



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31st March 2024

Charity name: Fareham & District Model Railway Club

Charity registration number: 1188533

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance and promote public education and foster a general interest in model railways, the history, heritage and development of railways and the hobby of railway modelling. To encourage and develop a high standard of modelling by members, including ancillary skills involved in creating model railways. To provide access to skilled works for local communities to enjoy.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the period covered by this report, we have been able to continue our program of exhibitions restarted last year. We ran our annual Exhibition RailEx, showcasing our club and other clubs from across the country. This took place in the local fitness centre, allowing over 1000 visitors for the two day event.</p> <p>Later in the year, we again showcased our own layouts to the local community of Fareham and Portchester in a local parish hall. This was a larger event and more people were encouraged to see our work with several enquiries bringing more people to join the club to learn more.</p> <p>The tools that have been made available to us, such as social media and our website, where we produce articles and blog posts to give helpful advice and tips to our members and the wider public have enabled us to be more widely known among the model railway community.</p> <p>.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Fareham & District Model Railway Club has considered the guidance the charities commission has provided when creating activities for the public.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grant-making is not a consideration for our charity.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers contribute to the aims of the charity in various ways. During more significant events, such as the RailEx exhibition, a core team of club members dedicated many hours to advertising, creating, organising and running. This included extending this year's IT Support during the event that allowed access to the event for a broader range of the public. For example, volunteers have worked to increase accessibility for the public by using social media and allowing the purchase of tickets online, allowing people who may otherwise not have known or been able to attend to access the event. This included setting up software to allow online ticket purchases ahead of time and card payments. As this has been proven to have an impact, we intend to continue to investigate opportunities to improve this for the public in the future.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>This year, the charity again increased the size of the annual RailEx Exhibition despite its difficulties in the previous two years. This increased the number of visitors to the event by approximately 10% from last year. This means an additional 300 or so visitors were given the chance to see model railways who otherwise may not have had the opportunity. In line with our aims, this included getting a younger audience to attend the event and encouraging them to take up the hobby.</p> <p>In addition, our members also benefited this year from opportunities to improve the club's layouts, which are taken to exhibitions across the country. There are opportunities in the coming year to create more new layouts where we believe there is a gap in exhibitions for new and modern layouts.</p> <p>The focus on modern image layouts and digital control has enabled us to attract members with a lower age than the previous average for the club. The management committee is also exploring possibilities of junior membership for those under 18.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>This year, the charity again increased the size of the annual RailEx Exhibition despite its difficulties in the previous years. This increased the number of visitors to the event by approximately 03% from last year. It also enabled us to increase the surplus to plough more funds into the charity for layout creation and development. This means more visitors were given the chance to see model railways and increase their confidence in embracing the hobby for personal well being. In line with our aims, this included getting a younger audience to attend the event and encouraging them to take up the hobby.</p> <p>In addition, members also benefited this year from further opportunities to improve the club's layouts, which are taken to exhibitions across the country. There are discussions taking place to create more new layouts where we believe there is a gap in exhibitions for new and modern layouts.</p>
	Para 1.41	<p>We are pleased that the target set by the committee this year to ensure that we made a small surplus on our exhibitions and club open days was not only met, but significantly</p>

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set		improved on previous years. This was only achieved by the co-operation of members and work in the community to raise profiles and work closely with local businesses.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have been able to improve our base funds f and made an increased surplus for the year. Given the challenge that the managing committee to stabilise the funding this year following those previously heavily affected by COVID Restrictions, the charity now finds itself in a more confident position
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We currently continue to hold a surplus due to the fact that the local council has yet to confirm the amount of funds owed in back rent.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Trust
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Free Democratic election by the membership for each trustee reaching the end of their term or for newly interested Trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fareham & District Model Railway Club
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1188533
Charity's principal address	Harbour View Portchester Hants

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Simon Key	Club Secretary		
	2	Roger Key	Chair of Trustees		
	3	Lyndon Ford	Management Committee Chair		
	4	Alistair Linford			
	5	Bronwyn Kirk			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)

Lyndon Ford

Full name(s)

Simon Key

Lyndon Ford

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Chair of Management Committee

Date

14/01/25

Receipts and payments accounts

Section A Receipts and payments

A2 Asset and investment sales,
(see table).

A3 Payments

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)