

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 6th APRIL 2022 – 5th 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.

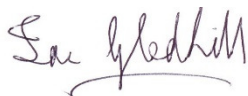
Currently the Board comprises trustees Ian Gledhill, David Cowstick, Tim Steven, Mick Mills and Barrie McFarlane with non-trustee officers David Bailey (Editor), Carly-May Kavanagh (Publicity officer) and Phil Hamerton (Membership Secretary). With Ian Gledhill's imminent departure, we do remain under 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 140th 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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,336	6,044	-	9,380	4,645
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,336	6,044	-	9,380	4,645
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,643	177	-	1,820	2,454
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer equipment	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,643	177	-	1,820	2,454
Net of receipts/ payments	1,693	5867.00	-	7,560	2,191
A5 Transfers between funds	- 548	548	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,084	14,736	-	20,820	18,629
Cash funds this year end	7,229	21,151	-	28,380	20,820



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,229	21,149	-
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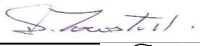
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	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 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	01/07/2023
	TC STEVEN	01/07/2023