

# VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1186970

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-12-16

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THROUGH THE PROMOTION, TRAINING AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF VOLUNTARY WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY.(2) TO ACQUIRE, PRESERVE AND RESTORE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ITEMS OF HISTORICAL, ENGINEERING AND SCIENTIFIC VALUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF MAGNUS VOLK OF BRIGHTON AND HIS INVENTIONS IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THOSE OF THE VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, SOCIAL CONTEXT AND TECHNOLOGY OF HISTORIC TRANSPORT IN GENERAL.

**Activities:** Helps conserve the Volk's Electric Railway and educates the public about the technology and history. Encourages participation in maintaining, operating and improving this historic transport asset.Acquires and maintains for the benefit of the public historical artefacts linked in some way to the railway and its founder Magnus Volk.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-04-05 | £9,096  | £6,078      | -      | -         |
| 2024-04-05 | £11,893 | £6,362      | -      | -         |
| 2023-04-05 | £9,380  | £1,821      | -      | -         |
| 2022-04-05 | £4,645  | £2,454      | -      | -         |
| 2021-04-05 | £21,145 | £2,515      | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                 | Role  | Appointed  |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Michael John Mills   | Chair | 2021-06-13 |
| David Cecil Cowstick |       | 2019-12-16 |
| PHILIP HAMERTON      |       | 2023-07-01 |
| Timothy Steven       |       | 2019-12-16 |

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

By the Spring of 2024, the winter trackwork renewals had been completed, some of the operational cars varnished and/or repainted and work had started on designing a new control system for two vehicles. All of the above was done with the Association's help.

During the 2024 operating season, regular assistance was given to the railway management by providing relief drivers to enable the full service to operate and also on a regular basis on one day each week. Minor track and general maintenance continued over the summer. Internal blinds were fitted in Aquarium Station to improve the presentation of talks and courses.

On four occasions the Association operated the service on a weekend evening, the last being until after sunset with illuminated trains. We have improved the definition of personnel duties for similar future occasions.

During the winter of 2024/25, two separate sections of track were renewed by volunteers and staff assisted by a grant of £2.5k from the Association's Reserved Funds. Scrap metal was collected for recycling.

Also, over the winter, six talks were arranged covering Southern Transport, London Trams, Public Transport in Paris, the Spa Valley Heritage Railway, American Trolley Museums and Crich Tramway Museum 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

By January 2024 it had become clear that the poor condition of Black Rock station building (owned by Southern Water) meant it would be unusable for the start of the railway's 2025 operating season. The Association hired a portable building and negotiated cost recovery for all of the Association's expenditure from Southern Water. With additional access works by the Council and by the Association, the temporary arrangements were installed that permit refurbishment of the main building to commence in due course without disrupting railway operations.

A fresh technique for vegetation control on the track itself was implemented and will be repeated annually. A foot crossings safety project was set for University of Brighton students; the results will be presented in May 2025. Storage units have been acquired to hold the Association's plans and records at Aquarium station.

Currently the Board comprises four trustees Mick Mills (Chairman), David Cowstick (Treasurer), Tim Steven (Secretary), and Phil Hamerton (Membership Secretary) along with non-trustees Barrie McFarlane (Archivist/Historian), David Bailey (Editor).

For a time in 2024/25, non-trustee Ben Simmonds (Publicity Officer) also played an active part until becoming a Council employee. We remain under resourced and are inviting more members to consider becoming trustees or take an active role.

A Christmas card was produced to raise funds, the production being funded by a member. We continued to publish our regular journal Volk's News, containing up-to-date information about our activities, about the railway together with articles of relevant transport and historical interest. It is now made available in digital format to all members.

In late 2024 several members part-funded a bid by The Keep (Archives & Records Office) to acquire a unique collection of photos taken in 1896 of the Brighton & Rottingdean Seashore Electric Tramroad. This line was built by Magnus Volk who also built the Volk's Railway. The bid was successful and digital versions of the photos are now publicly available.

Through the above, we consider that we have paid sufficient regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and thereby complied with Section 4 of the 2006 Act. At the year end, the Association held total cash assets of £36,000 of which Reserved Funds amounted to £29,000.



Signed:

(Chairman)

(On behalf of the Trustees) 28th May 2025



Signed:

(Secretary)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Volk's Electric Railway Association

No (if any)  
1186970

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
4/6/2024

To

Period end date  
4/5/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      | Last year        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                       | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Transfer from previous non-charitable Association     | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Membership Fees                                       | 2,194              | -                | -                | 2,194            | 2,205            |
| Unrestricted Donations                                | 2,008              | -                | -                | 2,008            | 871              |
| Restricted Donations                                  | -                  | 501              | -                | 501              |                  |
| Miscellaneous income received                         | 583                | -                | -                | 583              | 376              |
| Fund raising activities                               | 561                | 3,025            | -                | 3,586            | 8,228            |
| Interest                                              | 224                | -                | -                | 224              | 213              |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| <b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>                 | <b>5,570</b>       | <b>3,526</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>9,096</b>     | <b>11,893</b>    |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| None                                                  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>5,570</b>       | <b>3,526</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>9,096</b>     | <b>11,893</b>    |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Meeting expenses                                      | 120                | -                | -                | 120              | 193              |
| Volk's News magazine production & distribution        | 1,006              | -                | -                | 1,006            | 896              |
| Insurance policy                                      | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Restoration                                           | -                  | 4,340            | -                | 4,340            | 2,467            |
| Hospitality                                           | 193                | -                | -                | 193              | 493              |
| Administrative Expenses                               | 149                | -                | -                | 149              | 190              |
| Fund Rasing Stock                                     | 70                 | -                | -                | 70               | 256              |
| Bank / Square / SumUp Charges                         | -                  | 45               | -                | 45               | 107              |
| Website Costs                                         | 106                | -                | -                | 106              | 1,010            |
| Special Event Expenses                                | -                  | -                | -                | -                | 210              |
| Miscellaneous                                         | 49                 | -                | -                | 49               | 73               |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>1,693</b>       | <b>4,385</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>6,078</b>     | <b>5,895</b>     |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Computer equipment                                    | -                  | -                | -                | -                | 403              |
| Loud Speaker                                          | -                  | -                | -                | -                | 64               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>467</b>       |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>1,693</b>       | <b>4,385</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>6,078</b>     | <b>6,362</b>     |
| <b>Net of receipts/payments</b>                       | <b>3,877</b>       | <b>-859.00</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>3,018</b>     | <b>7,560</b>     |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>           | <b>4,394</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>244</b>       |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>7,834</b>       | <b>26,075</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>33,909</b>    | <b>28,378</b>    |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>7,317</b>       | <b>29,610</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>36,927</b>    | <b>36,182</b>    |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories                                          | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                | Cash floats                                            |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     | Bank Account funds-Working capital                     | 7,317                              |                                  |                                 |
|                                                     | Bank Account funds for Council projects                |                                    | 8,704                            |                                 |
|                                                     | Bank Account funds for VERA Projects                   |                                    | 16,809                           |                                 |
|                                                     | Bank Account funds for Car 9 project                   |                                    | 4,097                            | -                               |
|                                                     | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>7,317</b>                       | <b>29,610</b>                    | <b>-</b>                        |
|                                                     | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |
|                                                     |                                                        | Unrestricted funds                 | Restricted funds                 | Endowment funds                 |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                     | Details                                                | to nearest £                       | to nearest £                     | to nearest £                    |
|                                                     | None                                                   | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | Details                                                | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                     | None                                                   |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Details                                                | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|                                                     | Southend Railway Car No. 9                             | Restricted Car 9 Fund              | -                                | 1,000                           |
|                                                     | Museum Models                                          | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                | 5,000                           |
|                                                     | Heritage Artefacts                                     | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                | 17,000                          |
|                                                     | Miscellaneous                                          | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                | 250                             |
|                                                     | Office Equipment                                       | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                | 650                             |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | Details                                                | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|                                                     | None                                                   |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |                                 |

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

|                 |             |          |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| <i>S. Smith</i> | DC COWSTICK | 17.07.25 |
| <i>Steven</i>   | TC STEVEN   | 17.07.25 |

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

In the Spring of 2023, the winter trackwork was completed, cars were repainted and maintained and one vehicle had its wheelsets replaced. All of the above was done with the Association's help.

During the 2023 operating season, much assistance was given to the railway management by providing relief drivers to enable the full service to operate, despite temporary shortages of paid staff. Limited track maintenance continued.

In June, the Association arranged for the recovery of ex-Southend/Volk's Car 9 from a local garden centre back to more secure storage at the Volk's Railway, to facilitate inspections, publicity and fund raising.

In August, a major two-day event to commemorate the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the railway was organised in conjunction with the Council. Marketing of this event on local news channels, radio stations and social media undoubtedly contributed to record numbers of passengers being carried by the railway in 2023. Substantial donations were made to the Association, especially in conjunction with educational tours of the railway's premises.

In February 2024, the Heritage Railway Association gave the Volk's Railway its 'Railway of the Year 2024' award, again raising the public profile of both the railway and of the Association. At the March official reopening of the line, the Association arranged for the unveiling of a new permanent display of 5 plaques and certificates, awarded to the Volk's Railway and the Association between 2013 and 2024.

During the winter of 2023/24, a considerable length of track was renewed by volunteers and staff and much scrap metal collected for recycling.

Also, over the winter, talks were arranged on Brighton's Locomotive Works, Local History, American Interurban Networks and Light Rail in Lancashire.

Ian Gledhill, our chairman for many years, retired from the Board in 2023 and from organising events in the spring of 2024.

Plans for future years include several educational initiatives, plans for vegetation control and raising funds for vehicle restoration.

Currently the Board comprises trustees David Cowstick (Treasurer), Tim Steven (Secretary), Mick Mills (Chairman), Phil Hamerton (Membership Secretary) and Barrie McFarlane (Archivist) along with non-trustee officer David Bailey (Editor). We do remain under resourced and are inviting more members to consider becoming trustees.

We have also continued to publish our regular journal Volk's News, containing up-to-date information about our activities, about the railway together with articles of relevant transport and historical interest.

Through the above, we consider that we have paid sufficient regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and thereby complied with Section 4 of the 2006 Act. At the year end, the Association held total cash assets of £33,908.67 of which Reserved Funds amounted to £26,074.92.

Signed:



(Chairman)



(Secretary)

(On behalf of the Trustees) 20th May 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Volk's Electric Railway Association

No (if any)  
1186970

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
06/04/2023

To

Period end date  
05/04/2024

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      | Last year        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                       | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Transfer from previous non-charitable Association     | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Membership Fees                                       | 2,205              | -                | -                | 2,205            | 1,988            |
| Unrestricted Donations                                | 871                | -                | -                | 871              | 641              |
| Restricted Donations                                  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Miscellaneous income received                         | 376                | -                | -                | 376              | 412              |
| Fund raising activities                               | 686                | 7,542            | -                | 8,228            | 6,296            |
| Interest                                              | 213                | -                | -                | 213              | 43               |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>4,351</b>       | <b>7,542</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>11,893</b>    | <b>9,380</b>     |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| None                                                  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>4,351</b>       | <b>7,542</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>11,893</b>    | <b>9,380</b>     |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Meeting expenses                                      | 193                | -                | -                | 193              | 89               |
| Volk's News magazine production & distribution        | 896                | -                | -                | 896              | 1,033            |
| Insurance policy                                      | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Restoration                                           | 202                | 2,265            | -                | 2,467            | 100              |
| Hospitality                                           | 493                | -                | -                | 493              |                  |
| Administrative Expenses                               | 190                | -                | -                | 190              | 95               |
| Fund Raising Stock                                    | 256                | -                | -                | 256              | 118              |
| Bank / Square / SumUp Charges                         |                    | 107              |                  | 107              | 77               |
| Website Costs                                         | 1,010              |                  |                  | 1,010            | 300              |
| Special Event Expenses                                | 210                |                  |                  | 210              |                  |
| Miscellaneous                                         | 73                 | -                | -                | 73               | 8                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>3,523</b>       | <b>2,372</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>5,895</b>     | <b>1,820</b>     |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Computer equipment                                    | 403                | -                | -                | 403              |                  |
| Loud Speaker                                          | 64                 | -                | -                | 64               |                  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>467</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>467</b>       |                  |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>3,990</b>       | <b>2,372</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>6,362</b>     | <b>1,820</b>     |
| <b>Net of receipts/ payments</b>                      | <b>361</b>         | <b>5170.00</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>5,531</b>     | <b>7,560</b>     |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>244</b>         | <b>- 244</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>7,229</b>       | <b>21,149</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>28,378</b>    | <b>20,820</b>    |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>7,834</b>       | <b>26,075</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>33,909</b>    | <b>28,380</b>    |



| Categories    | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash floats                                            |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|               | Bank Account funds-Working capital                     | 7,834                              |                                  |                                 |
|               | Bank Account funds for Council projects                |                                    | 10,490                           |                                 |
|               | Bank Account funds for VERA Projects                   |                                    | 12,151                           |                                 |
|               | Bank Account funds for Car 9 project                   |                                    | 3,434                            | -                               |
|               | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>7,834</b>                       | <b>26,075</b>                    | <b>-</b>                        |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |

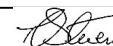
|                          | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | None    | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

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

|                                              | Details                    | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Southend Railway Car No. 9 | Restricted Car 9 Fund       | -               | 1,000                    |
|                                              | Museum Models              | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 5,000                    |
|                                              | Heritage Artefacts         | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 17,000                   |
|                                              | Miscellaneous              | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 250                      |
|                                              | Office Equipment           | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 650                      |
|                                              |                            |                             | -               |                          |
|                                              |                            |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |                            |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                              |                            |                             | -               | -                        |

|                | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | None    |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

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

| Signature                                                                           | Print Name  | Date of approval |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
|  | DC COWSTICK | 06.08.24         |
|  | TC STEVEN   | 06.08.24         |

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**

In the Spring of 2022, apart from a short delay while foot crossings were completed between Halfway and Black Rock as part of the Council's seafront improvements, the Volk's Railway returned to normal operation, virtually free of Covid restrictions. The Association's activities also fully resumed with volunteers initially helping to complete railway works at the east end of the line as well as assisting with routine maintenance of infrastructure and rolling stock.

Association members completed the re-painting of Car 8 and helped install its replacement wheelsets. Other work included the collection and disposal of large amounts of scrap metal from the eastern end of the railway and clearing considerable amounts of undergrowth that had grown largely unchecked for several years.

During the winter of 2022/23, talks were arranged on San Francisco's Tramways, Blackpool Tramway and France's Royan Tramways.

We had greeted James Barton, appointed Manager of the Volk's Railway in March 2022. Then in May, his deputy Barry Fuller retired being replaced by Maurice Curran. Fresh thinking is being applied by the new management team to the best utilisation of our volunteers, to the administration of the railway's records, to the safety of railway operations and to the heritage side of the railway as well as signage and safety. The Association supports and is assisting with these changes.

A few months after his appointment at the last AGM as a trustee and Membership Secretary, Ian Buck regrettably resigned for personal reasons and David Cowstick (Treasurer) kindly offered to also look after membership matters temporarily. However, Phil Hamerton has now become Membership Secretary and offers himself for election as a trustee.

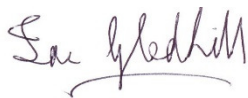
Currently the Board comprises trustees Ian Gledhill, David Cowstick, Tim Steven, Mick Mills and Barrie McFarlane with non-trustee officers David Bailey (Editor), Carly-May Kavanagh (Publicity officer) and Phil Hamerton (Membership Secretary). With Ian Gledhill's imminent departure, we do remain under resourced and are inviting more members to consider becoming trustees in the future.

Research into the history of the railway and the life and works of Magnus Volk continues. We have also continued to publish our regular journal Volk's News, containing up-to-date information about our activities, about the railway together with articles of relevant transport and historical interest.

At the time of writing, work is underway to plan August 2023 events celebrating the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Brighton's Volk's Railway. We will also be temporarily returning the Association's ex-Volk's Railway 'Southend Car 9' to the line to launch a fund-raising appeal to restore it to full working order.

Through the above, we consider that we have paid sufficient regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and thereby complied with Section 4 of the 2006 Act. At the year end, the Association held total reserves of £21,149.13 of which £9,374.73 is available for day-to-day projects or equipment at the railway, with the remainder being mainly for a substantial restoration project that commences this year.

**Signed:**



**(Chairman)**



**(Secretary)**

**(On behalf of the Trustees)  
29th May 2023**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Volk's Electric Railway Association

No (if any)  
1186970

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
06/04/2022

To

Period end date  
05/04/2023

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      | Last year        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                       | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Transfer from previous non-charitable Association     | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Membership Fees                                       | 1,988              | -                | -                | 1,988            | 2,340            |
| Unrestricted Donations                                | 641                | -                | -                | 641              | 1,471            |
| Restricted Donations                                  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Miscellaneous income received                         | 412                | -                | -                | 412              | 666              |
| Fund raising activities                               | 252                | 6,044            | -                | 6,296            | 167              |
| Interest                                              | 43                 | -                | -                | 43               | 1                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>3,336</b>       | <b>6,044</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>9,380</b>     | <b>4,645</b>     |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| None                                                  | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>3,336</b>       | <b>6,044</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>9,380</b>     | <b>4,645</b>     |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Meeting expenses                                      | 89                 | -                | -                | 89               | 170              |
| Volk's News magazine production & distribution        | 1,033              | -                | -                | 1,033            | 1,181            |
| Insurance policy                                      | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| Restoration                                           | -                  | 100              | -                | 100              | 669              |
| Hospitality                                           | -                  | -                | -                | -                | 225              |
| Administrative Expenses                               | 95                 | -                | -                | 95               | 39               |
| Fund Raising Stock                                    | 118                | -                | -                | 118              | 170              |
| Bank / Square / SumUp Charges                         | -                  | 77               | -                | 77               |                  |
| Website Costs                                         | 300                | -                | -                | 300              |                  |
| Miscellaneous                                         | 8                  | -                | -                | 8                | -                |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>1,643</b>       | <b>177</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>1,820</b>     | <b>2,454</b>     |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Computer equipment                                    | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                |                  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>1,643</b>       | <b>177</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>1,820</b>     | <b>2,454</b>     |
| <b>Net of receipts/ payments</b>                      | <b>1,693</b>       | <b>5867.00</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>7,560</b>     | <b>2,191</b>     |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>- 548</b>       | <b>548</b>       | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>6,084</b>       | <b>14,736</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>20,820</b>    | <b>18,629</b>    |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>7,229</b>       | <b>21,151</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>28,380</b>    | <b>20,820</b>    |



| Categories    | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash floats                                            |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|               | Bank Account funds for Council projects                |                                    | 9,375                            |                                 |
|               | Bank Account funds for other restoration               |                                    | 11,774                           |                                 |
|               | Bank Account funds-Working capital                     | 7,229                              | -                                | -                               |
|               | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>7,229</b>                       | <b>21,149</b>                    | <b>-</b>                        |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | Agreement Error                  | OK                              |

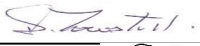
|                          | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | None    | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                          |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

|                      | Details | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | None    |                                | -               | -                           |
|                      |         |                                | -               | -                           |
|                      |         |                                | -               | -                           |
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|                      |         |                                | -               | -                           |

|                                                 | Details                    | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the<br>charity's own use | Southend Railway Car No. 9 | Unrestricted Funds             | -               | 1,000                       |
|                                                 | Museum Models              | Unrestricted Funds             | -               | 5,000                       |
|                                                 | Heritage Artefacts         | Unrestricted Funds             | -               | 17,000                      |
|                                                 | Miscellaneous              | Unrestricted Funds             | -               | 250                         |
|                                                 | Office Equipment           | Unrestricted Funds             | -               | 650                         |
|                                                 |                            |                                | -               |                             |
|                                                 |                            |                                | -               | -                           |
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|                | Details | Fund to which<br>liability relates | Amount due<br>(optional) | When due<br>(optional) |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | None    |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                |         |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                |         |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                |         |                                    | -                        |                        |
|                |         |                                    | -                        |                        |

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

| Signature                                                                           | Print Name  | Date of<br>approval |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
|  | DC COWSTICK | 01/07/2023          |
|  | TC STEVEN   | 01/07/2023          |

**VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186970

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

During 2020 the activities of the Volk's Electric Railway Association (VERA) were severely curtailed because of Covid restrictions, and the railway itself only operated for a very limited season. However, as the 2021 season approached the situation eased somewhat, and the railway opened to the public, a little later than usual, on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

After a period where all board meetings and our winter lectures were held via Zoom, we were finally able to have a live AGM (with social distancing) on 13<sup>th</sup> June. At that meeting three trustees, Peter Williams, Sarah Luxford and Les Kenward, decided to step down.

We were very sorry to lose Peter Williams, who had been Chairman for the last three years and had done so much work in securing the railway's Heritage Lottery Grant, and Sarah Luxford, who had been our treasurer since the inaugural meeting in 1995, a remarkable long period of service. We are also grateful to Les Kenward for stepping in on a temporary basis to fill a vacancy on the board. We will miss all three of them.

The four remaining trustees – David Cowstick, Ian Gledhill, Tim Steven and Barrie McFarlane – were joined at the AGM by new trustee Mick Mills. We also have two non-trustee officers who attend board meetings: David Bailey, editor of Volk's News, and Carly-May Kavanagh, publicity officer. We are still under-staffed, with several of us undertaking more than one role. We will be inviting more members to consider becoming trustees in the future.

At the AGM approval was given to amendments to the CIO Constitution in line with the Charity Commission's requirements. These were approved by the commission on 28<sup>th</sup> August and slightly widen the Objects of the Association.

Despite the late start to the operating season, we were still able to operate 5 late running evenings, when our volunteers take over the railway after normal running hours and keep it open until 7 or 8pm, thus raising valuable extra revenue for restoration projects on the railway. In September we held a belated anniversary celebration at Aquarium Station. VERA was founded in September 1995, and we had planned a number of special events to mark our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2020. However, these of necessity had to be cancelled because of Covid. Instead, we celebrated "25 + 1" years of VERA with a gathering for members following our September late running evening.

After initial restriction, VERA volunteers were gradually able to resume their regular working parties while observing social distancing and other Covid regulations. Volunteers have been much involved in sleeper replacement, ballasting and track relaying, most recently in connection with the installation of new crossings over the line to connect with the new boardwalk between Banjo Groyne and Black Rock, which opened on 7<sup>th</sup> April this year. After months of neglect there was also much weeding to be done along the track.

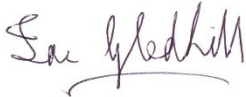
Over the winter, cars 7 and 8 finally received a much-needed coat of new paint. They were looking distinctly shabby compared to the other cars, as they were the last cars to be repainted, their previous repaint being for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008. In addition, members converted a redundant box van into a people carrier to safely transport personnel to their worksites along the line.

Our winter lecture series on transport and contemporary local history was able to resume with live meetings in September. Our new venue at Patcham Community Centre has proved very successful. Our meetings are advertised in the local press and are open to all, not just VERA members. Research into the history of the railway and the life and works of Magnus Volk continues. We have also continued to publish our regular journal Volk's News, containing up-to-date information about our activities, about the railway together with articles of relevant transport and historical interest.

Through the above, we consider that we have paid sufficient regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and thereby complied with Section 4 of the 2006 Act. At the year end, the Association held total reserves of £14,735.56. One quarter is available for day-to-day projects or equipment at the railway, with the remainder being mainly for a substantial restoration project that we hope to start planning next year.

In March, Stuart Strong retired after 27 years as Manager of the railway. We wish him a long and happy retirement. Stuart's replacement is James Barton, and the trustees look forward to working with James for the future good of the railway, and its long-term preservation for the general benefit and education of the public.

**Signed:**



**(Chairman)**

**(On behalf of the Trustees)  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Signed:**



**(Secretary)**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Volk's Electric Railway Association

No (if any)  
1186970

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date  
4/6/2021

To

Period end date  
4/5/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments

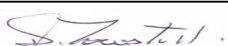
|                                                       | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |
| Transfer from previous non-charitable Association     | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| Membership Fees                                       | 2,340                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,340                           |
| Unrestricted Donations                                | 1,471                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,471                           |
| Restricted Donations                                  | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| Miscellaneous income received                         | 666                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 666                             |
| Fund raising activities                               | -                                         | 167                                  | -                                   | 167                             |
| Interest                                              | 1                                         | -                                    | -                                   | 1                               |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)                | 4,478                                     | 167                                  | -                                   | 4,645                           |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |
| None                                                  | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | 4,478                                     | 167                                  | -                                   | 4,645                           |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |
| Meeting expenses                                      | 170                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 170                             |
| Volk's News magazine production & distribution        | 1,181                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,181                           |
| Insurance policy                                      | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| Restoration                                           | -                                         | 669                                  | -                                   | 669                             |
| Hospitality                                           | 225                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 225                             |
| Administrative Expenses                               | 39                                        | -                                    | -                                   | 39                              |
| Miscellaneous                                         | 170                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 170                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | 1,785                                     | 669                                  | -                                   | 2,454                           |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                                           |                                      |                                     |                                 |
| Computer equipment                                    | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | 1,785                                     | 669                                  | -                                   | 2,454                           |
| <b>Net of receipts/payments</b>                       | 2,693                                     | - 502                                | -                                   | 2,191                           |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | -                                         | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | 2,693                                     | - 502                                | -                                   | 2,191                           |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories                                          | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                | Cash floats                                            |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     | Bank Account funds for Council projects                |                                    | 3,623                            |
|                                                     | Bank Account funds for other restoration               |                                    | 11,112                           |
|                                                     | Bank Account funds-Working capital                     | 6,084                              | -                                |
|                                                     | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>6,084</b>                       | <b>14,735</b>                    |
|                                                     | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error                    | Agreement Error                  |
|                                                     |                                                        | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                     | None                                                   | -                                  | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                |
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|                                                     |                                                        | -                                  | -                                |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | None                                                   |                                    | -                                |
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|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Details                                                | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  |
|                                                     | Southend Railway Car No. 9                             | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                |
|                                                     | Museum Models                                          | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                |
|                                                     | Heritage Artefacts                                     | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                |
|                                                     | Miscellaneous                                          | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                |
|                                                     | Office Equipment                                       | Unrestricted Funds                 | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | Details                                                | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            |
|                                                     | None                                                   |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |
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|                                                     |                                                        |                                    | -                                |

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

Signature



Print Name

DC COWSTICK

*TC Steven*

TC STEVEN

**CC16a**



**Last year**

**to the nearest £**

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| <b>16,652</b> |
| <b>2,700</b>  |
| <b>1,387</b>  |
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| <b>19</b>     |
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| <b>18,629</b> |
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| <b>18,629</b> |
| <b>20,820</b> |



**Endowment  
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**Endowment  
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8/18/2022

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**VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1186970

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**VOLK'S ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1186970**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

The granting of Charitable status to the Volk's Electric Railway Association (VERA) on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Potentially becoming a charity was mentioned in the original Constitution of 16<sup>th</sup> September 1995, the date VERA was formed. The new constitution of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was adopted by the online and postal voting of members of the pre-existing non-charitable Association, after the cancellation of a planned Special General Meeting in early 2020. We now seek to marginally amend the new constitution in the light of our first 18 months experience.

Membership is open to all those who have an interest in the works of Magnus Volk and in particular, the Volk's Electric Railway, which runs along the seafront in Brighton from the Aquarium to Black Rock, a distance of one mile. The railway is of significant importance as it is the oldest operating electric railway in the world, having started service in 1883.

Trustees oversee the day-to-day running of VERA and liaise closely with Brighton & Hove City Council, the owner and operator of the railway, in all matters affecting the well-being of the railway and its infrastructure. Regular meetings are held with the Council's Railway Management team to determine ways in which VERA can be of benefit, by providing volunteers and activities for our members and the wider public. The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Our aims and objectives, as set out in our Governing Document, are to advance the education of the public through the conservation of Volk's Electric Railway and to acquire, preserve and restore items in connection with the works of Magnus Volk and his railway. In pursuing those aims, we are grateful to the many hours that our member volunteers have contributed, both in practical terms at the railway and in the various administrative tasks that form an essential part of our operation.

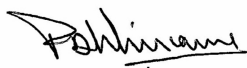
2020 was to be a special year, being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of VERA and plans had been made to celebrate with special events at the railway. The onset of the COVID-19 virus abruptly stopped those plans and we found ourselves unable to continue operating in our normal face-to-face style for the whole of that year. However, we very quickly adapted to using the latest online technology to hold regular weekly meetings for members and our Winter programme of illustrated talks was able to continue, for the wider benefit of interested persons. In addition, we were able to maintain the publication of our quarterly journal, Volk's News.

Since becoming a charity, we have strengthened and documented our Membership, Volunteering and Financial Management procedures in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines. The Association also became registered with HMRC for Gift Aid recovery for donations and negotiated their acceptance that membership fees are also eligible.

During 2020, trustee Adrian Richards resigned and Les Kenward was appointed. Initial trustees who remained in place for the period were Peter Williams, Sarah Luxford, Tim Steven, David Cowstick, Ian Gledhill and Barrie McFarlane.

At the start of the financial period, the CIO inherited £16,652.29 from the pre-existing Association. Cash at the bank on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was £18,629.63, of which £4,814.28 is restricted. The value of assets held by VERA was £47,000, these all being tangible historical artefacts at their market values. Our financial reserves, allocated for restoration and improvement projects, have not significantly been applied during the period due to restrictions from the virus pandemic.

Should the easing of COVID-19 restrictions go ahead according to the Government timetable, we hope next year to resume activity at the railway and be in a position to organise events that can further our aims.



**Signed:**

**(Chairman)**

**(On behalf of the Trustees)**



**Signed:**

**(Secretary)**



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Volk's Electric Railway Association

No (if any)  
1186970

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

Period start date  
16/12/2019

To

Period end date  
05/04/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

|                                                       | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                                           |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Transfer from previous non-charitable Association     | 2,368                                     | 14,284                                  | -                                      | 16,652                          | -                             |
| Membership Fees                                       | 2,700                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 2,700                           | -                             |
| Unrestricted Donations                                | 1,387                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 1,387                           | -                             |
| Restricted Donations                                  | -                                         | 197                                     | -                                      | 197                             | -                             |
| Miscellaneous income received                         | 107                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 107                             | -                             |
| Fund raising activities                               | 83                                        | -                                       | -                                      | 83                              | -                             |
| Interest                                              | 19                                        | -                                       | -                                      | 19                              | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>6,664</b>                              | <b>14,481</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>21,145</b>                   |                               |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                                           |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| None                                                  | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>6,664</b>                              | <b>14,481</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>21,145</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                                           |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Meeting expenses                                      | 30                                        | -                                       | -                                      | 30                              | -                             |
| Volk's News magazine production & distribution        | 1,606                                     | -                                       | -                                      | 1,606                           | -                             |
| Insurance policy                                      | 266                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 266                             | -                             |
| Restoration                                           | -                                         | 100                                     | -                                      | 100                             | -                             |
| Administrative Expenses                               | 300                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 300                             | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>2,202</b>                              | <b>100</b>                              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>2,302</b>                    | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b> |                                           |                                         |                                        |                                 |                               |
| Computer equipment                                    | 214                                       | -                                       | -                                      | 214                             | -                             |
|                                                       | -                                         | -                                       | -                                      | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>214</b>                                | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>214</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>2,416</b>                              | <b>100</b>                              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>2,516</b>                    | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>4,248</b>                              | <b>14,381</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>18,629</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>4,248</b>                              | <b>14,381</b>                           | <b>-</b>                               | <b>18,629</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details                                                | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | Cash floats                                            | 291                             | -                             | -                            |
|                      | Bank Account funds for Council projects                |                                 | 4,814                         | -                            |
|                      | Bank Account funds for other restoration               |                                 | 9,567                         | -                            |
|                      | Bank Account funds-Working capital                     | 3,957                           | -                             | -                            |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>4,248</b>                    | <b>14,381</b>                 | <b>-</b>                     |
|                      | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                              | OK                            | OK                           |

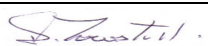
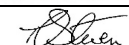
|                                 | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> | None    | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|                                 |         | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|                                 |         | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|                                 |         | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|                                 |         | -                               | -                             | -                            |
|                                 |         | -                               | -                             | -                            |

|                             | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> | None    |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

|                                                     | Details                    | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Southend Railway Car No. 9 | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 25,000                   |
|                                                     | Museum Models              | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 4,700                    |
|                                                     | Heritage Artefacts         | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 16,500                   |
|                                                     | Miscellaneous              | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 200                      |
|                                                     | Office Equipment           | Unrestricted Funds          | -               | 400                      |
|                                                     |                            |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                                     |                            |                             | -               | -                        |
|                                                     |                            |                             | -               | -                        |

|                       | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> | None    |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

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

| Signature                                                                           | Print Name  | Date of approval |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
|  | DC COWSTICK | 18/08/2021       |
|  | TC STEVEN   | 18/08/2021       |