THE ROCHDALE SOCIETY OF MODEL AND EXPERIMENTAL ENGINEERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1181083

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-12-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN MINIATURE ENGINEERING BY:A. THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MINIATURE RAILWAY AT SPRINGFIELD PARK, ROCHDALE;B. ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO PRACTICE MODEL ENGINEERING IN STEAM AND ELECTRICAL TRACTION BY THE PROVISION OF TUITION IN WORKSHOP PRACTICE AND SAFETY, AND THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING;C. THE MOUNTING OF LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS IN MINIATURE ENGINEERING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

Activities: To further interest in engineering by the operation and maintenance of the miniature railway in Springfield Park, Rochdale. Arranging talks, activities and visits related to engineering for both Society members and members of the public, young and old alike.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Rochdale

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£15,804	£11,015	-	-
2024-09-30	£11,524	£7,491	-	-
2023-09-30	£6,436	£6,675	-	-
2022-09-30	£13,636	£6,145	-	-
2021-09-30	£5,422	£3,668	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John David Schofield	Chair	2019-10-04
DAVID CORNELIUS INGHAM		2023-10-20
Geoffrey Hilton		2020-10-01
Kenneth Gordon Potts		2022-10-21
Larry Quinn		2019-10-04
Michael John Foster		2019-10-04
Norman Royds		2024-10-18
ROBERT HAYTER		2018-12-18
RODNEY HUME HARTLEY		2018-12-18

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Our Society operates and maintains a multi gauge miniature railway in Springfield Park, Rochdale. This park is owned by Rochdale MBC from whom we lease the railway site. The society plays an enjoyable role within the local community that uses the park providing rides and entertainment for both adults and children. Local councillors provide support when appropriate with Rochdale MBC officials, and occasionally with funding from neighbourhood grants to help improve our facilities.

The Society currently has 3 junior members who are learning to maintain and run the miniature railway, and 3 more who have moved into senior membership in the last year or so having reached the age of 16. Although junior members cannot carry passengers they are learning to drive trains whilst the track is closed to the public.

Our regular programme of monthly meetings and talks at Castleton Community Centre has continued during the year with a variety of subjects discussed. The talks are open to the public, and subsequently new members have joined the Society. We also arrange occasional visits for members to appropriate local museums. For example, this year we visited the Lancashire Mining Museum. This was particularly educational for our younger members who obviously had little knowledge of this once great industry.

The miniature railway public running sessions in Springfield Park gave almost 6000 rides up to the end of September, a near record year. All the Society activities aim to be as inclusive as possible within the limits of safety for the public and Society members. Rides on the miniature railway are available to all the diverse public who use the park. We run the Halloween and Santa Claus trains, when for a very modest (or even no) donation the public can bring their children for a ride and meet Santa Claus. This compares with more elaborate but far more expensive events run by other railway-based organisations. No child need miss out on meeting Santa and having a train ride, purely on cost grounds.

This year 3 of our junior members suggested that we run a special event to celebrate Armed Forces day. We readily gave the go-ahead, and they did essentially all the organising, involving all the local Army, Air Force and Sea Cadet Corps, and coordinating a last post ceremony. Rochdale's Mayor attended, and she was introduced to the 3 junior members who had organised the event.

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technical library, steam boiler test rig. Specialist tools are available for members to borrow. All these facilities and experience are freely available to both Junior and Senior members who are interested in model engineering.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

No (if any) 1181083

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2024	To	Period end date 31/09/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Takings	5,960	-	-	5,960
Subscriptions	1,160	-	-	1,160
Auctions	209	-	-	209
Donations	355	-	-	355
Miscellaneous sales	637	-	-	637
Sundries	-	-	-	-
Interest	532	-	-	532
	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	8,853	-	-	8,853
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
Sale of 4 locos	6,951	-	-	6,951
Donated Equipment	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,951	-	-	6,951
Total receipts	15,804	-	-	15,804

A3 Payments

Insurance	2,774	-	-	2,774
Operating costs	1,362	-	-	1,362
Speakers fees	-	-	-	-
Maintenance	781	-	-	781
Publicity & Exhibitions	28	-	-	28
Sundries	75	-	-	75
Paymentsfrom fundraisers	543	-	-	543
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,563	-	-	5,563
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Purchase of 2 replacement locos	5,995	-	-	5,995
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,995	-	-	5,995
ayments	11,558	-	-	11,558
yments)	4,246	-	-	4,246
A5 Trans	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash	-	-	-	-
ear end	4,246	-	-	4,246

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of th

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	9,328	-
	Cash in hand	65	-
	savings account	24,212	-

	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	33,605	-
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Polly Prairie	Locomotives	-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Nil		-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

	Signature	Print Name
	M Foster	Michael J Foster
	R Hayter	R Hayter

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Last year to the nearest £
7,059
1,081
59
-
1,044
38
578
-
9,859

-
1,665
1,665

11,524

2,670
1,113
-
4,558
214
53
-
-
-
8,608

-
-

8,608

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to nearest £

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval
14/12/2025
14/12/2025

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Our regular programme of twice monthly meetings and talks at Castleton Community Centre has continued during the year with a variety of subjects discussed. The talks are open to the public, and subsequently new members have joined the Society.

The miniature railway public running sessions in Springfield Park gave over 7.000 rides up to the end of September, a record year. All the Society activities aim to be as inclusive as possible within the limits of safety for the public and Society members. Rides on the miniature railway are available to all the diverse public who use the park. We run the Halloween and Santa Claus trains, when for a very modest (or even no) donation the public can bring their children for a ride and meet Santa Claus. This compares with more elaborate but far more expensive events run by other railway-based organisations. No child need miss out on meeting Santa and having a train ride, purely on cost grounds.

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The Society supports the local community by inviting donations for the Mayor's annual charity when running our miniature trains at a special event. We supported the Ellenroad Steam museum by mounting an exhibition of models at their monthly Open day. This supports our aims by bringing the attention of the wider public to the practice of miniature engineering.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/10/23	To	31/9.

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Takings	7,059	-	-
Subscriptions	1,081	-	-
Auctions	59	-	-
Donatiojns	-	-	-
Miscellaneous sales	1,044	-	-
Sundries	38	-	-
Interest	578	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	9,859	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
Donated capital equipment	1,665	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	1,665	-	-
Total receipts	11,524	-	-
A3 Payments			
Insurance	2,670	-	-
Operating costs	1,113	-	-
Speakers fees	-	-	-
Maintenance	4,558	-	-
Publicity & Exhibitions	214	-	-
Sundries	53	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	**8,608**	-	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
Nil this year	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
al payments	**8,608**	-	-
s/(payments)	**2,916**	-	-
A5 Transfers	-	-	-
A6 Cash fund	-	-	-
his year end	**2,916**	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of th

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	**8,593**
	Savings account	**20,684**
	Cash in hand	**126**
	Total cash funds	**29,403**
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment	None	

assets

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates
Nil	

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

	Print Name
	Robert Hayter
M Foster	Michael J Fost

2024

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
7,059	4,656
1,081	1,050
59	116
-	289
1,044	219
38	218
578	-
-	-
9,859	6,330

1,665	106
-	-
1,665	106

11,524	6,436

2,670	2,507
1,113	625
-	105
4,558	3,343
214	35
53	60

-	-
-	-
-	-
8,608	6,675

-	
-	
-	-
8,608	6,675
2,916	- 239
-	-
-	-
2,916	- 239

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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
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-	-
-	-
OK	OK

Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
-	-
-	-
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-	-
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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	Date of approval
	08/01/25
er	**08/01/25**

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Name

Receipts and payments acc

For the period from	Period start date	To

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Takings	4,656	-	-
Subscriptions	1,050	-	-
Auctions	116	-	-
Donations	289	-	-
Miscellaneous sales	219	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	6,330	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
Interest	106	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	106	-	-
Total receipts	6,436	-	-
A3 Payments			
Insurance	£2,507.32	-	-
Operating costs	1,205	-	-
Speakers fees	130	-	-
Maintenance	2,737	-	-
Publicity & Exhibitions	35	-	-
Sundries	60	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	6,675	-	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
New storage facility	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	6,675	-	-
receipts/(payments)	- 239	-	-
A5 Transfers betweer	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last ye	-	-	-
funds this year end	62	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	11,311
	Savings account	15,106
	Cash in hand	62
	Total cash funds	26,479
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets	None	

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates
Nil	

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

Signature	
R Hayter	
M Foster	M

No (if any)

ounts

Period end date

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
4,656	5,497
1,050	1,289
116	67
289	20
219	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
6,330	6,873

106	
-	-
106	-

6,436	6,873

2,507	1,822
1,205	625
130	105
2,737	1,772
35	158
60	68
-	-
-	-
-	-
6,675	4,550

-	4,330
-	
-	4,330
6,675	8,880
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-	-
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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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-	-
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OK	OK

Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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-	-
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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-	
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Print Name	Date of approval
Robert Hayter	05/12/23
Michael J Foster	05/12/23

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No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period e

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Takings	£5,497.98	-	-
Subscriptions	1,213	-	-
Auctions	90	-	-
Donations	6,012	-	-
Miscellaneous sales	789	-	-
Sundries	34	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	13,636	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
Chester lathe and machine vice	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,636	-	-
A3 Payments			
Insurance	2,170	-	-
Operating costs	684	-	-
Speakers fees	-	-	-
Maintenance	2,694	-	-

Publicity & Exhibitions	59	-	-
Sundries	538	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	6,145	-	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
l payments	6,145	-	-
(payments)	7,491	-	-
A5 Transfer	-	-	-
A6 Cash fur	-	-	-
is year end	7,491	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of t

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	£26,663.80
	Cash in hand	£55.10
		-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	26,719
		Agreement Error

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs
None	

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates
Nil	

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

Signature	Print Name
R Hayter	Robert Hayter
M Foster	Michael J Foste

end date

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Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
5,498	3,877
1,213	1,220
90	345
6,012	50
789	44
34	-
-	-
-	-
13,636	5,536

-	
-	-
-	-
13,636	5,536

2,170	2,164
684	326
-	-
2,694	10,712

59	51
538	85
-	-
-	-
-	-
6,145	13,338

-	
-	
-	-
6,145	
7,491	5,536
-	-
-	-
7,491	5,536

he period

Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
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Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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-	
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	Date of approval
	21/10/22
er	21/10/22

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Our year ran from the AGM in October 2020, and was a virtual meeting of the trustees only.
Our regular programme of meetings and talks at Castleton Community Centre was not possible because of Covid restrictions, as were our public running sessions in Springfield Park.

We re-started public running in May, as restrictions eased, and a bi-monthly programme of meetings started again in September.

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