



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1 1 2021

To

31 12 2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY SOCIETY

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1177413

Charity's principal address

25, Byron Way,

Melton Mowbray,

Leicestershire

Postcode

LE13 1NY

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	Ian R Bendall	Chairman		
2	Andrew C Smith	Treasurer		
3	Huw Williams	Secretary		
4	Colin Billingham			
5	A Roy Etherington		1/1/2021 to 9/8/2021	
6	Cliff Shepherd			
7	Christopher G Down		12/8/2021 onwards	
8	Peter Stamper		7/9/2021 onwards	
9	John N Middleton		7/9/2021 onwards	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

no paid staff

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

constitution

How the charity is constituted

society / association

Trustee selection methods

elected annually at Society AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The publication of books, magazines and newsletters on all aspects of industrial railways and locomotives.

The provision of a comprehensive Archive consisting of books, drawings, photographs and maps etc. covering all aspects of industrial railways and locomotives.

Visits to industrial railway sites.

The dissemination of historical information about industrial railways and locomotives.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trustees, with due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, make available to the public information on all aspects of industrial railways and locomotives via:

- general sale of its publications, including, where appropriate, donation to local or county library services
- arranging and publicising open days at its Archive and also allowing access by personal arrangement with the Archivist
- the sale of surplus copies of its magazines and newsletters at sales stands, via its E-shop and by post
- the sale of surplus copies of copyright photographs at sales stands
- cooperating with like minded bodies, for example, within the Heritage Railway industry by, inter alia; distributing flyers notifying events or appeals appertaining to industrial railway locomotives etc.; advertising within its newsletters events of industrial railway interest organised by other bodies
- making available copies of technical documents from its Technical Library to interested parties; for example those restoring former industrial locomotives
- the donation of material acquired by the Society which is not core to its aims and objectives to appropriate bodies which may be charitable institutions or public bodies such as libraries or archives

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

As well as the Officers and Trustees of the Society, a massive contribution is made by members who volunteer to assist in many areas to help the Society run smoothly. This work includes:

- administration associated with the annual membership subscription renewal
- assisting on the Society sales stand at galas and open days
- cataloguing maps, drawings and material in our Archive
- providing labour and transport to collected materials bequeathed to the Society [usually several van loads per bequest]
- scanning photographs
- identifying the subject matter of photographs
- arranging visits to industrial railways
- authorship and/or editorship of publications
- producing maps for publications
- formatting and setting page layouts for publications
- research to assist the authors and editors of publications

Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise, the Society could not have achieved the reputation and standing which it has and continues to hold.

A conservative estimate is that some 75 members (8%) actively contribute in this way.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Society has published three new books during the year. The final volume in the series on county Durham; *Industrial Railways and Locomotives of Durham*, Part 3 completes a comprehensive history of non-main line railways in the county.

Kerr, Stuart Water Tube Boiler Geared Locomotives is an authoritative technical treatise which covers a small number of machines constructed to an unique design by this manufacturer; whilst still remaining easy to read and understand to the lay person.

An updated and much expanded edition of the Society's 'Decauville Works List' has become the first truly bi-lingual book published by the Society, with a text and photographic captions in French as well as English.

Four issues of the Society magazine, the **Industrial Railway Record**, numbers 244 to 247, were published during the year and distributed to members as part of their annual subscription.

Additional copies of each issue are printed for sale to the general public and there is a continuous demand for back issues which the Society sales team endeavour to meet.

Six 36 page Bulletins with UK and Society domestic news and four reduced size Bulletins of Overseas News were distributed to members. Spare copies of these are offered for sale to the general public at the various Society sales stands throughout the year.

Towards the latter part of the year it became possible to arrange a small number of visits for members to industrial and private railway sites. The four visits possible were well patronised and one allowed the Society to establish a relationship with management and residents at one of Her Majesty's Prisons, where we were able to provide background historical information to residents researching the history of the industrial railway formerly in use there.

Copies of scanned documents from the Society's Technical Library were made available to the Yorkshire Wolds Railway and the Invergarry & Fort Augustus Railway Museum to aid with the restoration of locomotives in their care.

A storage unit at Sheffield, used for the deep storage of little accessed documents in the Archive and the Technical Library, has been given up and a suitably modified container storage unit leased at a lower cost adjacent to the Archive, making access easier and reducing the need to travel to retrieve items required for inspection, saving both time and CO2 emissions.

Many enquiries for information from the general public come in to our volunteers whilst staffing our sales stand at galas and open days. These are followed up and passed to the appropriate officer to respond to. When postal and e-mail queries are added in, a total of 56 historical enquiries were received and dealt with during the year.

A donation of signing on books and Minute Books relating to Wharfedale Silkstone Colliery was made from the Archive to Sheffield City Archive, consolidating that material with other material relating to the colliery already held by Sheffield City Archive.

Covid-19 restrictions have severely restricted access to our Archive, both for members and the general public, during the year. However, once restrictions were relaxed, a Covid compliant system was introduced to permit, albeit limited, access under controlled conditions.

Section D

Achievements and performance

In planning our activities for the year we are mindful of reaching a greater audience than just our membership and bringing information into the public domain regarding industrial railway topics, both historic and current.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Surplus funds from the sale of publications go to funding the production of the next publication.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

In planning our activities we are mindful of encouraging the younger generation (teenage and upwards) and making them aware of our industrial history, the part played by the industrial railway and locomotive, mechanical engineering, the industrial processes that required these railways to move raw materials, semi-finished and finished goods and of what is still available to see and visit today.

We also wish to educate the wider public on the part played by industrial railways, especially in their local community. It can be very rewarding when a community refers to "their" old engine that worked in the local mine, quarry or power station.

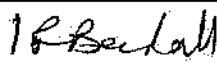
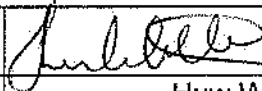
The Annual General Meeting returned to its 'normal' format, with the meeting combined with a visit to a Heritage Railway, the Chasewater Railway, with which the Society has strong links deriving from a common genesis. All members were circulated, as usual, with Officers' reports via the normal bi-monthly distribution, both postal and electronic. Members were encouraged to vote by proxy, both via post and electronically and the total number of proxy votes cast was 48 whilst 57 members attended in person.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ian Robert Bendall	Huw Williams
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	10/5/2022	

INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY SOCIETY ACCOUNTS for 2021

RECEIPTS

Sales of Books etc	55748.43
Membership Fees	25924.09
Donations Received - Gift Aid	339.32
Donations Received - Non Gift Aid	10.00
Investment Income	743.95
Other Income	1301.40

RECEIPTS

84067.19

PAYMENTS

IRS Books Production & Printing	23772.80
Other Publishers Books purchascd	8113.36
Postage & Packing - Sales	6475.37

COST OF BOOK SALES

38361.53

IRS Bulletin Production & Printing	9504.95
IRS RECORD Production & Printing	7098.49
Posting - Membership Items	5603.79

COST OF SERVICING MEMERTSHIP

22207.23

Management & Admin - Bank Charges & Eshop	1922.52
Computers & Software Charges	3113.52
Advertising & Publicity	184.00
Chasewater Seat	370.00
Premises costs - rentals, fixtures and removal costs	9501.60
Heat, Light and Power	165.26
AGM & Visits Expenses	1385.00
Telephone Calls	67.40
Committee Expenses	82.45
Mileage Claims	476.84
Insurance	1046.04
Stationery	587.52
Donations Made- Chasewater	550.00
Suspense & Mispostings - unidentified receipt	-710.88

OTHER COSTS

18741.27

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS

4757.16

Andrew Smith, Hon. Treasurer
Malvern, 3/2/2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Industrial Railway Society Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Industrial Railway Society Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report


As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: David Kitching

Address: 30 Carleton Road, Poynton, Cheshire, SK12 1TL

Date: 12th April 2022