

BRADFORD ON AVON STATION FOOTBRIDGE CANOPY PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1184339

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-07-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE CANOPY TO THE FOOTBRIDGE AT BRADFORD ON AVON RAILWAY STATION, A GRADE II LISTED RAILWAY HERITAGE SITE DESIGNED BY ISAMBARD KINGDOM BRUNEL.

Activities: The restoration and preservation for the public benefit of the canopy to the footbridge at Bradford on Avon railway station.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£250	£3,091	-	-
2024-05-31	£4,059	£3,925	-	-
2023-05-31	£11,000	£30,348	-	-
2022-05-31	£0	£288	-	-
2021-05-31	£4,312	£360	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Christopher Moss	Chair	2018-05-16
David Cowles		2018-05-16
JOHN ERNEST POTTER		2018-05-16
John Baxter		2025-01-28
PETER MICHAEL MANN		2018-05-16
Peter Charles LEACH		2020-03-11

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Accounts from 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025.

Accounts prepared by David Cowles BSc ACIB who considers them to be a fair and true reflection of the charity's financial position as of 31st May 2025.

Background

Sixth set of accounts for CIO known as Bradford on Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project to 31st May 2025. The Trust was created on the 9th of July 2019. These are 12-month figures.

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The trustees as of 31st May 2025 were.

David Moss.	Chairman
David Cowles.	Treasurer
John Baxter	Secretary
Peter Mann	
John Potter	
Peter Leach	

Patron

Lord Faulkner of Worcester

Offices

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We have developed a Risk Register to help ensure the project runs smoothly.

Fund raising and Project progress.

Important progress has been made in the last three years and the charity has continued to work closely with our architects, Oxford Architects, an accredited company specialising in heritage work on NR, Network Rail Asset Management teams, Great Western Railway who have provided a £15K grant, the Severnside Community Rail Partnership and through them the DfT Community Rail Development Fund who between them have facilitated £15,059K of matching funding. We also have stakeholder links with Wiltshire Council Planning Department and local heritage and preservation organisations.

Towards the end of this accounting period, we secured Approval in Principle (AiP) for the project from Network Rail. This approval had been delayed by a change of policy by Network Rail: initially they had said that they would accept use of accoya timber for parts of the structure but this changed with use of GRP/FRP (glass reinforced plastic/fibre reinforced plastic) being required instead. Achievement of AiP clears the way for us to begin fundraising for the next, full design stage of the project.

In the meantime, we are undertaking, along with the Friends of Bradford on Avon Station, maintenance work on the footbridge as preparation for the major works which are to follow and to help preserve the fabric of the bridge.

Summary Income Statement

Income	£
Grant GWR.	250
Total Income.	250

Expenditure	
Development Costs.	3030
Bank charges.	61
Total Expenditure.	3091

Income Shortfall	2841
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Balance Sheet

Current Assets	
Cash.	1932
Total Assets.	1932

Current Liabilities	Nil
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Net Assets.	1932
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Reserves	
B/Fwd.	4773
Income shortfall.	2841
Total Reserves.	1932

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Development Fund who between them have facilitated £15,059K of matching funding. We also have stakeholder links with Wiltshire Council Planning Department and local heritage and preservation organisations.

By the beginning of this accounting period, we had submitted proposals to Network Rail (NR) seeking Approval in Principle (AiP) for the project. These proposals were based on assurances given in 2021 by NR that they would accept use of accoya timber for parts of the structure. However, NR then advised us that their policy on materials had changed and that they now required use of GRP/FRP (glass reinforced plastic/fibre reinforced plastic) rather than any form of wood.

During this accounting period, we first established that there was no flexibility in NR's new policy. We then commissioned our professional advisers to amend our proposals to fit this new policy and then sent the revised proposals to NR. We have experienced considerable delays in getting responses from NR but we now understand that they are content. However, we still await formal sign-off and issuing of AiP for the project. Meantime we have established that the planning permission for the canopy does not contain any conditions relating to materials used, so that we do not need to seek amendment to the permission.

In the belief that we will soon receive the AiP from NR, we are moving on to fundraising for the next, full design, stage of the project.

Income	£
Grant.	4,059
Total Income	4,059

Expenditure

Development Costs	3,864
Bank charges	61
Total Expenditure	3,925

Excess of income over costs.	134
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Balance Sheet**Current Assets**

Cash	4,773
Total current assets.	4,773

Liabilities	Nil
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Net Assets	4,773
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Reserves

B/Fwd.	4,639
income surplus	134

Total Reserves	4,773
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Fund raising and Project progress.

There has been a great deal of preparatory work in the last 6 years and the charity has worked closely with our Architects Oxford Architects an accredited company specialising in heritage work on Network Rail, Network Rail Asset Management teams, Great Western Railway who have provided a £15K grant, the Severn side Community Rail Partnership and through them the DfT Community Rail Development Fund who between them have facilitated up to £22k of matching funding, Wiltshire Council Planning Department and local heritage and preservation organisations.

The focus of efforts in this accounting period has been to achieve Network Rail Approval in Principle (AiP) for the design of the restored footbridge canopy. To this end, supported by the matching funding of £22k agreed by the CRDF in September 2022, we signed a BAPA (Basic Asset Protection Agreement) with Network Rail. This in essence commits NR to assist us to achieve AiP and commits us to reimburse NR for the costs they incur as a result.

The signed BAPA enabled Oxford Architects to work with NR and with various specialist Civil Engineering and Lighting & Electrical Contractors to put together all the necessary documentation, which was submitted to NR in March 2023, with the expectation of AiP following soon after.

Unfortunately, after the plans were submitted NR Asset Management advised that their corporate regulations for the types of material allowed over the railway network had changed and that the use of Accoya timber for the timber elements which they had agreed in 2021 was now no longer possible, for safety and maintenance reasons. They now insisted that we use GRP/FRP (Glass reinforced / Fibre reinforced plastic). As the use of GRP/FRP had been expressly refused by Wiltshire Council Planning Department and local heritage organisations, we have spent many months in intensive discussions with NR to see if they could be persuaded to approve Accoya timber.

However, we have not been successful, so that after the end of this accounting period we agreed with NR that they would issue AiP for all the plans with the caveat exception that the actual material to be used as an alternative to Accoya timber is still to be agreed. This will give us the ability to sign off our commitment with Severn side and CRDF for the matching funding, after which we will return to Wiltshire Council Planning department to discuss options around GRP/FRP.

Income	£
Grant	11,000
Total Income	11,000
 Expenditure	
Development Costs	30,284
Bank charges	64
Total Expenditure	30,348

Excess of costs over income	19,348
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Balance Sheet

Current Assets

Cash	4,639
Total current assets.	4,639

Liabilities	Nil
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Net Assets	4,639
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Reserves

B/Fwd.	23,987
income shortfall	19,348

Total Reserves	4,639
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Bradford On Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project
Charity Number 1184339
Unaudited Accounts to 31st May 2022

Background

Third set of Accounts for CIO known as Bradford on Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project to 31st May 2022.

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Trustees Report

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Charity name

The Bradford on Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project

Charity registered no.

1184339

Trustees

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The periods for which the first trustees will serve are specified in the constitution, as shown below:

David Moss, Chairman, 3 years

David Cowles, Treasurer, 4 years

Paige Balas, Secretary, 2 years

Graham Findley, 2 years resigned 5th April 2022

Peter Mann, 4 years

John Potter, 3 years

Peter Leach, 3 years

Patron

Lord Faulkner of Worcester has agreed to be Patron of the charity.

Offices

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Fund raising and project progress

There has been a great deal of preparatory work done during the last 6 years, including meeting and negotiating with Network Rail and First Great Western (latterly Great Western Railways) to obtain the assurances that money spent on design work would not be wasted. We have subsequently received a grant of £15,000 from Great Western Railway Ltd. to conduct the feasibility design work. This grant had been provided under the GWR Customer and Communities Improvement Fund (CCIF). It enabled us to commission Oxford Architects, an accredited company experienced in this sort of heritage work on Network Rail, to undertake the design work to GRIP 3 (concept design stage). GRIP is a Network Rail process (it means Governance for Railway Investment Projects) which breaks down a project into various stages. We have also received a significant donation from a local supporter which will help us move onto GRIP 6 (mobilisation stage - getting ready to start) when we are ready to. Oxford Architects have been assisted in their design work by independent engineering expert David Redfern, who has a track record on both national and heritage railways.

The Trustees spent considerable time reviewing and researching the materials for the steel and timber elements of the new canopy, focusing on balancing the key imperatives of ensuring maximum faithfulness to and replication of the original heritage structure, whilst at the same time meeting Network Rail Safety and Maintenance rules.

Lengthy research was done on sourcing corrugated steel that could be pressed to the original roof profile, and timber and paint that met Network Rail standards. Planning Permission Application which provides a solution acceptable to everyone, was approved on 31st March 2022.

We are now in the process of drawing up financial plan to enable us to complete Network Rail PACE (Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment) Phase 2 Form A. (This used to be called GRIP 4) Form A gives Design Approval in principle. We are waiting the outcome of our application to the 2022 GWR Community Fund we continue to keep our Patron and Stakeholders fully informed and have established valuable support from the Severnside Community Rail Partnership who are keen on our project.

This report was approved by the trustees on 6th September 2022.

[signed] David Moss

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Moss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chairman

Bradford On Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project Accounts to 31st May 2022

Income and Expenditure	
Income	0.00
Expenditure	
Planning fee	262.00
Bank Charges	26.00
Total Expenditure	288.00
Excess of Expenditure over income	288.00

Balance Sheet 31 st May 2022	
Current Assets	
Cash	23,986.00
Liabilities	
Net current Assets	23,986.00
Total Assets	23,986.00
Reserves B/FWD 31 st MAY 2021	24,274.00
Net Expenditure	288.00
Total Reserves	23,986.00

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Patron

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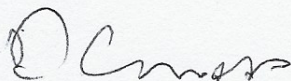
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12 months to 31st of May 2021 can be best summarised as a research period and because of this financial activity has been minimal with just two transactions, the receipt of Gift Aid and the purchase of samples.

Once planning permission is received, we will be able to go to the market for fabrication and installation costs and this will allow us to estimate the remaining funds required to complete the project.

This report was approved by the trustees on 18 January 2022.



David Moss

Chairman

Bradford On Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project Accounts to 31st May 2021

Income

Gift Aid	4,312
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Total Income	4,312
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Expenditure

I Samples	360
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Net Income	3,952
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Bradford On Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project Accounts to 31st May 2021

Balance Sheet

Current Assets

Cash 24,274

Liabilities -

Net current Assets 24,274

Total assets

24,274

Reserves

B/FWD 31st May 2020 20,322

Net Income to 31st May 2021 3,952

Total reserves 24,274