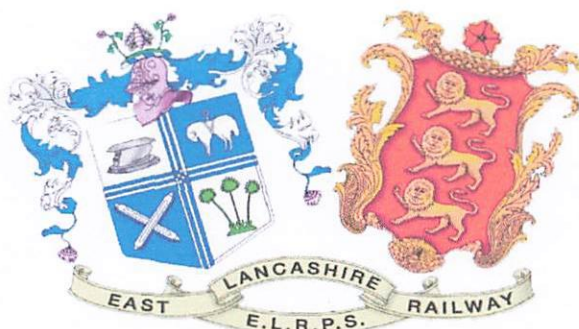


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EAST LANCASHIRE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY LIMITED

**AMENDED
UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees

Richard Sykes	Chair	Appointed	17 February 2022
David Wright	Vice Chair		
Gerald Atherton	Vice Chair		
Joanne Crompton	Treasurer	Appointed	30 May 2022
Keith Shilton	Secretary	Appointed	03 May 2022
John Tate	Assistant Secretary		
Margaret Wilson	Volunteer Liason		
Liam Barnes	Magazine Editor	Appointed	02 August 2022
Peter Colpman	Membership Secretary	Appointed	17 February 2022
Nigel Barnes		Appointed	22 April 2022
Mark Rosebury			
Donald Vause			
Glenn Clarkson		Resigned	23 February 2022
David Wilson		Resigned	09 February 2022
Matthew Adams		Resigned	31 March 2022
Stephen Gregory		Resigned	03 May 2022
Rory Lushman		Resigned	03 May 2022
Peter Aspinall		Resigned	28 May 2022
Howard Ford		Resigned	15 November 2022

Company registered number

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Registered office

64 Redearth Road
Darwen
Lancashire
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Company secretary & finance director

Joanne Crompton

Independent Examiner

Andrew Mitchell BSc FCA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the year 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in January 2019, and registered as a charity in July 2020. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointments to the Board of Directors and Trustees

All Directors are also Trustees of the charity for the purpose of charity law and under the requirements of the company's Articles of Association. Under those requirements, any director is appointed for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All Directors/Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses claimed from the charity must be supported by appropriate receipts and have been pre-approved as a legitimate expense under the financial management of the charity.

Risk Management

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and established policies and procedures to minimise any adverse risk. This covers both data and financial risks. Risks and mitigating actions are kept under constant review and updated as appropriate.

Organisation Structure

The business of the charity is administered by the Board who meet on a regular basis, normally monthly. Certain members of the Board have specific responsibilities based on their experience and professional backgrounds.

The Board has appointed an 'Executive' which consists of the Chair, two Vice-Chairs and the Finance Director to carry out the work of the charity where the full Board is unable to operate due to timing or other reasons.

Related Parties

The charity has no related parties in a corporate legal sense but is linked in its charitable aims with the operating Company of the ELR, the East Lancashire Light Railway Company Limited (ELLRCo).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Our Aims and Objectives

Purposes and Aims

Our charity's purposes as set out in the Objects clause in the company's Articles of Association are to:

advance education for the benefit of the public in the history, heritage construction, engineering and operation of the East Lancashire Railway in such ways and by such means as the trustees shall determine and by supporting the charitable work of the East Lancashire Light Railway Company Limited (registered charity number 1186648).

The aims of our charity are:

1. to preserve the whole or part of the ex-British Railways branch line between Rawtenstall and Castleton Junction through Bury together with its connection to the National Rail network;
2. to operate, restore, maintain and improve locomotives, rolling stock, infrastructure and all other objectives of the said railway;
3. to encourage volunteer activity in the furtherance of its aims.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous twelve months. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance provided by the Charity Commission when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year were to support the East Lancashire Light Railway Company Limited (ELLRCo) through volunteer recruitment and funding. Volunteer recruitment has been successful with over 80 candidates being referred to their chosen departments.

Due to the ongoing strategy work within the East Lancashire Railway Preservation Society Limited (ELRPS), a change to the way funding is applied for is being implemented, as a result there were no donations to the operating Company of the ELR, the East Lancashire Light Railway Company Ltd (ELLRCo) in the year. A list of capital projects for 2023-2025 has been compiled by the East Lancashire Light Railway Company Limited (ELLRCo) and the East Lancashire Railway Preservation Society Limited (ELRPS) will be providing contributions towards these.

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Chairs Report

It's been a year of change and differing Board members at the East Lancashire Railway Preservation Society Limited (ELRPS). Since being appointed to Chair in May 2022, we have seen a number of officer changes, the Finance Director, the Magazine Editor, the Secretary and other board members have resigned.

This has created the need for change and a strategy to ensure consistency moving forward.

We have updated and changed our membership systems to ensure we are aligned with today's technologies, the previous systems were cumbersome.

We are moving into a strategy where one person holds a specific role and has a back up, to ensure the continuity of the Society.

2020 and 2021 saw unprecedented challenges for the East Lancashire Light Railway Limited, (ELLRCo). The relationship between the ELRPS and the ELLRCo was challenged and funds were made available to the ELR. The focus for both Companies moving forward is now based on a Capital Projects Plan. The plan allows the Society to review the operating Company's priorities and assist, where funds are available, on the projects agreed.

We have established a joint Chair's meeting once a month between the ELRPS and the ELLRCo, where many differing aspects of day to day, week to week and month to month and most importantly strategic visions are discussed.

Our focus must be on our volunteers and their views and opinions, along with their opportunities for improvement ideas. This route is very much part of our strategy document that we are currently developing and will be a guide in to the next two or three years. We have established that what got us through the last 30+ years, will certainly not take us into the future. Our railway requires new initiatives and technologies.

Financially the Society is sound and needs to be encouraged into funding Capital Projects that have a followed assurance route to ensure all spending is captured and our volunteers see and reap the benefits of the investments.

Our newly formatted Board see the benefits and are supporting the changes and embracing the opportunities that lay ahead. We have entered into a new look ahead programme on how we can attract and retain volunteers, this initiative is a joined project between both ELRPS and ELLRCo. This project has Project Sponsors, Project Steering group and a Project Working group. Clearly defined objectives have been embraced.

2023 will be about delivering on the strategy plan once completed and signed off. With a focus on how we deliver clear and consistent messages to our volunteers through social media and electronic communication media.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Membership Report

Membership comparison

Current Membership indicates a fall of approximately 6% membership compared with 2022. Please see table below.

For clarity membership for current year has been recalculated by bringing Associate members from full, senior, one and three year memberships into one category to align with 2021/22 year reports.

Year	Current to 30 th April 2023		2022		2021	
Category	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Young Persons	28	1%	43	1%	46	1%
Full Members	885	30%	980	31%	882	29%
Senior Members	1941	65%	2056	64%	2003	66%
Associates	115	4%	72	2%	71	2%
Family	6	1%	14	1%	10	1%
Honorary Members	19	1%	19	1%	22	1%
Total Membership	2994	100%	3184	100%	3034	100%

Percentage calculated to nearest 1%

Proposed Changes to Membership categories

There are currently 14 categories of membership available, which is more than most other railways. This makes the system cumbersome and confusing and has resulted in some members choosing the wrong option and subsequently having to request a change. This creates extra work and expense if fresh membership cards have to be issued.

In order to streamline the operations, and make it more efficient, the board have recommended the following changes: - Removal of the grades of family membership, associate membership and life membership. In addition, the age at which a member qualifies for senior membership should be in-line with the State Pension Age (currently 66 years).

It should be stressed that the changes will not affect members who are currently in one of the groups named above as they will continue until their current membership expires.

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Membership Report (Continued)

Family Membership

There are currently only 6 family group memberships. Family members are entitled to one free trip per year with additional trips being chargeable at Privilege fares. Family members names are not listed on the membership card and therefore it is not possible to monitor who uses the card and therefore it can be open to abuse.

Family membership is valid for one year and will not be available after 31st December 2023. Those with current family membership will have the option of joining as full or young person members to receive full benefits.

Associate Members

In order to join as an associate member you have to be linked to a lead member. In nearly every case the associate member is a female who is linked to a male lead member but, whereas the lead member receives three free trips on the railway, the associate member receives none. In 2023 every member should receive equal treatment without any discrimination. We should not be operating a two-tier membership system.

Associate members will have the option of joining as full or senior members when their current membership expires.

Life Membership

Life expectancy is increasing and life membership is generally not viable for the Society without a substantial increase in subscription rates. (Current ELRPS life membership for 2023 is £400 compared with similar sized preserved railways ranging from £400 to £900.)

Life membership provides a large sum of money in the first instance but then no further income for the remainder of that membership. If a full member were to take out life membership at age 20 and then live for a further 60 years (not unreasonable) then, at current rates, the average would be less than £7 per year. A senior taking life membership at 60 and living a further 20 years would average £8.25 per year. Both these sums do not cover the annual costs per member to run the Society and fall far short of the current annual/3 yearly membership subscriptions.

In addition, because life members do not need to renew their memberships at set intervals, then it is difficult to maintain contact with them. Some, unfortunately, may have passed away and we continue to send literature if nobody takes the trouble to inform the Society.

All members affected by the changes will be contacted prior to the expiry of their current membership.

Proposed Increase in Membership fees

The Society is committed to supporting the railway by funding projects that meet the criteria of Preservation, Education, Accessibility or Heritage. Over the past 21 years the Society has provided in excess of £618,000 of infrastructure funding. Membership fees have not increased in the past 6 years while the society overhead costs and the company repair / replacement costs have increased significantly. The society looked at a total of 14 other comparably sized and/ or local preserved railways to gauge current 2023 membership fees. It was considered that fees for 2024 should be increased. Our proposed fees for 2024 showing an increase equivalent to less than 10p per week on 1 year membership proportionately less on 3 year are pitched at the average of the other 14 railways 2023 membership prices. It is felt that this offers value to the membership whilst providing additional funding for approved preservation work on the railway.

Membership Categories and Membership Fees recommended for 2024

Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Youth	£11	£13
Adult 1 Year	£23	£28
Adult 3 Year	£60	£75
Senior 1 Year	£17	£22
Senior 3 Year	£45	£60

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Volunteering Report

There has been a steady flow of enquiries over 2022. There were 156 total enquiries for the year. Eighty referrals were made through to different departments from 71 people.

Seventy nine of the 156, did not respond to email or telephone calls, decided not to volunteer, were under the age of sixteen, lived abroad, or were not suitable for the only role they would consider.

Various enquiries received, were for work experience, which were passed on to East Lancashire Light Railway Company Limited (ELLRCo). Companies wishing to volunteer for one or two days only, these were also passed to ELLRCo. as they were specific requests. Various requests were received from Health Care professionals wishing to place rehabilitation patients at the Railway. These required specific needs which the Health Care professionals expected the Railway to provide. Another enquiry was from Probation Services. This was referred to ELLRCo. HR Director for advice.

The Members Tours recommenced in early 2022 and have proved popular under a new tour leader supported by a small number of tour guides. Their efforts are to be commended.

Thirty members attended tours during 2022. However, a number of these were already working members who were looking for further information about the Railway and opportunities.

The booking system for the tours is working well and helps to ensure that safety of participants can be maintained.

Table 2022 Enquiries

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Total	15	14	18	11	14	6	13	14	18	15	13	5	156
Buffets			2				1				1		4
C&W								1		1			2
C&W Cleaners		1					1	1		4	2		9
Civil Eng		2									2		4
CME Team		1			1			1					3
Diesel		1		1	1	1	1		2				7
Events Team							1	1		1	2		5
Guards							1	1	1			1	4
Museum			1			1				3			5
Shop	1												1
Sig Eng	1												1
Sig Ops				1		1		1	2				5
Std 4				1					2				3
Stations	1		5		2		1		5		2	1	17
Stations TTI						1		1					2
Steam Ops					1	2		1	1	1	2		8
Total	3	5	8	3	5	6	6	8	13	10	11	2	80

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Financial Review

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 are included with this report. The key areas are highlighted within the accounts, however, to summarise:

The Society has delivered a surplus of £32,596 (2021 £3,696 as restated)

Gift Aid has delivered £13,876 (2021 £9,428)

Membership income was £33,813 (2021 £13,399 as restated)

Due to under provision for deferred subscriptions in the previous year, the 2021 accounts have been restated to reflect this uplift.

General donations and fundraising income were up on the previous year by 16% at £10,625 (2021 £9,166)

The Charity made payments in furtherance of its objectives of £27,258 (2021 £28,389)

Spending on membership communications and admin was down on the previous year due to less members renewing.

Spending on general society administration has increased due to higher AGM costs and higher overall costs in the year.

There have been no contributions to the operating arm of the railway (East Lancashire Light Railway Company Limited) in the year.

Overall expenditure was down on the previous year by 4%, but more work must be done in the coming years to attract and increase membership and reduce costs by encouraging more people to sign up for the online magazine and look at ways to offer an online membership. A review of the membership types and costs for 2024 is recommended.

Steps have been taken for 2023 to reduce membership and finance costs by moving to online cloud accounting and a dedicated membership system, it is expected that this will save approx. £778 per year.

By taking these steps, along with the Society's new funding strategies, it will enable the Society to support the East Lancashire Light Railway Company Limited (ELLRCo) in its capital projects and invest in volunteer welfare.

As at 31 December 2022 total reserves were £57,708 of which the free reserves (after deducting fixed assets) were £57,594 and cash in the bank was £159,121

We cannot plan with certainty for the future; however, we will continue to manage the finances of the Society in a prudent manner to ensure it remains in a strong position to meet challenges which may lie ahead.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board

The Board members who are also Directors and Trustees who served during the period of this report are set out at the beginning of this report.

In accordance with company law, as the directors, we certify that:

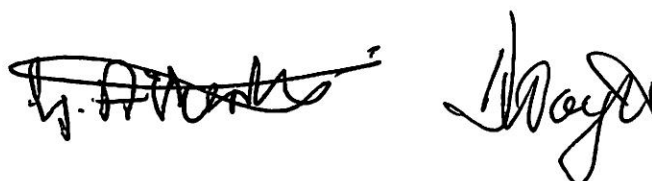
- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's Independent Financial Examiner is aware; and
- as the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any such information.

Approved by the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

D.Wright - Chair, Director and Trustee

G Atherton- Vice Chair, Director and Trustee

Date: 17/7/23



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The East Lancashire Railway Preservation Society Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

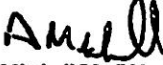
I have completed my examination. I have identified no matters of concern that gives me reasonable cause to believe that the accounts prepared for the Company are not fully compliant with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act and have not been prepared fully in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I confirm that there are no other matters which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 

Dated: 22nd June 2023

Andrew Mitchell BSc FCA
AIM Accountant Limited
10 Parkside
Little Gomersal
BD19 4JH

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	As restated Total funds 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	53,111	-	53,111	31,993
Other trading activity	4	6,603	-	6,603	-
Investments	5	140	-	140	93
TOTAL INCOME		59,854	-	59,854	32,085
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	(700)	-	(700)	-
Charitable activities	7	27,957	-	27,957	28,389
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		27,258	-	27,258	28,389
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		32,596	-	32,596	3,696
Transfers between funds	13	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		32,596	-	32,596	3,696
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward (as restated)		25,112	-	25,112	21,416
Net movement in funds		32,596	-	32,596	3,696
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		57,708	-	57,708	25,112

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022	As restated 2021
ASSETS EMPLOYED:	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	9	114	199
		114	199
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		1,483	-
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one y.	10	-	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	10	2,370	20
Cash at bank and in hand		159,121	131,723
		162,974	131,743
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11		
Trade Creditors		0	(6,215)
Deferred Income & accruals		(30,208)	(30,225)
		(30,208)	(36,440)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		132,766	95,303
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		132,880	95,502
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(75,172)	(70,390)
NET ASSETS		57,708	25,112
CHARITY FUNDS			
RESERVES			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	57,708	25,112
		57,708	25,112

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

D Wright (Chair of Trustees)

G Atherton (Vice Chair of Trustees)

Date:

17/1/23




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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

The registered address is:

64 Redearth Road
Darwen
BB3 2AF

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The East Lancashire Railway Preservation Society Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FR 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Trust to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet.

Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. The Trustees acknowledge that they are assets of the company as soon as received but the minimal value of these assets makes it uneconomic to value them prior to sale. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities are costs incurred on the company's charitable operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £300 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Office Equipment

20% Straight Line

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount.

Where the effect of the time value of money is material the asset is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the asset. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest receivable.

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

Whilst calculating the accrued income at 31/12/22 it was noted that accrued income at 31/12/21 was materially understated so the figures for 31/12/21 have been amended to reflect this accounting estimate.

Provision is made for Member's Subscriptions paid in advance. This provision is released in accordance with the period of membership related thereto be it 1 year, 3 years or life membership. The balance of subscriptions paid in advance and not released is shown in the deferred income fund on the balance sheet.

2.11 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	As restated Total funds 2021 £
Donations	4,022	-	4,022	9,166
Legacies	1,400	-	1,400	-
Subscriptions	33,813	-	33,813	13,399
Tax recoverable on gift aid on donations & subscriptions	13,876	-	13,876	9,428
Grants	-	-	-	-
	53,111	-	53,111	31,993
<i>Total 2021</i>	31,993	-	31,993	

4 FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
PW Prize Draw 2022	4,761	4,761	-
Fund Generation - Charity Shop	2	2	-
Fund Generation - Fund Raising	1,795	1,795	-
Charitable Activities	45	45	-
	6,603	6,603	-
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	-	

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Bank Interest	140	140	93
	140	140	93
<i>Total 2021</i>	93	93	

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6 RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fund raising expenditure	(700)	(700)	-
	-	-	-
	<u>- 700</u>	<u>- 700</u>	<u>-</u>
Total 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	

7 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2021 £
Membership Communications	13,872	-	13,872	16,555
Society Marketing	135	-	135	122
Society Administration	8,882	-	8,882	4,374
Membership Administration	5,069	-	5,069	5,766
ELLRCo Funding	-	-	-	1,572
	<u>27,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,957</u>	<u>28,389</u>
Total 2021	<u>28,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,389</u>	

8 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits.

5 Trustees received reimbursement of expenses, already paid out personally by them on Trust business, amounting to £1,160 in the year.

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9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Property £	Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 01 January 2022	552	423	975
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>552</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>975</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 01 January 2022	552	224	776
Charge for the year	-	85	85
At 31 December 2022	<u>552</u>	<u>309</u>	<u>861</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>114</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>199</u>

10 DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Due within one year		
Other debtors	-	20
Tax recoverable	2,370	-
	<u>2,370</u>	<u>20</u>

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11	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		<i>As restated</i>
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Trade Creditors	-	6215
	Other taxation and social security	-	-
	Accruals and deferred income	30,208	30,225
		30,208	36,440

12	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		<i>As Restated</i>
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Deferred Income	75,172	70,390
		75,172	70,390

13 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Statement of funds - current year	As restated				Balance at 31
	Balance at 01				December
	January			Transfers	
	2022	Income	Expenditure	In/Out	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Capital Fund	199	-	(85)	-	114
General Fund	24,913	59,854	(27,173)	-	57,594
Designated Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	25,112	59,854	(27,258)	-	57,708
Restricted funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total of funds	25,112	59,854	(27,258)	-	57,708

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 01 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/Out £	As restated Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
Capital Fund	675	-	(476)	-	199
General Fund	20,741	32,085	(27,913)	-	24,913
Designated Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>21,416</u>	<u>32,085</u>	<u>(28,389)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,112</u>
Restricted funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of funds	<u>21,416</u>	<u>32,085</u>	<u>(28,389)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,112</u>

Unrestricted Funds

The Capital Fund represent funds held as fixed assets.

The General Fund is the surplus accruing from membership income, fund raising, Donations and Gift Aid which can be used as Trustees see fit.

The designated fund represents funds which have been set aside by trustees for essential spend such as operating costs.

Restricted funds

There are no restricted funds within the accounts.

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15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	114	-	114
Current assets	162,974	-	162,974
Creditors due within one year	(30,208)	-	(30,208)
Creditors due in more than one year	(75,172)	-	(75,172)
Total	57,708	-	57,708

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	As Restated Total funds 2021 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	199	-	199
Debtors due after more than one year	-	-	-
Current assets	131,743	-	131,743
Creditors due within one year	(36,440)	-	(36,440)
Creditors due in more than one year	(70,390)	-	(70,390)
Total	25,112	-	25,112