

ROCHDALE SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS ANNUAL REPORT

The purpose of our Society is to inform and educate the public in the practice of miniature Engineering. One way we achieve this is by stimulating the interest of younger generation(s) in general technology and, more specifically, railway technology by giving them rides on the miniature railway and encouraging them to examine the workings of the engines

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.

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.

The clubhouse at Springfield Park has a small meeting room, workshop, modest 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. The Society currently has 3 junior members who are learning to maintain and run the miniature railway. Although they cannot carry passengers they are learning to drive trains whilst the track is closed to the public. New this year is a scheme to recognise and certify the achievement and contribution made by the younger club members. This was recognised by Model Engineer magazine who published a photo and details of the awards.

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.

A rolling programme of maintenance projects was completed during the closed season where members could pass on their skills to other members.



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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

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Sub total	8,608

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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	
Nil this year	-
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Sub total	-

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A5 Transfers	-
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A6 Cash fund	-
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this year end	2,916
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the

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

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

Nil

**Fund to
which liability
relates**

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

<i>M Foster</i>

Print Name

Robert Hayter
Michael J Fost

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Total funds
to the nearest
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Last year
to the nearest
£

7,059
1,081
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38
578
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6,330

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2,670
1,113
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4,558
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Restricted funds
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to nearest £

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Date of
approval

08/01/25
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