



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024

Period start date To 31/03/2025

Period end date

Charity name: Yeovil Model Railway Group

Charity registration number: 1193100

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity exists to build and maintain model railway layouts to a high standard; to support members with their own modelling; to develop members' skills, including those of junior members; and to exhibit and demonstrate layouts to the public. The charity may undertake any additional activities that help achieve these objectives.
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	The club promotes public education and interest in model railways, railways and related pursuits, and encourages a high standard of modelling among its members. During the year, the club opened at least once a week and welcomed members of the public who made enquiries about joining. Several new members were recruited as a result. Full members were able to attend the club at any time The club exhibited at the 2024 Model Rail Scotland show in Glasgow with its layout "The Summit." Significant work also continued on the development of future exhibition layouts, particularly Evercreech New and Heyno Junction. The club publicised its work and achievements through model railway enthusiast publications and social media platforms such as Facebook and YouTube. The club maintains a website which outlines its aims and provides a monthly blog to keep members and the wider public informed. A member of the club produces a regular printed bulletin to ensure that members without email or internet access are kept up to date with club activities.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18 	The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when carrying out the club's activities during the year.
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Objectives and Activities

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Yeovil Model Railway Group comprises volunteers only, who contribute towards the running, aims and objectives of the Club. There are no paid staff.
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	The attendance of club members at public exhibitions, whether or not the club was exhibiting its own layouts, helped to raise awareness of the charity's work and encouraged greater public interest in railway modelling. Throughout the year, the club supported both members and visitors by offering advice, guidance and practical assistance in all aspects of model railway construction. These activities improved participants' skills, confidence and enjoyment, contributing to wider community engagement with the hobby.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Since becoming a CIO, the club has met its objectives by raising public awareness, attracting new members, and providing education and support that help develop skills in model railway construction and related activities.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the period, expenditure exceeded income by approximately £300. Cash reserves totalled just over £9,598, which is above the level set in our reserves policy. Non-cash assets consist mainly of the club's layouts, which are difficult to value due to the very limited market for large model railway layouts.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees have agreed to hold reserves equivalent to twice the charity's annual running costs, excluding layout-related expenditure. This level is considered necessary to ensure continuity of operations should the club lose access to its current premises..
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8995
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	The charity's main source of income during the year was monthly membership fees. No fundraising activities took place, as the annual Open Day—normally a significant source of additional income—was cancelled for 2024–2025 due to several projects not being sufficiently advanced for display.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Club does not currently hold any investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The landlord of the clubroom could require the Club to vacate without any requirement to give advanced notice
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees are recommended by members of the Club and appointed by the 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	Requirement to study the Charity Commission Guidance.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is managed by a Committee comprising a Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, all elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. All of the Trustees also serves on the Committee. The Trustees delegate day-to-day operations to the Committee but are kept fully informed and may intervene or take action whenever necessary.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Not Applicable
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Yeovil Model Railway Group
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1193100
Charity's principal address	2 Lime Kiln Abbey Manor Park Yeovil Somerset BA21 3RW Phone: 01935429118 Email: secretary@yeovilmrg.org Website: www.yeovilmrg.org

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	John Meakin	Chair		Yeovil Model Railway Group members
2	Keith Bunce			
3	Simon Wright			
4	Julian Geard			
5	Andrew Coles			
6	Dean Lewis			
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18				
19				
20				

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	

Website: www.yeovilmr.org
 Email: secretary@yeovilmr.org
 Phone: 01935429118
 BA21 3RW
 Somerset
 Yeovil

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	none
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	none

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 Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Andrew Coles

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

4/12/25

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
YEOVIL MODEL RAILWAY GROUP

No (if any)

1193100

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024

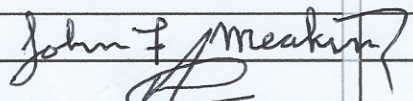
To

Period end date
31/03/2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	6,203	-	-	6,203	6,702
Donations	405	-	-	405	334
Ground rents	973	-	-	973	839
Open day/ exhibition	1,750	-	-	1,750	-
Magazine articles	-	-	-	-	-
Subscription arrears	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	76	-	-	76	250
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,407	-	-	9,407	8,125
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	9,407	- 0	- 0	9,407	8,125
A3 Payments					
Rent	4,800	-	-	4,800	4,800
Electricity and Gas	1,567	-	-	1,567	1,367
Facilities/Repairs	228	-	-	228	82
Insurance	155	-	-	155	185
Open day/ Exhibitions	1,774	-	-	1,774	-
Layout - The Summit	45	-	-	45	-
Layout - Gasworks	18	-	-	18	-
Layout - Heyno Junction	112	-	-	112	627
Layout - Evercreech New	769	-	-	769	731
Layout - South Junction	36	-	-	36	-
Layout - Junior Layout	-	-	-	-	-
Layout - The bank	27	-	-	27	16
Layout - Ratcliffe Street (Diesel Depot)	50	-	-	50	-
IT/website	36	-	-	36	13
Capital purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	95	-	-	95	180
Sub total	9,712	-	-	9,712	8,001
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	1,047
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	1,047
Total payments	9,712	- 0	- 0	9,712	9,048
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 305	-	-	- 305	- 923
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,903	-	-	9,903	10,826
Cash funds this year end	9,598	-	-	9,598	9,903

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	9,540	-	-
	Petty cash	58	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,598	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	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	Horse Trailer		100	250
	Workshop tools and Material		-	400
	Layout - The Summit		-	500
	Layout - Gasworks		-	300
	Layout - Heyno Junction		-	300
	Layout - Evercreech New		-	500
	Layout - South Junction			500
	Layout - Junior Layout			100
	Layout - The bank			300
	Layout - Ratcliffe Street (Diesel Depot)			200
	Wagons construction s kits		1,047	1,047
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
Chairman		John Meakin	03/12/25	
Treasurer		Andrew Coles	03/12/25	