Hammond and various interviews\)](#)
4. [Building Bridges \(The Gaunless and the Skerne Bridges – with Anthony Coulls\)](#)
5. [Locomotion No.1 \(with Michael Bailey\)](#)

6. [Hopetown \(various interviews\)](#)
7. [Getting America on Track \(with Jonathan Ratcliffe\)](#)
8. [Celebrating the S&DR \(with Sam Slatcher, Lizzie Lovejoy and Quenn Victoria's Consort\)](#)
9. Educating Early Railway Workers and The Stute (with Dave Reynolds and Jane Hackworth-Young (no link as it was still being edited at the time of writing))



They have been downloaded over 2,000 times but I'm not sure how that relates to listening numbers when the podcast isn't downloaded.

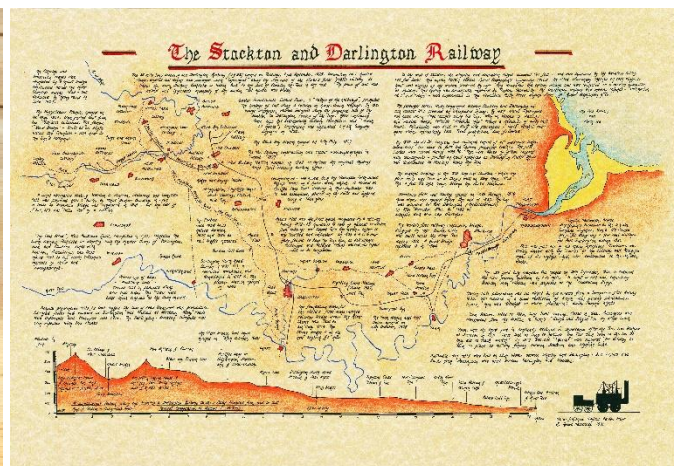
I'll be honest, they are a lot of work! It takes time to write the content and it probably takes even longer for them to be edited – editing is the job of Archie MacKay of SW Durham News – a big thank you to him for doing this. We are keeping all the howlers for a special edition called Fails on the Rails.

You can access all our S&DR podcasts here: <https://talesfromtherails.podbean.com/> Please forward this link to as many people as possible and spread the word; it will make all the hard work

worthwhile.

Website

The web site is mostly busy accepting orders for the coffee table book, accepting donations for Heighington Station, renewal or new of memberships and regular and frequent requests for talks in 2025 amounting to 1-2 requests a day at times. We have had approaches in the last year from organisations wanting help with 2025 activities, with members of the public carrying out family history and especially media organisations looking for help in generating content for documentaries in 2025.



Sales from the online shop vary but was particularly active when Andrew Simmons made a number of limited edition pens to support our Save Heighington Station campaign. These have raised through the web site £350, although Andrew has also sold many direct at events and now through eBay. Thank you to Andrew for doing this and to George and Cindy Alderslade who donated attic timber from their station master's house at St. Helen Auckland

for the Station Master's pen. Thank you also to Andrew who has now purchased a debit card machine for the Friends so we can accept debit card payments at events.

We have also been donated beautiful maps of the S&DR by Jean Hattersley printed from original artwork by Bob Hattersley. The funds raised will be split between the Friends and a cancer charity. We were also given prints of John Dobbin's Opening ay of the S&DR by staff at Hopetown and these too are available in our online shop.

In total the online shop has had 222 orders (up from 85 in 2022-3) the considerable increase due to the coffee table book. The top sellers apart from the coffee table book are:

-  New membership
-  Locomotion Pens
-  The Railway that got the World on Track book (we had a reprint of this done in January 2024 to make sure we have enough to get us through 2025)
-  Membership renewal

A new archive was added to the Friends' web site – the Mike Satow archive These are stunning black and white images that record the construction of the replica Locomotion No.1 in 1975. If you haven't had a scroll through yet, you'll find them here:

<https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/archives/the-mike-satow-archive/>

And other stuff....

Little Inventors

We have agreed to help with this project which is part of the S&DR Festival. This is to generate short videos about the railway (we will do this at Heighington) and issue a challenge to school children to invent a solution to a rail-related scenario. Five of the 'best' ideas will be brought to life in an exhibition and possibly also working with local businesses.

Discover Game

This is a digital game exploring the S&DR. As part of that there will be a series of short videos. I have agreed to do one on women of the railways.

S&DR competitions

We are involved in running two S&DR competitions.

1. Write on Track is the creative writing workshop. We're looking for poetry, short stories and memoir pieces related in some way to trains and railways. These don't need to be specifically about the Stockton & Darlington Railway - we just want to see a clear link to railways, tracks and trains within the work. You can find out more at the Tracks Darlington web site www.tracksdarlington.co.uk/wot-home
2. The SDR200 Research on the Rails competition is being organised by the Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society and the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway for original research into the S&DR. The best entries will be published in their journals (The Globe and Cleveland History), or we may decide to publish a separate new, joint publication. The original research can be on any subject connected to the history of the Stockton & Darlington Railway up to 1863, including its impact beyond that date. It can be about people, technology, events, archival research, impacts – the choice is yours. There are more details being circulated with these papers.

The prize will be up to £1,000, provided jointly by Cleveland & Teesside Local History Society and The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and awarded to the author(s) of an essay which fulfils the criteria of the competition and which in the opinion of the judges merits the award.

The editor is one of the few people in the Friends who regularly gives talks on the S&DR (the others are Niall Hammond and Alan Townsend). We do these in return for donations to the Friends. In the last year I have given 3 talks in Darlington, one in Heighington, 1 in Newton Aycliffe, 1 in Tudhoe, 1 in Shildon, 1 in Durham and 1 judging of a poetry competition (which I really enjoyed!) and I've done readings and family activities at Hopetown, on the Story Train in Stanhope, in Darlington as part of the S&DR takeover day and the library takeover day. The requests are increasing as we approach 2025. Currently I am booked for 15 in 2025, so if anyone else wants a talk on the S&DR in 2025, do get in touch soon.

Institution of Mechanical Engineering



The IMechE are awarding the S&DR an innovation in engineering award and as such three plaques are likely to be put up next year at Shildon, Darlington and Stockton. Ideally I'd also like one at the New Inn Cross Roads or Etherley Incline, but this may not be possible. I also nominated the painting of George Stephenson in Pease's Parlour by Rankley to TVs the Repair Shop for conservation but I am sorry to say they have not responded despite being chased up several times. They have missed an opportunity to mark 2025 in their

programme. I have also worked with IMechE on exploring options for an exhibition on engineering and have now passed this on to Niccy Hallifax, the Festival Director.

S&DR Film

Film producer Austen Atkinson of Fitztooth Ltd, continues to tout the idea of a film about Hackworth and the S&DR to various commissioning agencies. However I am no longer confident that this is going to result in a production, as the industry is in a very poor state and few businesses are spending money on film making. Further a story populated by middle aged white men polluting the atmosphere is proving to be a hard sell. Austen continues to speak to documentary film makers such as Discovery and this might bear fruit.

Caroline Hardie

October 2024

Caroline Hardie Trustee, editor and webmaster

7. Annual Accounts.

Reflecting the continued development of the charity, income and expenditure continue to rise. This includes grants for various projects and a continuing three year management agreement with Durham County Council for Brusselton Incline. Work by charity officials continues to provide detailed accounting of reserved funds for various project and areas of work and so clearly identify unreserved funds. An audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, but an independent examination is necessary. The trustees have requested this from Hardman Ross of Durham City, and their report dated 21st July 2025 is appended after the income & Expenditure statement below.

FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR - 27/09/2023 to 26/09/2024	2023/2024	2022/2023
INCOME:-	£	£
Membership Subscription and Donations	4,634.16	
Sale of Walk Booklets, Etc	8,062.82	
Sale of The Globe	0.00	
Raffle/Talks Proceeds	50.00	
Gift Aid Recovered	3,835.98	
Amazon	0.00	
Miscellaneous	1,611.68	
Brusselton Reservoir Con Mgmt Plan & Training	0.00	
Historic England Heritage Schools Project	0.00	
Fighting Cocks Project	7,999.00	
Royal George Project	0.00	
BIG Mason Arms Project	0.00	
National Lottery Heritage - Culture Recovery Fund Grant	0.00	
National England Capacity Grant (Via Darlington BC)	0.00	
Darlington RHQ	0.00	
Management of Brusselton & Mason Arms	5,000.00	
Brightwater Grant	0.00	
Darlington BC	17,148.00	
AV Dawson	0.00	
A Townsend/Jane Hackworth Young Donation	2,500.00	
Heighington Station Project	35,626.39	
Business Development		
	86,468.03	41,615.00

Less: Expenditure	£	£
Zoom/Room Hire	659.08	
Training	0.00	
Printing/Books	4,417.95	
Subscriptions	417.40	
Insurance	194.59	
Officers Expenses/Salary	8,577.67	
Event Fees	155.80	
Stripe Expenses	216.11	
Miscellaneous	5,743.25	
Brusselton Reservoir Con Mgmt Plan & Training	0.00	
Historic England Heritage Schools Project	0.00	
Fighting Cocks Project	2,156.33	
Royal George Project	0.00	
BIG Expenses	90.00	
National Lottery Heritage - Culture Recovery Fund Grant	0.00	
National England Capacity Grant (Via Darlington BC)	0.00	
Management of Brusselton & Mason Arms	3,125.11	
Brightwater Grant	0.00	
Darlington BC	0.00	
AVDawson	0.00	
Heighington Station Project	3,419.00	
Business Development	8,000.02	
	37,172.31	35,587.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	49,295.72	6,024.62
Reserves Brought Forward	35,668.10	
Reserves Carried Forward	84,963.82	

FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

BALANCE SHEET

YEAR - 27/09/2023 to 26/09/2024

26 SEPTEMBER

CURRENT ASSETS:

£

Current Account - 26/09/2024

84,963.82

CURRENT ASSETS:-

Debtors:-

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

84,963.82

Non

FINANCED BY:

Revenue Reserve 2017/2018

2,359.98

Revenue Reserve 2018/2019

3,983.05

Revenue Reserve 2019/2020

625.07

Revenue Reserve 2020/2021

23,101.09

Revenue Reserve 2021/2022

-428.71

Revenue Reserve 2022/2023

6,027.62

Revenue Reserve 2023/2024

49,295.72

84,963.82

Difference

0.00

Restricted/Unrestricted Reserves Balance

NB:- Outstanding Reserved Funds Balance

59,265.64

Reference and Administrative Details:

Registered office:

Marian Cottage
Lartington
Barnard Castle
Co. Durham
DL12 9BP

Trustees serving in the year:

N Hardie-Hammond – Chair
A R Townsend – Vice Chair
R Chisholm – Planning Officer
C Hardie – Webmaster & Editor
P Bainbridge – Membership Secretary
J D Raw
J G Alderslade
J B Thompson
N J Hugill
Y Richardson

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N Hardie-Hammond', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Signature:

Full Name: Neil Hardie-Hammond

Position: Chair

Date: 21/07/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

I report on the accounts of the Charity, registration no. 1177252, The Friends Of The Stockton & Darlington Railway, (FS&DR) for the year ended 26 September 2024 which are as set out on the enclosed pages.

Respective Responsibilities of FSDR Trustees and Examiner

The FSDR members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the FSDR 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 you as members 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 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

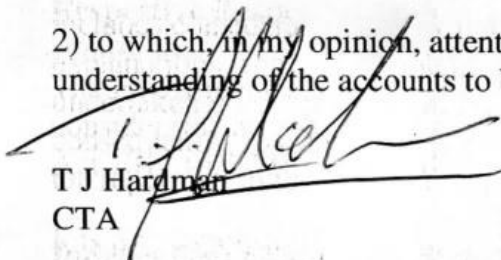
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.


T J Hardman
CTA

7 Elvet Waterside
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21 July 2025

THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

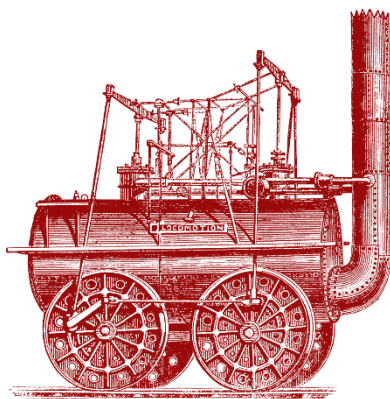
England & Wales - Charity number 1177252

Accounts

Charity Registration Number: 1177252

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

**Annual Report, Financial Statements and
Independent Examiner's Report
for the Year 27/09/2022 to 26/09/2023**



**Friends of the
Stockton &
Darlington Railway**
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1. Introduction

This fourth Annual Report is an account of the activities of the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway (FSDR), for the year 27th September 2022 to 26th September 2023. The FSDR year runs from the anniversary of the opening of the railway on 27th September 1825.

The Friends became a constituted group in 2013 and a registered charity in 2018. The particular legal form of the charity is as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

This Annual Report reflects a year of progress and development following the COVID pandemic which continues to impact on activity in terms of volunteer numbers and activities. Nevertheless, significant progress is being made on a number of fronts once again in particular our participation in numerous working groups with partners in local authorities and government agencies in the planning for the S&DR bicentenary in 2025 and in putting in place a lasting legacy beyond.

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public about the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) and its seminal role in the development of the modern railway through its national and international influence and the conservation of the structures, archives and artefacts of the S&DR.
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2. Acknowledgements.

As ever, the work of the FSDR would not be possible without the significant support and work of many people. We work with many individuals, communities, and organisations and while there is always a danger in missing out someone, we would in particular like to thank the following for continued support and participation;

- The Trustees and our many other volunteers within our Area Groups, those who attend our meetings and events, or simply follow us on Facebook. Those, whose physical and administrative tasks have kept the charity growing and our objectives to be worked towards.
- The staff and elected members of Durham County Council staff, Darlington Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council and the Tees Valley Combined Authority who continue to support us in our efforts and to work in partnership, together with institutions such as the staff of the SMG at Locomotion in Shildon.
- The local organisations, businesses and communities along the S&DR who have provided us with physical help and support.
- To those who have provided funding for our work, in particular this year Historic England for Capacity Grant Funding through the S&DR Heritage Action Zone.
- To Tim Hardman for being our independent Examiner's Report.

3. Chair's Report.

Dear Friends, the danger of writing the annual chair's report is that I repeat or steal the thunder from the various hard-working trustees and volunteers who are reporting elsewhere and without whom the Friends would be nothing. Our work is presented at our AGM each year, and to ensure a lasting record of this we endeavour to produce a full annual report for the charity commission which is more detailed than we are legally obliged to provide, but which we feel is important in being open and clear in our business and making it easily available to any interested party. We are legally obliged to submit to the Charity Commission and which is freely available. Such reporting and other 'unseen' but essential work, such as commenting on planning matters, lobbying local authorities, and people of position and influence, attending innumerable meetings, and the general bureaucracy and administration of running a growing charity should not be underestimated. As ever I urge and invite more members to get actively involved and help out directly with this fantastically worthwhile work.

I begin this year's Chair's report by announcing we have now (finally!) acquired our first area of S&DR land, the former Coal Depot at Fighting Cocks. The negotiations for this along with a donation of £5000 by PH land have taken over two years and were finally completed in late September 2023. Thanks are due to all who helped this come to fruition, in particular trustee Ross Chisholm for his forensic examination of documentation, and to Peter Bainbridge for taking forward on-going conservation work. Ownership of the site now means we are in a position to take forward ideas for conservation and interpretation and following planned meetings with the Middleton-St-George community later in 2023 I very much hope to report on substantial progress next year.

Land and property acquisition so that we can directly manage S&DR heritage in the future is something we are exploring in a number of ways. While the ownership of land comes with some liabilities, it also means we can get on with things without the need for complicated and time consuming legal licences, to my mind it gives a feeling of 'ownership' for our members and communities, and in some cases may provide a source of income for our future activities. Clearly, we need careful assessment and business planning before we take on any substantial liabilities, but we do need to explore opportunity when it presents itself. A singular case in point is the former Heighington Station which some may remember as the Locomotion No.1 Pub. As members will recall this is a long and drawn-out saga beginning several years ago when we discussed with Durham County Council them buying the property as part of the walking/cycling route development. After much protracted internal debate Durham CC finally decided they couldn't do this, but would support the Friends taking a project forward. We have begun exploring this with discussions with the owner who is willing to sell and have begun the process of exploring grant aid with a number of sources. With only two years until the bicentenary, it is unlikely the building can be purchased and fully restored, but I'm optimistic we can be well on the way to securing its future. Apart from the clear need to save the world's oldest railway station, its location on the S&DR walking/cycling route half way between the major museums at Shildon and Darlington must mean it has a promising commercial future...how good would it be to stop off at a Georgian railway inn/station for refreshments! Clearly lots of work and business planning to undertake before this goes forward but to my mind an exceptionally worthwhile project.

As members may recall from last year's Chair's Report, the future role of the Friends including such areas as ownership of land and property and how the 26 miles of the S&DR outside of the main museums can be looked after beyond 2025 has been the subject of a study and report by Tricolor Associates. This was commissioned by the Rail Heritage Board and funded by Durham, Darlington and Stockton councils. Tricolor were tasked with identifying the best way to take forward long term management of the S&DR and held wide consultations and workshops with many groups including ourselves. The outcome of the study, and now adopted by the three councils as well as your trustees, is that a single focus charitable body is the best delivery mechanism and the Friends will be supported to develop into that organisation, one that will need a proper business plan, resources and quite likely paid staff. Again, with generous financial support from Durham, Darlington and Stockton Councils, we hope to reappoint Tricolor to make a bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund for a major grant to help us develop a business plan to take this forward and make sure what we aspire to do is both sustainable and achievable. This may include means of generating income and appointment of paid staff in future.

Talking of paid staff, a major step forward for us this year was the appointment of Jonathan Ratcliffe as our first employee in the role of Secretary. A generous donation from our Vice Chair Alan Townsend has allowed Jonathan to work around one day a week to provide a professional focal point for recording minutes of meetings, ensuring our insurances are paid, arranging the AGM and a wide number of other tasks. This will hopefully free up time for myself and other trustees to work on other matters. One 'backroom' task Jonathan has already organised is an online shared filing system for trustees and new FSDR emails, so in future you can contact me at Chair@sdr1825.org.uk and Jonathan at secretary@sdr1825.org.uk

We have now completed the first year of our three-year agreement with Durham County Council who are providing £5,000 per year to manage the Brusselton Incline and area at the Masons Arms Crossing. Initial more substantial works were commissioned from contractors at the Masons Arms to cut back trees, re-seed grass and plant a new boundary hedge. Following which further works on grass cutting, weed spraying etc have taken place. There have been some hitches with the first year including some petty vandalism of new hedge planting, but overall things are shaping up well. Agreement with Shildon town council over grass cutting and firmer instruction for contractors remains to be worked on, but in principle the Incline should look good for 2025. This way of working with volunteers supported by contractors is something we need to develop post 2025 as we look to step up in our role as custodians of the line.

The S&DR Heritage Action Zone initiative funded by Historic England has now come to an end after five years. The good news is that the project officer Richie Starrs has been retained by Darlington Council to continue his essential work in managing the overall S&DR project along the 26 miles. Not only is Richie's continued involvement excellent news, but it is excellent to see the commitment from Darlington in keeping the post going at what are difficult times in local government funding. The HAZ ran for five years and really kick started the current work to conserve and celebrate the S&DR. Members of the Friends, and the communities along the line have put a huge amount of time and effort in, hugely surpassing the original hopes for volunteer time (a full report is available on the HAZ, please email and ask for one if you'd like to read it). The Historic England input also saw lots of published research on a number of sites/themes including The Shildon Coal Drops (now recognised as the world's oldest design

for mechanical refuelling of locomotives), Darlington Lime Cells, Goods Shed and Carriage Works; and substantial numbers of new designations to list buildings and schedule areas of the line to give them legal protection. In particular Skerne Bridge is now Grade I listed, Heighington Station Grade II* (and recognised as the world's oldest railway station), and perhaps most touchingly the Railway Tavern on Northgate, Darlington at Grade II...finally being recognised officially after all the hard work and research of various members and in particular the late Brendan Boyle. All publications and many more are available to download from our online library at <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/publications-and-research/>

As in previous years I once again take great pleasure in complementing our amazing volunteers and partners along the line for the work and passion they show in caring for our railway heritage. Our membership continues to hold steady and accounts are in healthy shape and for this I'm grateful to trustees Peter Bainbridge and Ian Ross for their hard work in these areas and especially for successfully dealing with a long tedious problem with Barclays and our bank account. I pay thanks to all of those volunteers along the 26 miles who continue to celebrate our rail heritage in whatever way they can, be it through repair works, guided walks, events, litter picking, tree planting or just trying to enthuse their neighbours and relatives to get involved. This year we marked the 198th anniversary of the S&DR opening with a well attended public Railway Market in Locomotion Museum organised by member George Morton. Thanks to George and to Locomotion for hosting us and the all the traders who generously donated to the FSDR. As in previous years on the 27th George and Cindy Alderslade hosted a members' party at their home in the former station master's house at St Helen.

Following the frankly disappointing three years to go launch to 2025 last year, this year 2025 plans have taken some major steps forward. We warmly welcome Niccy Hallifax as 2025 Festival Director, Niccy is a breath of fresh air and something of a force of nature and it has been fantastic to see how she has quickly grasped all the latent ideas for 2025 and begun innovatively to bring them together as a full programme of events. A festival logo and website have now been launched and its worth checking in with www.sdr200.co.uk to keep up to date with the latest on the 2025 festival as it becomes available. A centre piece of 2025 is to be a recreation of the Inaugural journey of 1825 using the restored 1975 replica No.1 and a train of waggons and the coach Experiment. We've been pleased to work with Steve Davies of the International Rail Consultancy and North Bay Engineering on this work, helping to make sure coach, waggons and train are as authentic as possible.

All of this research needs to find a wider audience and we are especially pleased that the Early Railways Conference will meet in Darlington in September 2025. Here all things S&DR as well as other research n other early railways will be presented and debated. You can find out more here <https://rchs.org.uk/early-railways-conference-combined/>

Much of the work of myself and the Trustees is not so obvious but is absolutely essential in building partnerships, commenting on and steering planning applications along the line and providing guidance on solid factual information on the S&DR and early railways to ensure our story is told properly; my continued thanks to trustee Ross Chisholm our lead on planning work. Our continued support for and input to the proposed 26-mile S&DR walking/cycling route is such a worthwhile but time-consuming task. We were pleased that Durham County Council received c.£7 million pounds of Levelling Up Fund grant to take forward this and new works at Locomotion Museum. After substantial work in negotiating with landowners and addressing

concerns we're very pleased to see DCC now out on the ground building the route, all to be completed by mid-2024 including a new bridge on the 1825 stone abutments across the Gaunless (consultation on this by the end of 2023 I'm told). Interpretation and signage is also in the process of design and FSDR members have had an opportunity to be briefed and to input on this in recent weeks. Hopefully by the time of our 2024 AGM much of this should be in place.

Darlington Council received substantial funding from central government through the Towns Fund to improve the town centre and fringes and one key project was the purchase and restoration of Edward Pease's house on Northgate. Now separated into four and semi derelict on upper floors, this house where Pease lived, met George Stephenson and many important railway decisions was made deserves better. Darlington have bought one key part, but sadly negotiations on other parts have stalled. We are however working with Darlington Council to take the scheme forward and would hope that at least in part the house is accessible for 2025.

Late in 2023 the National Lottery Heritage Fund gave the thumbs up to a major grant for our joint bid with Darlington Borough Council. This has funded the appointment of Cait Barrat as the S&DR Heritage & Community Participation Manager and I'm sure we'll all be seeing a lot of Cait and two additional posts (Education and volunteering) over the next four years. In particular Cait is coordinating the lottery funded £200,000 community fund for ourselves and others to use in our on-going work and events along the line. Drop her a line if you're interested in applying for a grant at s&drcommunitygrantsscheme@darlington.gov.uk

Every year I'm amazed at the passion and time given by our volunteers and there are frankly too many people to thank individually, but my gratitude in particular goes to our trustees who work incredibly hard and without whom we wouldn't be pushing forward with such great promise as we are. 2023 is our tenth anniversary, and I'm not sure if any of us knew what we were getting into when we started. While we may have had disappointments along the way, it's a credit to everyone involved that directly or indirectly we have made people sit up and take notice of the railway that got the world on track. 2025 is shaping up to be a major event here in the region and with a wider planned Rail200 initiative across the UK supported by Network Rail.

I conclude with a note of caution, while there is significant and substantial activity and funding from many partners large and small, we are now less than 2 years away from September 2025. If all our aspirations to have in place a world class visitor attraction are to be realised in time for the bicentenary and to have a sustainable vision to look after it in years to come, we and our partners need to keep pushing to ensure all these wonderful plans come to fruition. I'm sure with everyone's continued support we can achieve great things but time as ever is of the essence. We rely on members continued support and we hope that in your dealings with friends, work colleagues, family and others you keep telling them about the S&DR story and how this part of North East England changed the world.

Niall Hammond, Chair, Friends of the S&DR.

4. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership as of 26 September 2023

Membership – 230.

Members on Facebook – 30.87 %

Corporate Members – 20

Membership renewal invitations/reminders have been issued to all members, mostly via email but for several members via the Royal Mail. We are asking all members to pay their fees via Standing Order as this saves me a massive amount of work each year.

There will be a few members who cannot set up a Standing Order but for anyone with a bank account you will have Standing Orders to pay for various items – Gas, Electricity, Water Rates, Council Tax, etc. so why not add another Standing Order to save me a large amount of unnecessary work.

At the end of October 2022 - 47 out of 210 members did not renew which equates to 22.4%. The figure of 47 includes 2 deceased (possibly 3), 10 who advised that they were not renewing and 35 who did not respond to renewal emails.

Despite issuing renewal invitation/reminders to all members and assuming that there will be no change to the current membership status (excluding new members) before the end of October 2023 the equivalent data will be - 56 out of 230 members will not be renewing which equates to 24.3%. The figure of 56 includes 2 deceased, 7 who advised that they were not renewing, 4 who have advised that they intend to renew (pending) and 43 who have not responded to renewal emails and letters.

I am very concerned about the significant reduction in membership, and of those who are not renewing 26 joined in the last 12 months, several, in the last few months. Corporate Members – 20 of whom 14 have renewed and 1 has advised that they are renewing. No response from the remaining 5.

Peter Bainbridge, Membership Secretary

5. Planning Officer's Report

It is the job of the planning system, through Local Plan policies and decisions on planning applications, to serve the aims and objectives of the Rail Heritage Board and facilitate the proposals of the Programme and Delivery Plan of the Heritage Action Zone. Throughout the last year, the Friends have continued to try to ensure the protection, enhancement and promotion of the S&DR by responding to opportunities to comment on emerging Local Plans, on other studies and on planning applications, with varied success.

All three councils (Durham County, Darlington Borough and Stockton Borough) have adopted Local Plans, each of which contain a specific policy for the S&DR. The policies maps show the main S&DR line and the Haggerleases, Black Boy, Surtees, Darlington (Coal Depot), Croft and Yarm Branches. Middlesbrough BC has started to prepare a new local plan, and we have already requested it to include a policy for the 1830 Middlesbrough extension to Port Darlington and the New Town. A draft plan was intended to be issued for consultation during the summer, but it has been delayed.

Since the last AGM we have been involved with 25 planning applications about which we submitted comments. Nine of these were carried over from the previous year. Ten have been approved and two were refused. The rest remain to be decided. This represents a lower caseload than last year and the hours I logged on planning duties reduced from 180 to 106 hours. This includes time spent on monitoring the three Councils' online planning registers for applications on or adjacent to the S&DR and its branch lines (we are not always notified of new applications); identifying any issues which need to be addressed; visiting the sites; submitting comments after consulting the Trustees and Friends (where time permits to meet consultation deadlines) and keeping track of changes to the proposals. In some cases there are meetings with developers and negotiations to modify the proposals to resolve any problems. As a last resort to achieve a satisfactory outcome, we sometimes have the opportunity to attend the Planning Committee and address members.

It remains a problem that some applicants are either unaware of policies for the S&DR or that they choose to ignore them when justifying their proposals. Particular failings are to omit or under-represent the impact of the proposed development on the setting of the S&DR or to make provision for the Walking and Cycling Route. It is important that we draw attention to these discrepancies when commenting on applications as we cannot always be sure that the planning officer responsible for the case is fully aware of the situation. Very few applications obtain our unreserved support but it is rare for us to object totally to an application. Wherever possible we recommend how an application could be improved to become more compliant with policy or where a financial contribution to the line's enhancement can be justified.

Unfortunately, this last year got off to a most unsatisfactory start. In November, Darlington's Planning Applications Committee approved the Burtree Solar Panel Farm application without paying due regard to the harm it will cause to the setting of the historic Myers Flat embankment. We suggested amendments to overcome the damage, including our Chair making an address at the committee meeting, but these were ignored. This prompted our Chair to write to the Council's Chief Executive, complaining about this and other unsatisfactory decisions and seeking assurances that matters would improve. His reply was not as encouraging as we had hoped.

Another disappointing decision was to approve the car park for the Darlington Rail Heritage Quarter visitor attraction without remedial landscaping to respect the setting of the (now) Grade 1 Skerne Railway Bridge, particularly where seen from the viewpoint in John Dobbin's famous painting.

I reported last year that we had regular virtual meeting with the Darlington Planning Officer to discuss informally issues raised by various applications. These were useful in that we were kept up to date on progress but the meetings were discontinued and they have not resumed.

Of the applications not yet decided, these include the proposals for an extension to Craggwood Holiday Park at Ramshaw and to resolve the issue of the wall alongside the Brusselton Incline foot at Hackworth Industrial Estate with a mural. Discussions are continuing and we hope for positive outcomes.

Once again, I am again very grateful for help given to me by individual Friends and those in the various local interest groups for their local knowledge, visiting sites, taking photographs,

talking to local residents and notifying me of any issues they come across whilst 'out there' and think needs attention.

6. Editor and Webmasters Report

While there are too few officers to cover both the editor's role and the webmaster's, I have joined them into one combined report. For ease we have also added to this report a record of book sales at events.

Globes

Two Globes have been produced this last year in December 2022 and July 2023. Hard copies are sent by Peter Bainbridge to those who expressed a preference and copies have also been sent to the British Library. To all those who have submitted articles in the last year, thank you on behalf of all our readers. If you would like to submit something S&DR related in the future, ask me for our guidance notes – this can save time later. The deadline for contributions for our next Globe is 24th November 2023.

We print 100 hard copies a year, although most members prefer a PDF copy. Currently there is no additional cost to members who request a hard copy. The costs of printing are however increasing and so those spare copies that we sell at events and on our web site have gone up from £3 to £3.50.

Walks booklets

We have now updated and republished two of our self-guided walks booklets, thanks to funding from Brightwater. These are now attractive full colour booklets designed by Maud Webster and for the first time we have included QR codes which can be easily scanned with a smart phone which will take users to our web site to find out more detailed information. We have also produced attractive folders which can be used to hold complete sets of walks booklets (or Globes). These are all for sale on our web site. <https://www.sdr1825.org.uk/store/>

An initial first edit has been done on booklet 1 which covers Witton Park Colliery down to St Helen/West Auckland. However, it is not possible to take this further until the route of the new path is fixed. As soon as other routes are fixed, or if the Friends decide that the official route can be improved upon, we can start editing those booklets too.

Coffee table book

Work has started on compiling costs for a S&DR coffee table book to be published by 2025. The intention is to produce a book with an introduction to the S&DR at the beginning then full colour images opposite short captioned text. We have approached professional photographers and drone users for costs.

Webmaster

The web site has had additional information added to it, namely the Black Boy Heritage Trackbed Audit, which was completed by the end of March this year. The Education page has also been added and a page where you can report damage or concerns about the remains of the S&DR is also available with a simple form to fill out. Globes have been added too as PDFs (there is a delay

to allow members the benefit of seeing it first) and hard copies are for sale. All of the second-hand books we have been donated are also up for sale.

The web site is also our first point of contact with the public. We have had approaches in the last year from council organisations wanting help with activities, with members of the public who have inherited archives and are looking for advice on where they should be deposited and people carrying out family history. Developers also contact us in the hope of making pre-application enquiries, and media organisations looking for help in generating content or for a quote to use in reports. As our web site is easily accessed from anywhere in the world, we have also had enquiries from America regarding the Dixon family of Cockfield. Some of these are dealt with directly, but others are kindly taken up by other Trustees and partners.

In total the online shop has had 85 orders (down from 143 in 2022-3) in the last year totalling £1346.62, down by 24% from last year. Of this amount, £240 is a result of four separate donations, for which we are extremely grateful.

Here is a summary of online book sales for the past year:

Globes 11

Etherley Inclines booklet by Mary Smith 8

Self-guided walks booklet folder 6

Self-guided walks booklets (full set) 6

Self guided walks booklets (singles) 5

It Wasn't Rocket Science by Mike Norman 3

Royal George products (cards, postcards, prints) 1

The Railway that got the World on Track 2

The Yarm Branch 3

Passenger traffic on the S&DR 1

Three Greeners of Etherley and a model steam engine 2

Cradle of the Railways CD 1

Pre-owned books from the Peter Holmes collection 8

BIG calendar 1

AGM tickets 7

The web site is also a place where membership can be purchased or renewed. There were 48 orders for new or renewed membership via the online shop in the last year resulting in £542.50 net sales.

And other stuff....

Many Friends take on voluntary S&DR tasks outside their honorary positions. In that respect, outside my editor and web master's work, I have been working with a film producer, Austen Atkinson of Fitztooth Ltd, on a proposal for a TV drama about the life of Hackworth, thanks to funding from A. V. Dawson and North East Screen. A draft pitch for a film has been produced over the last few months by Austen. However there have been strikes in the film industry which means that streaming companies are not commissioning new projects yet, but it is thought that this should be resolved by the end of November. Based on discussions with people in the industry, it is looking like any output commissioned will be for one 90-minute drama for streaming with the intention of commissioning more if they like what they see during development.

The project has also been about generating interest in producing high end documentaries on the S&DR. These are not affected by the strike, so pitches created over the last few months will be presented to commissioning bodies in November.

The proposal to also produce a series of short films covering STEM subjects aimed at Key Stage 3 and 4 has not yet made progress, but was always intended to take place at the end of the project.

The project to record the music played on the opening day using authentic musical instruments of the period has stalled due to a lack of input from the various local authority music services who were helping to broaden the outputs into schools. I will therefore submit an application for funding without any wider educational outputs, but which will create a free musical download available to anyone to use for their events. We can revisit the educational outputs at a later date.

The Railway Station Shop www.therailwaystation.shop is a privately owned online shop designed to raise the profile of the S&DR, work with local craftspeople to design commemorative gifts, and to raise funds for the Friends. In the last year it has donated over £300 to the Friends. We would love to hear from more talented local artists and craftspeople looking to work with us. No income is currently taken from this shop, but money from sales is reinvested in widening the stock range, replacing stock, or donating money to the Friends.

In order to reach a younger audience and to continue to spread the word about the S&DR, I have a children's book coming out before Christmas called Little Loco's Big Day. It is suitable for children in the 6-7 age bracket and younger ones who are being read to. This will retail at £8.99 and would make a lovely Christmas present. The illustrations are by fellow archaeologist John Pickin and are marvellous. This is a private venture to avoid the Friends having to fund it and any profits will be used to write the next book in the series. I am happy to discuss with schools, museums and libraries doing readings which also include a specially written song (thanks to Phil Sculthorpe) and activities to go with the story. You can find out more here: <https://www.therailwaystation.shop/little-loco/>.

Caroline Hardie Trustee, editor and webmaster

7. Archivist and Researcher Report

It is incredible that we are still coming across original material that does not seem to have reached the light of day before. Four years ago, the Raisbeck Collection was found in a bookshop in London, has since been transferred to Search Engine at the NRM in York, and our member, Peter Bainbridge, is currently transcribing the contents although he finds it very hard to transcribe some of the schedules of figures, but I think he is enjoying it!

David Pennington, also a member, felt it was an indulgence to travel all the way to the Museum of Industry in Stellarton, Newfoundland, Canada to see Samson designed/built by Timothy Hackworth. When he saw it, all doubts evaporated, 'The locomotive was far more than I had ever expected, & an incredible tribute to a genuinely remarkable man'. David's report can be found in the July issue of our magazine 'The Globe' Issue 20, with a po8ed history of Samson by me! David also took the opportunity to visit the Chicago Museum of Industry and Engineering, built on land where the Chicago Exposition was sited- see below.

We also saw the launch of 'It Wasn't Rocket Science' by Mike Norman, a biography of Hackworth as wri8en by his grandsons, one of which, Timothy Hackworth Young, was involved in setting up the 1893 Chicago Exposition.

David Pennington has also been looking at the building of Active (Locomotion). Timothy Hackworth went as a borrowed man to the Stephenson Forth Street Works for 6 months in 1824 whilst the engine was being built. Robert had gone to South America; George was already engaged with the forthcoming Liverpool & Manchester Railway. Timothy used his knowledge of the building and fitting of cylinders at Wylam, applying it to Active, which he went on to rebuild 3 times.

Our Vice Chair, Alan Townsend has continued, his work and research on the Quakers and their connection with the S&DR. This project was supported by Historic England and involved two well a8ended workshops by members, Quakers and historians at the Friends Meeting House in Darlington. The first workshop covered the period to 1825 encompassing the financial backing of the S&DR as a railway rather than a canal. The second workshop covered the period from 1825 – 1902 and demonstrated how the momentum of the S&DR, supported by the business skill of the Quakers, led to the building of railways not only in Britain but across the world. A full bibliography is available.

Other members and non-members have contributed greatly to research programmes and there have been many articles in The Globe 'The end of the Line - the story of the Chaytors' 'The Globe' Issue 19; and in 'The Globe' issue 20; 'Engineer Gerstner', 'Henry Pease' and research on the railway taverns by our late member, Brendan Boyle, who is sadly missed. Member Maggie Pulle – has researched the Morgan connection with the S&DR and has transcribed my father's research notes (1970's) of various documents, some of these now held at Woodhorn which we have not been able to access. MEMBER George Smith has researched the S&DR pay bills and written an article for 'Backtrack and has launched his book 'Tanfield Railway-The first 300 Years'.

Our thanks go to Eric Branse-Instone of Historic England for his invaluable contributions to The Globe and we are absolutely delighted that various buildings have now been listed or their listings upgraded.

All the articles that appear in 'The Globe' are due to our Editor, Caroline Hardie. I have finished transcribing the le8ers to and from Robert Young (jun) author of the definite life of Hackworth 'Timothy Hackworth & the Locomotive', first published a century ago this year. These le8ers are now in Search Engine at the NRM York. I have also worked on the Young family tree (the Young and Hackworth families are interlinked). Descendants of brothers of Robert Young (snr) (Engineman at Brusselton Incline from 1827 to his death in 1848) include Ralph - a Railway

Guard at Middlesbrough, William - a Railway Guard at Shildon, Thomas - a Railway Engineer at Esh Winning and Jack - Pit Manager at West Auckland and living in Hackworth House! All kinds of other pieces of work have been finished and some others started.

Jane Hackworth-Young – Researcher, Friends of the S&DR.

8. Annual Accounts.

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR - 27/09/2022 to 26/09/2023	2022/2023	2021/2022
INCOME:-	£	£
Membership Subscription & Donations	4,533	
Sale of Publications	1,585	
Gift Aid Recovered	514	
Projects (reserved) Income	34,417	
Miscellaneous Income	566	
	41,615	20,218.82
Less: Expenditure	£	£
Administration Expenses	2,326.04	
Printing and Stationary	1,433.00	
Projects (reserved) Expenditure	31,236.03	
Professional Fees	592.00	
	35,587.07	20,647.53
Surplus/(Deficit)	6,027.62	-428.71
Reserves Brought Forward	29,640.48	
Reserves Carried Forward	35,668.10	

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

BALANCE SHEET

YEAR - 27/09/2022 to 26/09/2023

CURRENT ASSETS:	£
Current Account - 31/08/2023	35,668.10

CURRENT ASSETS:-

Debtors:-

35,668.10

CURRENT LIABILITIES:	£
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Non

FINANCED BY:

Revenue Reserve 2017/2018	2,359.98
Revenue Reserve 2018/2019	3,983.05
Revenue Reserve 2019/2020	625.07
Revenue Reserve 2020/2021	23,101.09
Revenue Reserve 2021/2022	-428.71
Revenue Reserve 2022/2023	6,027.62

35,668.10

Difference 0.00

Restricted/Unrestricted Reserves Balance

NB:- Outstanding Reserved Funds Balance 19,552.87

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

I report on the accounts of the Charity, registration no. 1177252, The Friends Of The Stockton & Darlington Railway, (FS&DR) for the year ended 26 September 2023 which are as set out on the enclosed pages.

Respective Responsibilities of FSDR Trustees and Examiner

The FSDR members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the FSDR 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 you as members 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 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:

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 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

T J Hardman

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19 July 2024

THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1177252

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1177252

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

**Annual Report and Financial Statement
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1. Introduction

This Third Annual Report is an account of the activities of the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway (FSDR), for the year 27th September 2021 to 26th September 2022. The FSDR year runs from the anniversary of the opening of the railway on 27th September 1825.

The Friends became a constituted group in 2013 and a registered charity in 2018. The particular legal form of the charity is as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

This Annual Report reflects a year of recovery and reestablishment following the COVID pandemic, and while activity was significantly improved, the after effects of covid in terms of volunteer numbers, activities and volunteers was still notable. Nevertheless volunteer groups did meet and in particular our participation in numerous working groups with partners in local authorities and government agencies continued in the planning for the S&DR bicentenary in 2025 and in putting in place a lasting legacy beyond.

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public about the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) and its seminal role in the development of the modern railway through its national and international influence and the conservation of the structures, archives and artefacts of the S&DR.
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2. Acknowledgements.

As ever, the work of the FSDR would not be possible without the significant support and work of many people. We work with many individuals, communities, and organisations and while there is always a danger in missing out someone, we would in particular like to thank the following for continued support and participation;

- The Trustees and our many other volunteers within our Area Groups, those who attend our meetings and events, or simply follow us on Facebook. Those, whose physical and administrative tasks have kept the charity growing and our objectives to be worked towards.
- The staff and elected members of Durham County Council staff, Darlington Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council and the Tees Valley Combined Authority who continue to support us in our efforts and to work in partnership, together with institutions such as the staff of the SMG at Locomotion in Shildon.
- The local organisations, businesses and communities along the S&DR who have provided us with physical help and support.
- To those who have provided funding for our work, in particular this year Historic England for Capacity Grant Funding through the S&DR Heritage Action Zone; and to the Culture Recovery Fund and staff at the National Lottery Heritage Fund for support during a difficult time.

3. Chair's Report.

The last year has seen something of a return to normal after the Covid pandemic, and the work of the Friends has continued to grow. On the positive side this has seen significant progress in many areas, but at the cost of considerable time and effort for trustees and volunteers. Much of this work is unseen but essential, commenting on planning matters, lobbying local authorities, and people of position and influence, attending innumerable meetings, and in the general bureaucracy and administration of running a charity whose work and finances continues to expand. As ever I urge and invite more members to get actively involved and help out directly with this fantastically worthwhile work.

I begin this year's Chair's report with three 'highlights'; firstly, by announcing we have purchased Locomotion No.1...sadly not the original but a wood and metal full size sculpture previously displayed at Durham University's Stockton campus. Bought for a nominal £1 from Durham University, our volunteers intend to restore this with financial support from Stockton Council for use at events up to and including 2025. Secondly, we have also acquired our first property at Fighting Cocks. Here the site of the S&DR Coal Depot adjacent to the station and former pub is in the process of being transferred to us along with a cash donation. This will allow us to bring together several smaller projects at Fighting Cocks and with support from Middleton St George Parish Council and our wonderful neighbours Mr and Mrs Holmes in the Station House, bring back the railway character to this important site. Thirdly and finally, I'm pleased to report that the long-standing work of the Brusselton Incline Group (BIG), has been acknowledged by Durham County Council with the award of an annual grant of £5,000 per year for the next three years. This will be used to help our volunteers bring in professional help to make sure the Incline and an area of land at the Mason's Arms crossing, continue to be kept in excellent condition through to the bicentenary in 2025.

The grant to the Friends/BIG to maintain and look after sections of the line may be a taste of things to come. As the S&DR Heritage Action Zone initiative enters its final year, a key outcome of this is a study to look at how the 26 miles of the S&DR outside of the main museums can be looked after beyond 2025. By 2025 there will have been restoration of structures, opening up of paths and the installation of interpretation, but it is essential if there is to be a long-term legacy and respect for our heritage that this is cared for and maintained in the years afterwards. Tricolor Associates (<https://tricolorassociates.co.uk/>) have been appointed to look at the best way to deliver this and options include an enhanced version of current arrangements with a partnership led by local authorities, or placing the responsibility for the work into the hands of a supported charitable body or not for profit company. The results of the study will be known before the end of 2022 following which support and transition arrangements will be mapped out. Our view is that while the support of local authorities is essential, the care of the S&DR would be best achieved by a single focussed charitable body, a solution which has worked successfully on other heritage sites across the UK and abroad. As in previous years I once again take great pleasure in complementing our amazing volunteers and partners along the line for the work and passion they show in caring for our railway heritage. Our membership continues to hold steady and accounts are in healthy shape and for this I'm grateful to trustees Peter Bainbridge and Ian Ross for their hard work in these areas. I pay thanks to all of those volunteers along the 26 miles who continue to celebrate our rail heritage in whatever way they can, be it through repair works, guided walks, events, litter picking, tree planting or just trying to enthuse their neighbours and relatives to get involved. This year we marked the 197th anniversary of the S&DR opening with a fantastic and well attended public Railway Market in Stockton High Street organised again by trustee Barry Thompson and our Stockton group, and a wonderfully enjoyable walk for invited members from the Etherley Incline to St Helen Auckland with hospitality at the former station master's

house courtesy of members George and Cindy Alderslade. There was also a slightly low-key launch of the three years count down to the bicentenary with a new entry point website supported by the local authorities and Tees Valley Combined Authority. Although this wasn't the big launch I think we'd all hoped for, it is a start in improved marketing and communications and for which we provided the website address. <http://sdr200.org>. Please do log on to this and sign up for planned newsletters and updates.

A key date which was celebrated this year by ourselves was the 200th anniversary of the official start of building the S&DR with the laying of the first rail at Stockton on May 23rd 1822, marked by a walk, small ceremony and later a showing of the First Rail film and a celebratory ale at Stockton. Work also officially began on Thursday 3rd March, with a symbolic cutting of the first turf ceremony to mark the start of construction work at the Darlington Rail Heritage Quarter. We've also been pleased to support and contribute to the S&DR film being produced by Lonely Tower Films which itself was launched at Head of Steam in April.

Much of the work of myself and the Trustees is not so obvious but is absolutely essential in building partnerships, commenting on and steering planning applications along the line and providing guidance on solid factual information on the S&DR and early railways to ensure our story is told properly; my continued thanks to trustee Ross Chisholm our lead on planning work. Our continued support for and input to the proposed 26-mile S&DR walking/cycling route is such a worthwhile but time-consuming task. We were pleased that Durham County Council received c.£7 million pounds of Levelling Up Fund grant to take forward this and new works at Locomotion Museum. The hard work of negotiating with landowners and addressing concerns over illegal use of such a path through detailed design for instance are not to be underestimated and we're very pleased to be working with DCC and helping take this forward. The walking/cycling path will of course need interpretation and signage adding once the agreed route has been confirmed, here lies another mammoth task to make sure the text, information and images tell an accurate and engaging story.

We are nearing the end of our three year package of Historic England capacity grant aid. This has allowed us to run events and projects which have engaged many thousands of people in various ways from our 'Walking the Line' branch line studies to walks, talks, events and publications. One key publication has been our own engaging fully illustrated 'The Railway that Got the World on Track' booklet, designed to explain just why the S&DR is so significant. It has been distributed to schools, members and partner organisations to spread the word. Additional copies can be downloaded as a pdf from our website or hard copies purchased for £5. If you know of any schools who would like free copies just let me know. The booklets often sell well at the many illustrated talks a number of Trustees provide for local societies and groups. This year we have spoken to amongst others Stokesley Local History Society the Durham Architectural & Archaeological Society, G5 Locomotive Company's annual dinner, Bishop Auckland U3A, The Stephenson Locomotive Society, St Helen and District History Society and Darlington Local History Society.

In this year's HE grant programme we have begun a programme of information and training for volunteers on 'Caring for the S&DR'. This is both a simple on-line recording form for anyone to use to report damage, fly tipping, anti-social behaviour etc along the 26 miles; or more detailed training for volunteers on how heritage protection and legislation works and assessing the condition of heritage structures. In both cases information/reports will be passed on to Historic England and local authorities for action, with an annual report produced. Other projects include a research and workshop project on the Quaker influence on the S&DR and regional industry, and planning for arts events with other groups such as Darlington for Culture.

The early railway Inns of the S&DR are as we know of considerable heritage significance as the forerunner of the railway station. Just how influential the design and function of these buildings was, is being looked at in context with facilities for passengers on the S&DR and other railways across the UK and overseas up to 1842 in a study by WSP consultants funded by Historic England and supported by the Friends. This is based on original research by several of our members, but in particular the late Brendan Boyle. The study will be published in early 2023, following which we hope to receive a grant from Historic England to publish our own more specific research on the S&DR Railway Inns. One new publication produced this last year was on the Yarm Branchline; excellent work by our members and in partnership with the Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society and launched appropriately at the Cleveland Bay to an enthusiastic audience and talk by our own Vice President Chris Lloyd of the Northern Echo. Plans are also in place for other publications on S&DR branchlines and hopefully a major redesign and updating of our well received guided walk booklets which continue to sell well both directly at events and museum through the sterling work of Jane Hackworth-Young and also through our excellent website which continues to develop and expand in content thanks to our editor Caroline Hardie for whom I also offer thanks for our journal The Globe; far more than the original newsletter we began and now containing substantial new research to a high academic standard. Our website is also part of our essential social media for the modern age containing news of events and a means of paying for membership and publications which continues to grow in popularity. We also maintain a Facebook page for members and non-members which now has over 2000 followers and can only continue to grow as 2025 approaches with people eager to find out about what's going on and share information, thoughts and memories.

While talking about early railway inns, I should mention the former Heighington Station at Aycliffe Lane originally the Kings Arms and more latterly the Locomotion Pub. Although a listed building it has stood empty now for several years at increasing risk of vandalism and loss. We continue to talk with the owner and press Durham County Council to help find a solution for what may be the world's first purpose-built line side railway station, something which should be safe and publicly accessible for 2025. All of this research continues to inform the work of our partners at Historic England and in the conservation offices of the local authorities. In the last year a major redefinition of the boundary of the scheduled monument which protects the first five miles from Witton Park to Shildon has been accurately redrawn; several new 'buildings' have been given listed status including bridges between Simpasture and Whesoe which were previously thought to be c.1860, but which we now know are just after 1830 and part of major improvements to the line. We've also helped produce a 'Local List' of lesser structures which while not listable, now have additional protection. We also look forward to the creation of an S&DR Conservation Area, covering and protecting long lengths of the line and further enhancing its protection from poor or inappropriate development.

Very shortly (we think late November), the National Lottery Heritage Fund will make a decision on our joint bid with Darlington Brough Council. If we're successful then the key headlines for ourselves will be a new home in the restored 1840 Lime Depot at Hopetown Lane Darlington, the appointment of three officers on five-year contracts to help support and coordinate volunteer work and projects, and the establishment of a £200,000 community fund for ourselves and other to use in our on-going work and events along the line.

Every year I'm amazed at the passion and time given by our volunteers and there are frankly too many people to thank individually, but my gratitude in particular goes to our trustees who work incredibly hard and without whom we wouldn't be pushing forward with such great promise as we are; and finally to Alan Macnab our secretary and founder member who is

retiring as secretary and trustee this year and without whom the FSDR may never have got going in the first place.

I conclude with a note of caution, while there is significant and substantial activity and funding from many partners large and small, we are now only just over 2 years away from the start of 2025. If all our aspirations to have in place a world class visitor attraction are to be realised in time for the bicentenary, we and our partners need to keep pushing to ensure all these wonderful plans come to fruition. I'm sure with everyone's continued support we can achieve great things but there can be little time wasted from here on in.

Niall Hammond, Chair, Friends of the S&DR.

4.Membership Secretary's Report

Fees & Donations:- Ordinary Members - £2517.11 (including donations of £367.23)
Corporate Members - £974.45
Total - £3491.56

Gift Aid on membership fees and donations - claim to be submitted to HMRC.

Membership as of 26 September 2022

Ordinary Members – 210. Corporate Members – 20.

Membership renewal for 2022 to 2023 (Ordinary Members).

Renewal invitations issued to members on 10 August 2022 except for the following:-

Members who paid via Standing Order for 2021 to 2022.

Members who have set up a Standing Order for 2022 to 2023 and beyond.

Renewal reminders issued to members on 13 September 2022 except for the following:-

Any members who had paid their fees since 10 August 2022.

Any members who had set up a Standing Order since 10 August 2022 for 2022 to 2023 and beyond.

Final reminders issued to members on 30 September 2022 except for the following:-

Any members who had paid their fees since 13 September 2022.

Any members who had set up a Standing Order since 13 September 2022 for 2022 to 2023 and beyond.

Membership renewal final reminder - closing date is 31st October after which anyone who has not responded will be deemed to be a lapsed member and will be removed from our database.

Peter Bainbridge, Membership Secretary

5. Planning Officer's Report

1. It is the job of the planning system, through Local Plan policies and decisions on planning applications, to serve the aims and objectives of the Rail Heritage Board and facilitate the proposals of the Programme and Delivery Plan of the Heritage Action

Zone. Throughout the last year, the Friends have continued to try to ensure the protection, enhancement and promotion of the S&DR by responding to opportunities to comment on emerging Local Plans, on other studies and on planning applications.

2. All three councils (Durham County, Darlington Borough and Stockton Borough) have adopted Local Plans (Darlington's was formally adopted in February) each of which contain a specific policy for the S&DR. The policies maps show the main S&DR line and the Haggerleases, Black Boy, Surtees, Darlington (Coal Depot), Croft and Yarm Branches, although it took some effort on our part to ensure that they were accurately plotted. Middlesbrough BC have started to prepare a new local plan, so we will campaign for a policy for the 1830 Middlesbrough extension to Port Darlington and the New Town.
3. Since the last AGM we have been involved with 39 planning applications, 16 of these were carried over from the previous year. Three have been withdrawn, one permission has expired, 18 were approved and 3 were refused. The rest remain to be decided.
4. It remains a problem that some applicants are either unaware of policies for the S&DR or that they choose to ignore them when justifying their proposals. It is important that we draw attention to these discrepancies when commenting on applications as we cannot always be sure that the planning officer responsible for the case is fully aware of the situation. We comment on applications which physically encroach onto the line or affect its setting or require provision of the walking and cycling route. It is rare for us to object totally to an application. Wherever possible we recommend how an application could be improved to become more compliant with policy or where a financial contribution to the line's enhancement can be justified. Very few applications obtain our unreserved support. We are not normally notified of new applications affecting the line; this means I have to carry out a regular check of the councils' websites to keep up to date and not miss any deadlines for commenting.
5. It was a disappointment that Darlington Planning Applications Committee approved two applications to extend private gardens on to the Croft Branch at Hurworth Place. This was despite objections from local residents, the Parish Council, the Council's own footpaths officer and the Heritage Action Zone Projects Manager.
6. On a positive note, we have, after several years of campaigning, secured the promise of a permissive footpath alongside the Bishop Line at Forrest Park, Newton Aycliffe. We also have a regular virtual meeting with the Darlington Planning Officer to discuss informally issues raised by various applications. This is very useful, but we do not have a similar arrangement with Durham or Stockton Councils.
7. Permissions have been granted for various developments we have generally supported, including North Road Rail Heritage Quarter, NRM Shildon extension, Bank Top Station enhancement, Castlegate redevelopment at Stockton and Eaglescliffe Station footbridge and car park.
8. Of the applications not yet decided, these include the proposals for a solar panel farm at Burtree, Darlington and an extension to Craggwood Holiday Park at Ramshaw. Discussions are continuing and we hope for positive outcomes.
9. We have been consulted on other forthcoming developments. We suggested improvements to the Burtree garden Village Design Guide, but these were not included in the officer's report to Darlington Council on consultations. The prospective developer of a solar panel farm at High Lands near Cockfield contacted us and we are having talks to see how the development could assist our objectives to promote the Haggerleases Branch and other railway heritage in the locality.
10. Since the AGM in September 2021, I have logged approximately 180 hours in performing my duties as planning officer. This includes time spent on monitoring the

three Councils' online planning registers for applications on or adjacent to the S&DR and its branch lines; identifying any issues which need to be addressed, visiting the sites and submitting comments after consulting the Trustees and Friends. In some cases there are meetings with developers and negotiations to modify the proposals to resolve any problems. As a last resort to achieve a satisfactory outcome, we sometimes have the opportunity to attend the Planning Committee and address members.

11. I am again very grateful for help given to me by individual Friends and those in the various local interest groups for their local knowledge, visiting sites, taking photographs, talking to local residents and notifying me of any issues they come across whilst 'out there' and think needs attention.

*Ross Chisholm, Planning Officer and Trustee*⁶. *Research & Archives Officer's Report.*

6. EDITOR AND WEBMASTER'S REPORT

While there are too few officers to cover both the editor's role and the webmaster's, I have joined them into one combined report. For ease we have also added to this report a record of book sales at events.

Editor's report

Three Globes have been produced in the last year (December 2021, April 2022 and July 2022) and hard copies sent to those who expressed a preference. The December and July editions were packed with interesting articles, but the April one was a little thin, although still full of good stuff. This sometimes happens and can't be helped as The Globe is wholly reliant on submissions. Sometimes a long-awaited article doesn't come to fruition, conversely there can be editions that are overwhelmed with contributions and so we carry articles over to the next one. It is a reminder that we rely on members and other interested parties to submit articles or to promote events and activities via The Globe. To all those who have contributed something in the last year, thank you on behalf of all our readers and the editor. If you would like to submit something S&DR related in the future, ask me (caroline@aenvironment.co.uk) for our guidance notes – this can save time later.

The Globe now has its own ISSN numbers and these cover all editions from 2016 and into the future; hard copies and online copies have separate numbers. The first edition to have the ISSN number printed on it will be December 2022. The ISSN is an established international standard that uniquely identifies serial publications to avoid confusing them with other publications of the same name. A copy of The Globe is lodged with the British Library as an example of the series. This doesn't cost us anything, but it helps readers find us and makes us a little more professional.

We print 100 hard copies a year, although most members prefer a PDF copy. Currently there is no additional cost to members who request a hard copy. The costs of printing are however increasing – each hard copy currently costs £1.30 to us. We sell spare copies at £3.00 at events and on our web site so there is still a little profit there to put into our work. We will keep the costs of printing under review.

Webmaster and Sales

The web site has had additional information added to it, although not as much as I would like - we could do with someone else to help add content to the web site. We have new 'People of the Line'

entries one of which is Thomas Storey. You will hear more about him soon but working with John Raw and the owner of Storey's house, we are currently developing an historic S&DR plaque scheme the first one of which may be fixed to Storey's house (subject to the necessary consents and funding) in St. Helen Auckland.

Reports such as the Haggerleaves Trackbed Audit and Darlington's Rail Heritage Quarter Conservation Management plan are now accessible in our online library as is the report commissioned by Historic England on the Hopetown Carriage Works in Darlington. Globes have been added too as PDFs (there is a delay of 3 months to allow members the benefit of seeing it first) and hard copies for sale.

The shop also now sells the Yarm Branch book and the Cradle of the Railways CD recorded here in Shildon. A huge amount of gratitude is due to the family of Dr Peter Holmes who have donated his surplus copies of Passenger Services of the S&DR and also his railway book collection. The books are being added to the web site shop as and when I have time, although some are being retained as they may be useful additions to the Friends' own library. We are also selling some at our events. These books from the Holmes collection have incurred no cost to us so are an excellent way of raising funds and have so far raised £97. Do have a look when you are doing your Christmas shopping. Buying second hand is better for the planet!

We were also donated Holmes' archive which included his notebooks and photograph albums from along the S&DR. We have handed over parts of this to the Ken Hoole Study Centre at the Head of Steam Museum and are in discussion with them about scanning the notebooks, transcribing them and making them available online in a joint Friends/ Museum project.

We still have a backlog from another archive donated to us – the Ibbetson Collection and this too needs to be made accessible online. Volunteers have already scanned the material.

In total the online shop has had 143 orders in the last year totalling £1874.60 (£1,621.10 net) sales.

Here is a summary of online book sales for the past year:

Globes 2

Self-guided walks booklets (full set) 8

Self guided walks booklets (singles) 10

We also sold another complete set abroad paying by IBT 1

Royal George products (cards, postcards, prints) 5

The Railway that got the World on Track 56

The Yarm Branch 15

Passenger traffic on the S&DR 4

Three Greeners of Etherley and a model steam engine 4

Timothy Hackworth & the Locomotive 3

Pre-owned books from the Peter Holmes collection 3

The web site is also a place where membership can be purchased or renewed. There were 72 orders for new or renewed membership via the online shop in the last year resulting in £720.50 net sales.

Finally, three people bought their tickets to this AGM online before September 26th.

We also sell our books at events and Jane Hackworth-Young co-ordinates this along with volunteers attending the events. Here is a list of sales at events compiled by Jane:

Titles held by the Friends:

S&DR Walk Booklets Single copies 5 87 Full Set of 8 40 Total 127

Author: George T Smith: Hartlepool Railways 1 Railway People 1 Thomas Hackworth Railway Engineer 0 Wylam 2

Three Greeners of Etherley and a model steam engine by Tom Walker 5

Timothy Hackworth & the Locomotive by Robert Young 2

Other Titles held by the Friends, administered by Trustees – the following were sold by Jane Hackworth-Young or on the Friends stall at Stockton 24.09.22:

The Globe 28. (3 of these were sold at Stockton and 4 given to Young family members - Peter has sold further copies over the year)

The S&DR – The Railway that got the World on Track 27. (10 of these were sold at Stockton/one given to Angela/Shop Locomotion)

The Yarm Branch 7 (6 of these sold at Stockton)

The web site is also the first point of contact from many people who have queries relating to the S&DR – Google has us third on the search page listing S&DR related queries. These queries are rewarding but surprisingly time consuming. In the last year most enquires were from people carrying out family history into ancestors who worked for the S&DR and through this route we are learning much more about the S&DR. Look out for future articles in The Globe and on the web site. This is also where the press approach us and people planning trips to the area.

We had a Walking the Line event along Haggerleases Line over two days in March 2022 – this fed into the trackbed audit for the line which included various management and interpretation recommendations. Thank you to all the stoic stars who attended. In February I gave a talk to the St Helen and District History Society on the significance of the S&DR and progress towards 2025. I have had some discussions with Durham and Tees Valley Music Services and Queen Victoria's Consort over creating authentic recordings of the various 'airs' performed at S&DR opening ceremonies. I have also had some preliminary meetings with film producers and regional media funders regarding S&DR/ Hackworth based films, TV programmes and documentaries and digital media for younger people. I hope to have more news on this soon.

Caroline Hardie Trustee, editor and webmaster and Jane Hackworth-Young, Vice President

7. Archivist and Researcher Report

In the last financial year, I spent more than 200 hours on research. I answered numerous enquiries from members and the public, all of which always took longer than anticipated! This often resulted in neglecting my own research! I still have not completed the transcription of the Samuel Holmes' letters, an invaluable new source of information on the S&DR.

I visited Search Engine at the NRM twice, once with cousins in order to pass over family papers and once to look at the Raisbeck Collection and to pass over my biography of the work of my father, Reginald Hackworth Young, as a Mechanical, Civil and Electrical Engineer, together with my research on the S&DR House Plaques & the setting up of both the Timothy Hackworth Museum and Locomotion. I also visited the Fitzhugh Library in Middleton and passed over records to the Shildon Railway Institute. I gave Locomotion my lists of items which went from Hackworth's house to Durham Record Office and sent Andrew McLean of the NRM our research on the engineers from abroad who visited Timothy Hackworth at Shildon between 1825 and 1830,

The biggest project has been working with our member, Maggie Pulle, in deciphering my father's research notes, which I think will be of great value to future historians.

I have drawn up the Young Family Tree, assisted Mike Norman in his research for 'Its Not Rocket Science' and written the Foreword for the book

Other S&DR research projects include the laying of the first rail, Etherley Incline, the Quakers and Stockton & Darlington Railway people, in particular those buried in St Helen's Churchyard.

There is always more to do, and I am concerned that the way in which this information is retained is not sufficient to enable easy access by future researchers.

JANE HACKWORTH-YOUNG. Researcher, Friends of the S&DR.

8. LOCAL GROUP HIGHLIGHTS (WEST TO EAST)

Report of the Etherley Incline Witton Park Colliery Group (EIWPC)

The group exists to promote and educate around the issues of the importance of the section in the west of the S&DR. The group has a working relationship with the majority of the land owners and the local parish council. It is also attempting to work closely with DCC.

To mark the 200th anniversary of the Stephensons' (father/son) original survey in October 1821, the group re-enacted this walk in October. The group continue to meet and carry out walks along sections of the route as far as St Helen. Recently the group have produced a booklet The Etherley Inclines a Short History.

John Raw, EIWPC

Report of the West Auckland and St. Helen Auckland Group (WASH)

This group continues to go forward with its efforts to educate and tidy its section. General progress has been made on several fronts. First the negatives! There has been no joint working with Northumberland/ Durham Dry Stone Walling Group as hoped. The idea to restore a section of the wall was first mooted on 1st October but 2021 funding has not been released. Second DCC WASH had really hoped for progress around the Gaunless Bridge Abutment area from DCC but despite a useful display back in February and several agreed dates,

deadlines have come and gone. The owners of the Station Masters House at St. Helen Auckland have still not been approached by DCC. There has still been no action on the graffiti first reported on 16th November 2021.

Enough gloom. On the upside, the group have formed a partnership with Northern Rivers Authority and the Brusselton Incline Group (BIG) and regular litter picks have taken place along the line. DCC now cut the grass on a timetable in St Helen Parish Church. Links have been established with the current owners of Thomas Storey's former home – the group attended an open house event there in August. A talk has been given to the St Helen and District History Society in February. Two members of the committee stood down during their term due to frustration with slow progress and new members have replaced them.

George and Cindy Alderslade have continued to restore their home which also acts as our meeting room. Several stone sleeper blocks have been put in to their garden. The Japanese knot weed on site has been tackled. The Clean Green cutback of vegetation in the trackbed aligned to Leazes Lane, St Helen Auckland during 2019 has not had a maintenance plan/follow up. An ongoing issue with scramble bikes is spasmodic. A successful event was carried out on 27th September and further events are planned.

John Raw, WASH

Report of the Brusselton Incline Group (BIG)

This report covers the period between August 2021 and October 2022 due to the group having its own AGM later than usual. Our activities through these 14 months have been principally ongoing maintenance of the sites at Brusselton and Shildon as well as exhibiting at several local events and hosting guided walks. Work at Brusselton has followed that of other years with Mark Hicks again flailing as much of the banksides as he can reach and Michael Spence continues to trim the banks on the west side of the highway. The heavy growth unable to be reached by the flail continues to be an issue which volunteers alone cannot deal with. Shildon Council regularly mow the level sections on the top of the embankment. Niall Hammond has led the initiative in pursuing a grant with DCC following the maintenance plan delivered last year. This led to a site meeting in May when details were discussed. Since then the proposed plan and grant have gone back and forth to DCC but I believe we are now at the point of agreement. This will allow us to employ contractors to carry out work which is beyond our volunteer capabilities and will include the landscaping at the Shildon Masons Arms site. The grant will span three years and I do hope that we can have work done at the latter site to ensure we get three growing seasons before the 200th anniversary in 2025.

We have input to the interpretation plans for the whole route through the Friends but still await specific details for each site including where, if any, replica Chaldron wagons are going to be located. My thanks go yet again to the small number of volunteers who regularly carry out work on the Incline and Shildon sites. Despite our Facebook membership now standing at 238 we are not attracting new volunteers.

Trevor Horner, Chair, BIG

Report of The Middleton St George S&DR Heritage Steering Group

Middleton St George S&DR Heritage Steering Group was set up in January 2020 by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Friends of S&DR and interested residents of Middleton St George in order to preserve and enhance the S&DR heritage in Middleton St George, in particular around Fighting Cocks (Fighting Cocks Heritage Hub). The work of the Steering Group has been ongoing since its inception, and has been documented. The Group may have met only once during the year, but its members have been active. Ross Chisholm spoke about

the heritage of the S&DR and its influence on the history of Middleton St George at the Annual Parish Assembly on 14 May. A revised version of the Illustrated Guide to the Fighting Cocks Heritage Hub was published and hopefully it can be made available to view on the Friends' website. The Steering Group invited senior members and officers of Darlington Borough Council to see for themselves and have explained the various projects. The Chief Executive (Ian Williams), the Assistant Director Community Services (Ian Thompson), the Deputy Leader and Holder of Local Services Portfolio (Cllr Andy Keir) and the leader of the Darlington Green Party (Cllr Matthew Snedker) attended.

The team of volunteers, led by Peter Bainbridge, met on 12 February and 3 September to help Maz Holmes, occupant of the former Station House, in her keeping the site neat, tidy and in floral splendour. They keep the loading dock wall and the crane base in good order. However, volunteers can only do so much; skilled services, corporate responsibility and financial support are needed to deliver the projects to create a legacy befitting the area's railway heritage. Maz replaced her boundary with a new fence in NER traditional style (project 2a) and was rewarded by a grant from the Friends towards the cost. Members of the Steering Group have submitted recommendations for the Conservation Area to be designated along the line. We have submitted details of a locomotive and carriages to be incorporated on the mural proposed for the garage wall (project 4). Recommendations to include several buildings and structures in a 'Local List' of buildings of interest have been submitted. The proper maintenance and management of the trackbed, features and lineside trees/vegetation are of concern and we are discussing opportunities to secure this with the consultants Tricolor Associates.

A bid is to be made by the Friends for Heritage Lottery funding for the more complex projects of the Heritage Hub, but there are outstanding issues to be resolved first, including securing contributions from housing developers Story Homes and the satisfactory transfer of land from the developers of the Sainsbury's foodstore. We can only hope that the bid can be made soon and is successful to allow work to start to get the job done in time for the 2025 celebrations.

Ross Chisholm, MSG S&DR Heritage Steering Group

Report of the Stockton Interest Group (SIG) (including the Yarm Branch Group)

Notable events originating from members of the Stockton Interest Group (SIG) of the broader FSDR in the previous year include:

"The First Rail" Film. The premiere of the film "The First Rail" took place on Monday 23 May 2022 at Stockton ARC. This date was significant, being 200 years to the day since the laying of the first rail of what was to become the Stockton & Darlington Railway took place, with great ceremony and celebration, in Stockton on Thursday 23 May 1822. The film, an animation of approximately 20 mins duration, was written and produced by members of the Friends, and is available for showing to any societies, groups, etc who would be interested. A decision on whether to make the film available publicly, for example, on YouTube) is pending following discussions on the possibility of entering the film around the film festival circuit.

A special beer – "First Rail Ale" - was brewed in support by Three Brothers Brewery of Stockton. A strong "Olde English Ale" in style, only five casks were produced.

Locomotion No 1 Model

Ownership of the full-size model of Locomotion No 1 has been transferred from the University of Durham to the Friends, who intend to conduct a full refurbishment. As an interim measure, the model has been placed in temporary storage at Stockton Borough Council's Bridge Road

Depot, very close to the destination of the first train, pulled by the real Locomotion No 1 of course, in 1825.

Stockton 197 – Celebrating the 197th Birthday of the S&DR – Saturday 24 September 2022
Following the success of the Stockton 196 event last year, Stockton Borough Council asked that we repeat the event this year (and likely future years in the run-up to 2025). The focal point of the event was as ever a marquee in Stockton High Street housing a railway-themed market. A slight change of location means that the marquee was smaller than last year, leading to a reduction in the number of traders / exhibitors accommodated. The marquee was however fully populated, with the centre-piece being a large interactive “Thomas” model railway layout from the “Sodor Appreciation Society”.

New Book – “S&DR - The Yarm Branch”

Three years of work by a number of Friends (known as the Yarm Branch Study Group), led to a new book being launched on Wednesday 27 July 2022 at the Cleveland Bay, Eaglescliffe. The book gives a detailed history of the 1825 S&DR ‘Yarm Branch’ which ran from the present-day Allens West station to the present-day Cleveland Bay. Produced in partnership with the Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society (CIAS) the 120-page book retails at a cover price of £15 and is available at Friends events, and via the Friends web site at www.sdr1825.org.uk

Barry Thompson, SIG and Trustee.

8. Financial Statement.

Profit and Loss Account to 26 September 2022 shows a loss for the year of £428.71

The Balance Sheet as at the same date, there are reserves of £29,640.48, of which there is £16,490.44 of projects still to be spent. The Charity is in a healthy financial position.

Income and Expenditure FY Year 27/09/2021 to 26/09/2022

Income	20,218.82
Expenditure	20,647.53
Balance	-428.71

Balance sheet year - 27/09/2021 to 26/09/2022 september

Current Account - 26/09/2022	29,640.48
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FINANCED BY:

Revenue Reserve 2017/2018	2,359.98
Revenue Reserve 2018/2019	3,983.05
Revenue Reserve 2019/2020	625.07
Revenue Reserve 2020/2021	23,101.09
Revenue Reserve 2021/2022	-428.71

<u>Total</u>	<u>29,640.48</u>
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Ian Ross, Treasurer

THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1177252

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1177252

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year 27/09/2020 to 26/09/2021**

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway.

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1. Introduction

This second Annual Report is an account of the activities of the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway (FSDR), for the year 27th September 2020 to 26th September 2021. The FSDR year runs from the anniversary of the opening of the railway on 27th September 1825.

The Friends became a constituted group in 2013 and a registered charity in 2018. The particular legal form of the charity is as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

This Annual Report reflects a second year of the COVID pandemic, which once again curtailed some of our work and events, although volunteer groups did meet and our participation in numerous working groups with partners in local authorities and government agencies continued. The ability to hold volunteer maintenance and to enjoy exercise, fresh air and nature was limited at times, but members and the public through our guided walks programme took advantage of our activities where regulations permitted.

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public about the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) and its seminal role in the development of the modern railway through its national and international influence and the conservation of the structures, archives and artefacts of the S&DR.
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2. Acknowledgements.

As ever, the work of the FSDR would not be possible without the significant support and work of many people. We work with many individuals, communities, and organisations and while there is always a danger in missing out someone, we would in particular like to thank the following for continued support and participation;

- The Trustees and our many other volunteers within our Area Groups, those who attend our meetings and events, or simply follow us on Facebook. Those, whose physical and administrative tasks have kept the charity growing and our objectives to be worked towards.
- The staff and elected members of Durham County Council staff, Darlington Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council and the Tees Valley Combined Authority who continue to support us in our efforts and to work in partnership.
- The local organisations, businesses and communities along the S&DR who have provided us with physical help and support.
- To those who have provided funding for our work, in particular this year Historic England for Capacity Grant Funding through the S&DR Heritage Action Zone; and to the Culture Recovery Fund and staff at the National Lottery Heritage Fund for support during a difficult time.

3. Chair's Report.

The last year has been exceptionally hard for all of us as the Covid pandemic has made life at the least difficult and for some brought tragedy and heartbreak and I offer my best wishes to all who have been affected. Against this background of lock-downs and self-isolation the work of the Friends of the S&DR and our many partners has continued as we look forward to and try to plan for better times ahead.

Our membership continues to hold steady and I pay thanks to all of those volunteers along the 26 miles who continue to celebrate our rail heritage in whatever way they can, be it through repair works, guided walks, litter picking, tree planting or just trying to enthuse their neighbours and relatives to get involved. While all of these efforts should be applauded special mention this last year should go to the Brusselton Incline Group for their fantastic installation of sleeper blocks, rails and interpretation at the Masons' Arms Crossing in Shildon, and to supporters at Middleton St George with the on-going clearance and landscaping works at Fighting Cocks.

Much of the work of myself and the Trustees is not so obvious but is absolutely essential in building partnerships, commenting on and steering planning applications along the line and providing guidance on solid factual information on the S&DR and early railways to ensure our story is told properly.

In particular we are now not only members of the wider S&DR Rail Heritage Board, but also the Executive group along with Durham, Darlington and Stockton councils, the TVCA and Historic England. The Exec group steers the wide range of projects for 2025 and the legacy it will provide beyond. Two key current projects are the Branding and Interpretation Strategy being undertaken by Bright White Consultants of York, and the S&DR Economic Impact Assessment by Hatch Associates. The branding work will deliver an overall style/design of interpretation along the line linking the 26 miles as one continuous story for the first time. Initial designs will be complete later in 2021 with hopefully the first on the ground installations in late 2022. The EIA work is a statistical wonder, but its primary task is to provide hard evidence for funders and decision makers that if significant sums of money are spent on the S&DR this will have real socio-economic benefits for the communities and business along the line and wider region. It will be a powerful tool in gaining support in future years.

We were awarded a substantial grant from the Culture Recovery Fund (CRF) early in 2021 and this has allowed us to undertake detailed studies of fund-raising opportunities, volunteering, business planning and re-designing our website which now includes a substantial archive section of documents, maps and photos...it is the place to go for S&DR information. We also used the CRF funding to look at our future business planning and on a practical level buy some PPE, tools, display boards and a marquee for use at events.

We are also fortunate to be receiving grant aid for specific projects from Historic England through a three-year capacity grant delivered through the Heritage Action Zone. This is allowing us to look at and address issues such as heritage crime and education, start surveys of some of the smaller branch lines and produce what will hopefully be a definitive, well referenced but engaging booklet on just why the S&DR is so important and which will be used to help develop an education programme and teaching aids.

Aside from our own direct work, we're also working with and supporting a wide range of likeminded people such as the Stories Along the Line Project with Citizen Songwriters and Shildon Heritage Alliance with the 'Save our Stute' campaign.

The last year has seen some controversial and quite frankly very disappointing developments. The decision made by the Science Museum Group through the National Railway Museum to

not re-new the loan of Locomotion No.1 to Darlington proved not unexpectedly controversial. After carefully examining the legal position on ownership, the FSDR Trustees decide to remain neutral on the matter. While acknowledging the deep emotional and cultural symbolism of No.1 being in Darlington, our concern is for the whole 26 miles. We engaged with all those involved in a number of phone calls and emails and ultimately the solution of confirmed loans, including the 1975 replica, from the NRM/Beamish to Darlington and the return of No.1 for the first 6 months of 2025, appeared a successful compromise. It did sadden us that this situation arose at all at such short notice and we hope partners will in future discuss such matters on a longer timetable to allow a sensible debate. I would also like to assure FSDR members that at no time did your trustees express an opinion for or against Shildon or Darlington, a misunderstanding in NRM internal emails set this rabbit running and we have since received an apology and clarification on this matter from the NRM.

The other deeply disappointing development of the last year was the granting of planning permission by Darlington Council to allow the Fighting Cocks pub to be turned into a convenience store. The early railway Inns of the S&DR are of considerable significance to its heritage and the loss of the Fighting Cocks was fiercely fought by ourselves and local groups. We are on record at being appalled by this poor decision by DBC but once granted there are no avenues for us to pursue to have it overturned. On a more positive note we continue to work with a number of partners at Fighting Cocks to see some significant restoration of railway character and interpretation.

There is a growing amount of correspondence from other heritage railways about what is happening in 2025 and how can they join in. In particular we now have an active correspondence with the Tanfield and Stainmore railways. To help spread the word we have also joined the Heritage Railway Association (<https://www.hra.uk.com/>). Again to help with support and advice we have also become members of the <https://www.heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/>.

While we value all our members, I feel I ought to make a special mention of Brendan Boyle who we sadly lost after a long illness this year. Many of you will be familiar with his well-researched articles in the Globe, especially those on railway taverns where his twin loves of railways and beer met. Brendan will be sadly missed. On a positive note much of his research together with information from many other members is currently being passed onto Historic England, where their casework officer Eric Brance-Instone is reviewing legal protection for S&DR buildings and structures. This has recently seen Hackworth's House and the Coal Drops at Shildon elevated to Grade II*, with other buildings added to the list for the first time. In a related project two casework officers have been appointed to talk to communities about 'local listing', buildings not quite important enough for national designation, but which should be identified and protected through the planning process. Look out for more on this from September through to January 22.

Looking forward to the next year there are potentially some exciting developments. We are working on a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Darlington Council to provide substantial support for our work along the line, Durham County Council should hear in October about a bid for 'Levelling Up' grant which will help build the S&DR walking/cycling route and restore some key buildings, and survey work is underway at Edward Pease's house on Northgate to inform a restoration. Also during the next year outline plans for the events of 2025 such as an international exhibition of early locomotives should become clearer. In our own work we hope to help the research of our members on the Yarm branch line become

published and undertake research on branch lines, Quakers and the early history of this the most significant of railways.

Every year I'm amazed at the passion and time given by our volunteers and there are frankly too many people to thank individually, but my gratitude in particular goes to our trustees who work incredibly hard and without whom we wouldn't be pushing forward with such great promise as we are.

Niall Hammond, Chair, Friends of the S&DR.

4.Membership Secretary's Report

Ordinary Members – 140 including 3 lapsed members who re-joined and 26 new members.

Corporate Members – 19 including 1 new member.

Fees & Donations:-

Ordinary Members - £3386.49 (including donations of £1803)

Corporate Members - £950

Total £4336.49

An increase of £1422.49 on previous year.

Membership renewal invitations were issued to Ordinary Members on 02.08.2021

Membership renewal invitations were issued to Corporate Members on 01.08.2021.

Renewal date is 27.09.2021.

Peter Bainbridge

Membership Secretary

5. Planning Officer's Report

1. It is the job of the planning system, through Local Plan policies and decisions on planning applications, to serve the aims and objectives of the Rail Heritage Board and facilitate the proposals of the Programme and Delivery Plan of the Heritage Action Zone. Throughout the last year, the Friends have continued to ensure the protection, enhancement and promotion of the S&DR by responding to opportunities to comment on emerging Local Plans, on other studies and on planning applications.
2. All three Local Plans (Durham County, Darlington Borough and Stockton Borough) contain a specific policy for the S&DR and we have submitted comments in support of them at all stages in the consultation process. The Stockton Plan was formally adopted in 2019; the Durham County Plan followed in October last year. Darlington Council submitted its

Draft Plan to the Secretary of State in August 2020; the Examination on Public commenced last May and will resume later this month to consider modifications. We have drawn attention to the absence of the Coal Depot Branch and errors in plotting the Croft Branch on the proposed Policies Maps.

3. We have responded to a number of planning applications, but with less success than in previous years.
4. The biggest disappointment came in early June when Darlington Council's Planning Committee approved the conversion and extension of Platform 1 pub, formerly the Fighting Cocks Inn, to a Sainsbury's food store. This was approved, despite the contrary recommendations of the Council's Conservation Officer and opposition from the residents of Middleton St George, the Parish Council, the community group proposing to buy out the pub and ourselves. The conduct of the meeting, the misinformation provided by the officers and the lack of understanding by some of the committee raises a number of questions that need to be addressed if future catastrophes are to be avoided.
5. Elsewhere our request for minor alterations to other proposals were not taken up by the officers, resulting in missed opportunities at Gainford, Whessoe Road, the former S&DR new town at Middlesbrough, Layfield House and 704-706 Yarm Road (both at Eaglescliffe).
6. We have commented on other applications, which at the time of writing, have yet to be decided. These include the proposals for the North Road Rail Heritage Quarter and for the major enhancement of Bank Top Station. We have objected to development alongside the Etherley Incline and to proposals to extend private gardens on to the Croft Branch at Hurworth Place. We can only wait and see if our submissions are to be successful.
7. There is now concern that some Council planning officers may not be giving sufficient importance to their policies to protect, enhance and promote the heritage assets of the S&DR in dealing with developers and their planning applications. This could be seen to conflict with their Council's involvement and commitment in delivering the objectives and projects of the Heritage Action Zone. The Rail Heritage Board should be asked to take this up with the respective Councils.
8. Since the AGM in December 2020 I have logged approximately 175 hours in performing my duties as planning officer. This includes time spent on monitoring the three Councils' online planning registers for applications on or adjacent, to the S&DR and its branch lines; identifying any issues which need to be addressed, visiting the sites and submitting comments after consulting the Trustees and Friends. In some cases there are meetings with developers and negotiations to modify the proposals to resolve any problems. I also prepared for, attended and spoke at Darlington's Planning Applications Committees regarding the application to change the Platform 1 pub into a food store.
9. I am again very grateful for help given to me by individual Friends and those in the various local interest groups, BIG, SIG etc, for their local knowledge, visiting sites, taking photographs, talking to local residents and notifying me of any issues they come across whilst 'out there' and think needs attention.

Ross Chisholm, Planning Officer and Trustee

6. Research & Archives Officer's Report

I am in regular contact with Search Engine, NRM, York and confirm that the papers of John Wesley Hackworth & the proposed Foreword (75 pages) to 'Timothy Hackworth & the Locomotive' (not used) which the family has donated have now been catalogued with 80 scans made of letters. *Ref: Hackworth Family Archive* and accessible on line.

My work from 27th September 2021 in that year was mainly on research for the films the Friends produced and for the HAZ Festival (1) events¹, culminating in my virtual talk 'The Hackworth Brothers' on 31st October 2021.

Since then I have worked with the Friends on Historic England Listings for the buildings at Locomotion which resulted in three being raised to Grade2* & three others Grade2. I am now working with a student in amassing information for the display panels.

I have continued to carry out research on people who worked on the S&DR, the House Plaques and the inclines. I have completed transcribing the 'Young' letters of the 1880's which will go to Search Engine and continued work on transcribing the Samuel Holmes' Letters² (2) with the intention that I will complete this task by the end of 2021.

I have provided information to various authors and for article in 'The Globe' and have proof read a number of books and papers.

I am currently doing a complete search of the graves at St John's Church in Shildon in association with the 1954 plan when all gravestones were in place (report to follow).

JANE HACKWORTH-YOUNG

Researcher, Friends of the S&DR.

¹ The Friends of the S&DR is not taking part in the imminent HAZ Festival this year and members need to consider if the Friends should take part next.

² Samuel Holmes was a grandson of Timothy, who like many members of the family, went to America and was involved in setting up Railway Companies or working for them. Samuel assisted his cousin, Robert Young (another of Timothy's grandsons) in his research for 'Timothy Hackworth & the Locomotive'.

7. Financial Statement.

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

YEAR - 27/09/2020 to 26/09/2021

Year to Date
September

INCOME:-

£

Membership Subscription and Donations

5,427.99

Sale of Publications

601.28

Gift Aid Recovered

646.12

Projects (reserved) Income

36,529.00

43,204.39

Less: Expenditure

£

Administration Expenses

322.21

Printing and Stationary

1,163.88

Projects (reserved) expenditure

21,437.21

22,923.30

Surplus/(Deficit)

20,281.09

Reserves brought forward

9,788.10

Reserves carried forward

30,069.19

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

BALANCE SHEET

YEAR - 27/09/2020 to 26/09/2021

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CURRENT ASSETS:

£

Current Account - 26/09/2021

30,069.19

CURRENT ASSETS:-

Debtors:-

Non

30,069.19

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

£

Non

FINANCED BY:

Revenue Reserve 2017/2018

2,359.98

Revenue Reserve 2018/2019

3,983.05

Revenue Reserve 2019/2020

625.07

Revenue Reserve 2019/2020

2,820.00

Revenue Reserve 2020/2021

20,281.09

30,069.19

NB:- Outstanding Reserved Funds balance

17,911.79

Agreed by the Trustees 5 December 2022

8. Independent Examiner's Report

EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

I report on the accounts of the Charity, registration no. 1177252, The Friends Of The Stockton & Darlington Railway, (FSDR) for the year ended 26 September 2021 which are as set out on the enclosed pages.

Respective Responsibilities of FSDR Trustees and Examiner

The FSDR members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the FSDR 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 you as members 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 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:

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 2011 Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

T J Hardman
CTA

7 Elvet Waterside
Durham DH1 3DA
6 December 2022

THE FRIENDS OF THE STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

England & Wales - Charity number 1177252

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 27/9/2019 Period start date To 26/9/2020 Period end date

Charity name: Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

Charity registration number: 1177252

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public about the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) and its seminal role in the development of the modern railway through its national and international influence and the conservation of the structures, archives and artefacts of the S&DR.
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	Much of our work concerns working with partners in local government and statutory agencies. This is provided on a purely voluntary basis by trustees working with local authority planners, the Rail Heritage Board and Executive group. Volunteer groups and members also provide guided walks and maintenance of key heritage sites. Our expenditure in this period has included funding studies for conservation purposes at Brusselton Reservoir and Fighting Cocks, the printing of guided walks booklets and a feasibility study for a heritage engineering project to re-build an early railway engine replica 'Royal George'
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Our trustees and officers are aware of the guidance on public benefit and the requirements of this are taken into account when decisions are made.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Considered on a case by case basis by trustees and informed by our charitable objective and constitution.
Policy on social investment including program related	Para 1.38	None at present

investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Voluntary hours are recorded.
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	Much of our work at present concerns working with partners in local government and statutory agencies to help shape and influence plans and spending on conserving the built heritage of the S&DR. To this end we have contributed to the design and development of the proposed S&DR walking/cycling route; branding and interpretation strategy and events programmes. We have monitored planning applications and engaged with planning authorities and developers to ensure heritage is preserved wherever possible. We have ensured that local plans for Durham, Darlington and Stockton all include policies to protect the S&DR. We have undertaken research and published this in our journal the Globe, issued 3 times during the year. We continue to foster and support local groups along the line to maintain and care for their areas. We have undertaken two research and management projects at Fighting Cocks and Brusselton Reservoir.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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	The charity continues to prosper with membership growing and fees playing a significant part in our core income, supplemented by the sale of guide books. Expenses have largely involved room hire for meetings, printing, insurance and membership of professional bodies such as the Heritage Alliance. Some small amount of reasonable expenses have been paid to trustees and volunteers to assist with materials and transport. The charity accepted some small donations from amongst others Glaxo. A small contract was let in partnership with Middleton St George Parish council for the undertaking of a Statement of Significance for the Fighting Cocks pub to explore community purchase and planning matters.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves for two reasons. We have restricted reserves which are the result of grant aid from outside bodies for specific purposes related to our charitable objectives. We have unrestricted reserves largely accrued through membership fees and which allow us to carry out our basic duties and pay for required items such as public liability insurance. Unrestricted reserves are allocated as the need arises on a case by case base to fulfil our charitable objectives.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9788.10
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees elected by membership at AGM to serve initial three year terms. Post holders elected from within and by the elected trustees.

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	Friends of the Stockton & Darling Railway
Other name the charity uses	FSDR
Registered charity number	1177252
Charity's principal address	The Secretary Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway 5, Whitebridge Drive Whinfield Park Darlington DL1 3TY

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	Patricia Ann Pemberton	Chair		n/a
2	Niall Hardie-Hammond	Vice Chair		n/a
3	Alan Macnab	Secretary		n/a
4	James Barry Thompson	Trustee		n/a
5	Michael Francis Renton	Trustee		n/a
6	Peter Bainbridge	Trustee		n/a
7	Norman Jeffrey Hugill	Trustee		n/a
8	Alan Robson Townsend	Trustee		n/a
9	Ross Chisholm	Trustee		n/a
10	Caroline Hardie	Trustee		n/a

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

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

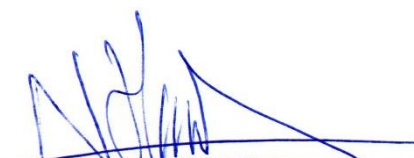
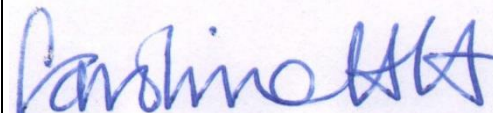
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Declarations

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)

Niall Hardie-Hammond	Caroline Hardie
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Vice Chair	Trustee
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Date

26/7/2021

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT****SEPTEMBER****YEAR - 27/09/2019 to 26/09/2020**

	Year to Date September	Year to Date August	Month September
	£	£	£
INCOME:-			
Anniversary income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Subscription and Donations	2,217.00	1,823.00	394.00
Sale of Walk Booklets	674.50	674.50	0.00
Sale of The Globe	15.00	15.00	0.00
Raffle/Talks Proceeds	100.00	100.00	0.00
Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amazon	33.04	33.04	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Groundwork NE	800.00	800.00	0.00
	3,839.54	3,445.54	394.00
Less: Expenditure	£	£	
Anniversary Expenses	53.91	0.00	53.91
Room Hire	100.00	100.00	0.00
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	165.00	165.00	0.00
Insurance	63.53	0.00	63.53
Officers Expenses	260.69	260.69	0.00
Event Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing/Books/Miscellaneous	1,971.34	1,771.34	200.00
Groundwork NE - Shildon TC	600.00	600.00	0.00
	3,214.47	2,897.03	317.44
Surplus/(Deficit)	625.07	548.51	76.56

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

BALANCE SHEET

YEAR - 27/09/2019 to 26/09/2020

SEPTEMBER

CURRENT ASSETS:

£

Current Account - 26/09/2020

9,788.10

CURRENT ASSETS:-

Debtors:-

Non

9,788.10

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

£

Projects:-

Groundwork NE

0.00

Thornaby TC

0.00

Brussleton Reservoir Conservation Management Plan & Training

400.00

Historic England Heritage School Project

2,845.00

Fighting Cocks Project

-500.00

Royal George Project

75.00

FINANCED BY:

Revenue Reserve 2017/2018

2,359.98

Revenue Reserve 2018/2019

3,983.05

Revenue Reserve 2019/2020

625.07

9,788.10

Difference

0.00

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

CASH BOOK

YEAR - 27/09/2019 to 26/09/2020

INCOME

Date	Source	Reference	Total	Celebrations	Subscriptions & Donations	Book Sales Walks, etc	Sale of The Globe	Raffle/Talks	Grants	Amazon	Miscellaneous	B/S - Projects
27.09.2018	Carry Forward from 2018-19		£6,343.03									
04.10.2019	Walk Book Sales	DrCr	£33.00			£33.00						
06.10.2019	Walk Book Sales	100041	£74.75			£74.75						
15.10.2019	West Auck PC	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
21.10.2019	SMG	Dr Cr	£50.00		£50.00							
25.10.2019	Hitachi Rail Ltd	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
30.10.2019	Walk Book Sales	100042	£100.00			£100.00						
30.10.2019	Talk - The Hackworth Brothers	100042	£30.00					£30.00				
31.10.2019	Groundwork NE	DrCr	£800.00									£800.00
01.11.2019	Barbara Clare	SO	£15.00		£15.00							
04.11.2019	Thornaby Town CE	DrCr	£400.00		£400.00							
18.11.2019	Amazon Core	DrCr	£6.84							£6.84		
02.12.2019	Barbara Clare	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
03.12.2019	Book Sales	100043	£145.00			£145.00						
02.01.2020	Barbara Clare	SO	£15.00		£15.00							
02.01.2020	M Vickers	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
02.01.2020	Total Washroom Service	DrCr	£40.00		£40.00							
03.01.2020	Book Sales Caroline/Jonathan	DrCr	£15.00			£15.00						
09.01.2020	Book Sales	100044	£15.00			£15.00						
10.01.2020	P K Fazakerley	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
27.01.2020	Donation and subscriptions	Thornaby TC	£316.00		£316.00							
27.01.2020	Caroline - Advert in Globe	DrCr	£15.00				£15.00					
28.01.2020	Durham Wildlife Trust	DrCr	£1,400.00									£1,400.00
31.01.2020	Heighington Station	100046	£100.00		£100.00							
03.02.2020	B Clare	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
17.02.202	Glavo Care Community - donation	DrCr	£100.00		£100.00							
19.02.202	Walk Book Sales/Talk Fee	100046	£150.00			£130.00		£20.00				
19.02.2020	Royal George Pictures	100046	£55.00			£55.00						
20.02.2020	Amazon Europe Core	DrCr	£9.94							£9.94		
20.02.2020	Middleton St George PA	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
21.02.2020	Historic England	DrCr	£3,000.00									£3,000.00
02.03.2020	B Clare	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
02.03.2020	Stockton on Tees	Dr Cr	£85.00		£85.00							
13.03.2020	Sale of Royal George Pictures	100047	£15.00			£15.00						
13.03.2020	Trish Pemberton - talk	100047	£50.00					£50.00				
16.03.2020	G Birse - Subs	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
16.03.2020	Thornaby Branch - Subs/Donation	DrCr	£20.00		£20.00							
30.03.2020	Middleton St George Parish Council	DrCr	£500.00									£500.00
01.04.2020	B Clare	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
01.05.202	B Clare	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
21.05.2020	Amazon Europe Core	DrCr	£7.67							£7.67		
01.06.2020	B Clare	SO	£15.00		£15.00							
01.07.2020	B Clare	SO	£15.00		£15.00							
10.07.2020	Thornaby Town CE	DrCr	£30.00		£30.00							
03.08.2020	B Clare	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
03.08.2020	D Reynolds	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
03.08.2020	West Park PC	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
04.08.2020	Mrs CL & Mr JMB	DrCr	£20.00		£20.00							
04.08.2020	Mr Boyle BJ/CA	DrCr	£32.00		£32.00							
06.08.2020	P Heslop	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
07.08.2020	Lesley Frankland	DrCr	£20.00		£20.00							
10.08.2020	Mrs S Nixon	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
10.08.2020	M Midman	DrCr	£20.00		£20.00							
10.08.2020	Project	DrCr	£75.00									£75.00
13.08.2020	Amazon Europe Core	DrCr	£8.59							£8.59		
18.08.202	Great Ayton TC	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
21.08.202	James Thompson	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
25.08.202	Eggles & Eagle	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
27.08.202	Book Sales	100048	£91.75			£91.75						
01.09.2020	I Ross	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
01.09.2020	Craig Adamson	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
01.09.2020	Barbara Clare	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
01.09.2020	A1 Steam Locomotiv	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
04.09.2020	Dennis Rigg	DrCr	£20.00		£20.00							
04.09.2020	Thornaby TC	DrCr	£20.00		£20.00							
08.09.2020	Weardale Che	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
09.09.2020	M Vickers	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
09.09.2020	Middridge Parish	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
14.09.2020	R Cowan	DrCr	£15.00		£15.00							
15.09.2020	Middleton hall Ltd	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
16.09.2020	D Broadbent	DrCr	£10.00		£10.00							
21.09.2020	Paul Boden	DrCr	£10.00		£10.00							
21.09.2020	Mercury3 Consult Ltd	DrCr	£50.00		£50.00							
24.09.2020	S Macnab	DrCr	£24.00		£24.00							
25.09.2020	D Chisholm	DrCr	£20.00		£20.00							
	Total		£8,814.54	£0.00	£2,217.00	£674.50	£15.00	£100.00	£0.00	£33.04	£0.00	£5,775.00

Not Processed	
	£0.00

EXPENDITURE

Date	Supplier	Cheque No./Ref	Total	Celebrations	Room Hire	Training	Subscriptions	Insurance	Officers Expenses	Event Fees	Printing/Books/Misc	Projects B/S
09.10.2019	M Peagram	Online	£320.57								£320.57	
09.10.2019	Newton Press	Online	£814.60								£814.60	
30.10.2019	Walk Book Costs	100042	£70.00								£70.00	
08.11.2019	Room Hire Oct & Nov	Online	£40.00		£40.00							
26.11.2019	Heritage Alliance - Annual subscription	Online	£165.00				£165.00					
03.12.2019	Printing	100043	£80.00								£80.00	
05.12.2019	Shildon TC - survey costs	Online	£600.00									£600.00
09.12.2019	Room Hire Dec	Online	£20.00		£20.00							
09.12.2019	Trustees expenses - Trish	Online	£42.99						£42.99			
09.12.2019	Expenses - John Wilson	Online	£84.00						£84.00			
23.12.2019	Linton Printers	Online	£90.00								£90.00	
21.01.2020	Print Display	Online	£71.28								£71.28	
07.02.2020	Room Hire January	Online	£20.00		£20.00							
17.02.2020	Royal George Print - cello bags	Online	£7.49								£7.49	
19.02.2020	Walk Books - print costs	100046	£40.00								£40.00	
03.03.2020	Archaeo Environ	Online	£1,000.00									£1,000.00
03.03.2020	T Pemberton	Online	£133.70						£133.70			
03.03.2020	Historic England Heritage Schools project	Online	£85.00									£85.00
03.03.2020	Print Display & School Display	Online	£122.40								£122.40	
11.03.2020	Room Hire February	Online	£20.00		£20.00							
11.03.202	Historic England Heritage Schools project	Online	£70.00									£70.00
15.04.2020	Archaeo Environment Lts	Online	£1,000.00									£1,000.00
13.05.2020	Lintons Printers	Online	£60.00								£60.00	
13.08.202	Linton Printers	Online	£55.00								£55.00	
27.08.2020	Parrot Printing	100048	£40.00								£40.00	
01.09.2020	Angela Pickering - Table Covers	Online	£53.91	£53.91								
21.09.2020	Middleton St George Re Platform 1	Online	£200.00								£200.00	
23.09.2020	Insurance - Zurich	Online	£63.53					£63.53				
			£5,369.47	£53.91	£100.00	£0.00	£165.00	£63.53	£260.69	£0.00	£1,971.34	£2,755.00

Opening Balance	£6,343.03
Income	£8,814.54
Expenditure	£5,369.47
Balance	£9,788.10

Processed -	
	£0.00

Adjusted Cash Book £9,788.10

FRIENDS OF THE STOCTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY

BANK RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER

YEAR - 27/09/2019 to 26/09/2020

£

Balance per Bank Account statement 26/09/2020

9,788.10

Add:-

Receipts not banked:-

9,788.10

Less:-

Expenditure processed:-

0.00

Adjusted Balance

9,788.10

Balance per Cash Book

9,788.10

Difference

0.00