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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**  
**FOR**  
**GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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**GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
1179899

**Registered office**  
11A Little Lane,  
LOUTH  
LN11 9DT

**Trustees**  
Mr D K Smith  
Mr A Thomas  
Mr G Hoad  
Mr T Scott  
Mr T Burton  
Mr C James  
Mr R Rimmington  
Mr P Gilby  
Mr G Morgan  
Mr G Marsden  
Mr G Dumbleton

**Independent examiner**  
Mrs H Spauls  
F.C.A  
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12 Abbey Road  
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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Model Engineering Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that was registered with the Charity Commission on 12 September 2018.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Trustees are selected by simple vote.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

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

**Public benefit**

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and complied with section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act when reviewing the aims and objectives prior to planning and developing activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

## GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Chair's Annual Report**

2023 was a busy and successful year for the Society. Recovery from the Covid pandemic continued with most of our normal activities having re-commenced.

Membership was broadly stable year-on-year with a number of new members taking the place of those sadly deceased. New members represent a mixture of experienced model engineers and beginners.

A significant development during the year was the refurbishment of the members' workshop and its associated equipment. The area was re-wired and provided with modern lighting. The lathe and the milling machine were overhauled and tooling reviewed and enhanced. The improved workshop allows more educative activities to take place on site.

During the year three principal education projects took place. All were designed around the idea of experienced members teaching skills to beginners. The first project was the construction of five new brake / guards' van units for the miniature railway. The provision of such vehicles is a necessary development in view of the increasing number passengers being carried each year and the concomitant need to enhance our safety standards. A mixed team of members worked through the whole process of constructing the vehicles, from ergonomic experimentation, the drawing up of plans, preparing laser-cut parts for welding, welding and grinding, timberwork, upholstery, assembly, painting and testing. The vans are now in use and are proving to be very successful.

The second education-based project was the 'dry run' of youth 'service' placements through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The school student concerned worked on the railway through the year on site improvements, the brake van project (engineering workshop skills) and signalling. He was also able to learn how to drive both electric and steam locomotives. Planning for the development of a formal link scheme is now under way.

The third project began towards the end of the year and will continue throughout 2024. Again, designed around a mix of experienced and beginner members, the club is building a steam locomotive for the miniature railway. At the time of writing, work has commenced on various aspects of the build including the boiler.

On our miniature railway work continued on the re-signalling project which is now 75% complete. Much of the routing infrastructure for the remaining 25% is in place. The major improvement to the station area by way of provision of an overall roof was completed during the year and has attracted much positive comment from the public. Our grounds team continued with their enhancement of the site in a number of zones. The new locomotive shed was complete enough to be utilised throughout the running season and has made carriage storage and maintenance much easier, as well as making loco access and battery charging much more straightforward. Only the external roller shutters remain to be fitted. Careful preventative track maintenance proceeded throughout 2023 and the winter improvement programme includes a re-ballasting project on a significant length of the railway.

During the autumn ground preparation took place in relation to a revision to the track in the station throat area including a renewed main level crossing. When complete this will enhance efficiency when the railway is busy.

Also during the autumn the garden gauge railway team commenced the next stage of the base renewal of the track. This work will continue through the winter with a view to being ready for the start of the public running season. The track is very popular with our visitors, and a 'drive a train' facility is being installed.

Another public facility is now nearly ready for use. This is a picnic area made by converting a piece of waste land near the station that will provide an attractive overall view of much of the track. It will be ready for use in the 2024 season.

Throughout the year work continued on the major extension to the traction engine roadway. The first phase was completed in time for use on several mini-rally weekends through the summer. Our own members and also their visiting guests appreciated the longer run for their engines.

The public face of the club continues to be principally through the miniature railway. We were open to visitors on over forty occasions through 2023 and passenger numbers remained high in spite of the often poor weather. On several Sundays we provided over four hundred rides hauled by a mixture of steam and electric power. We have received many plaudits from the public over the year and many people have made clear how much young families appreciate what we do.

Our public face was also enhanced by our provision of an attractive stand at the National Model Engineering Exhibition in March.

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**GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....20-4-24..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
- Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY**

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages five to seven.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

*Helen Spauls*

Mrs H Spauls  
F.C.A  
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12 Abbey Road  
GRIMSBY  
DN32 0HL

Date: 22.4.24

**GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**


	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>					
<b>VOLUNTARY RECEIPTS</b>					
Subscriptions		-	3,180	3,180	3,175
Donations		-	2,699	2,699	5,715
Workshop Donations			0	0	0
Gift Aid			906	906	1,041
Key deposit		-	80	80	20
		-	6,865	6,865	9,951
<b>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</b>					
Raffle		-	0	0	0
			0	0	0
NAME Loan			0	0	0
Gala		-	0	0	0
		-	0	0	0
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>					
Sales		-	642	642	1,156
Rides			10,414	10,414	13,248
		-	11,056	11,056	14,404
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>					
Bank interest		-	0	0	0
		-	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		-	17,921	17,921	24,355
<b>PAYMENTS:</b>					
Fundraising costs	1	-	0	0	0
Other Costs of Charitable Activities	1	-	21,619	21,619	47,410
Governance Costs		-	228	228	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		-	21,847	21,847	47,410
<b>NET PAYMENTS</b>		-	(3,926)	(3,926)	(23,055)

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Property		-	79,450	79,450	69,045
Equipment		-	54,180	54,180	28,521
		-	133,630	133,630	97,566
<b>Assets</b>					
Current Account		-	7,223	7,223	11,146
Cash in hand		-	53	53	56
Deposit Account		-	10	10	10
		-	7,286	7,286	11,212
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		-	140,916	140,916	108,778
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Fees for Independent Examination and other accountancy costs					
NAME Loan		-	4,440	4,440	5,920
		-	4,440	4,440	5,920

  
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- Trustee

20<sup>th</sup> April, 2024  
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For and on behalf of the board of Trustees

The notes form part of these financial statements



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1. ANALYSIS OF COSTS**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING COSTS</b>				
Gala	-	0	0	0
	-	0	0	0
<b>COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>				
Train rides and site maintenance	-	16,472	16,472	13,395
Club house and other buildings	-	97	97	1,884
Track extension	-	0	0	0
Signals & Points Extension				4,205
Garden gauge	-	121	121	437
Replacement Electrics		0	0	1,181
Gates / Wonderland Coaches		80	80	1,000
Station Viewing Area		652	652	0
Coach Brakes				161
Equipment		79	79	52
Brakevan Project		1,937	1,937	0
Electricity		1,180	1,180	0
Workshop Extn		315	315	9,455
Workshop Container				
Room Divider		20	20	17
Station Canopy	-	666	666	8,857
Fixed asset purchases	-			6,435
Roadway		0	0	331
Other Fixed Asset Purchases			0	0
	-	21,619	21,619	47,410

