

# WHITWELL AND REEPHAM MODEL ENGINEERING CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1194692

## Details

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Other names	TOP FIELD LIGHT RAILWAY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2021-06-07
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SCIENCE AND SKILLS OF ENGINEERING BY:-ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A WORKSHOP TO SUPPORT ALL FORMS OF ENGINEERING WITH THE AIM OF SHARING AND DEVELOPING NEW SKILLS RELATED TO MODEL ENGINEERING; AND CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING A LIGHT RAILWAY AND UTILISING TRADITIONAL RAILWAY PRACTICES AND RULES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS AND FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

**Activities:** The trustees of the W&RMEC shall on land known as Top Field, adjacent to the Whitwell & Reepham Railway Station, establish and maintain a workshop to support all forms of engineering with the aim of sharing and developing new skills related to model engineering to attract people of all ages to the activity. The Trustees shall also construct, operate and maintain the TOP FIELD LIGHT RAILWAY.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Norfolk
- Suffolk

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,809	£5,890	-	-
2023-12-31	£7,459	£6,811	-	-
2022-12-31	£4,875	£4,678	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,537	£2,104	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>John James Mason</b>	Chair	2021-05-20
Charles Lovett		2025-06-26
Emma Webster		2025-01-19
Jamie Kent		2025-06-26
Rio Audean Kent		2025-09-24

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## TOP FIELD LIGHT RAILWAY



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### **Trustees Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.**

Once again our portable track events generated the bulk of our income for the year, however this was slightly down from last year mainly due to the inclement weather. Donations were also substantially reduced but still remain at a reasonable level. Income at Top Field Light Railway is slightly down and this is an area where we need to improve our footfall by more advertising and awareness for visitors to Whitwell Station. Plus we will continue to develop our relationship with the Main Railway following on from this years successes.

Thanks are due to the "Permanent Way Gang" for all their hard work throughout the year re-laying the main line using recycled plastic sleepers and profile rail, also general maintenance and sleeper repairs to the track on Top Field Light Railway, plus repairs to the club steam loco were all carried out by the club members both young and not so young! Tihany is now undergoing a more through overall and whilst dismantled the Trustees have agreed to a livery change.

This year we purchased a second hand grey driving truck to add to the clubs rolling stock and four new tyres for the clubs portable track trailer also our 'stock' of portable track received a considerable boost following a generous gift of track panels. We also acquired the hydraulic lifting table from Parklands Railway Society and this will replace our current loading ramp sometime later next year.

Overall income was down £1,650 compared to previous year, but expenditure was also down, unfortunately by not as much resulting in a deficit of **£80** on the current year and we still have Tihany's final £1,000 loan to repay which should be quite achievable once the running season gets started later in 2025. So despite a small trading loss during the year we carry forward a healthy balance of **£1,178.50** and the good news is the Trustees are not recommending any increases in subscriptions or ticket prices.

The Chairman of Trustees thanked the club members and fellow Trustees for their support during his years in office as he was stepping down at the AGM in 2025 and he wished the new Chairman every success.

**See page two for Trustees Financial Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.**

Whitwell & Reepham Model Engineering Club (Charity No. 1194692)

Trustees Financial Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**TOP FIELD LIGHT RAILWAY**

**Income for 2024.**

**Total of 52 Membership subscription fees paid during 2024.** Sub-Total £ 825.00

**£5 Day membership income at TFLR Model Show "Driver for a Fiver."** Sub-Total £ 100.00

**Miscellaneous bucket donations received during the year for TFLR** Sub-Total £ 388.34

Income from TFLR portable track event with 400 passengers £ 650.00

Income from TFLR portable track event with 223 passengers £ 446.00

Payment received at portable track event for damage to buffer stop £ 74.00

Income from TFLR portable track event with 430 passengers £ 860.00

Income from TFLR portable track event with 511 passengers £1,300.00

Income from TFLR portable track event with 220 passengers £ 550.00

**Portable Track Events during 2024.** Sub-Total £3,880.00

30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Egg Hunt: 28 Adults; 47 Children (less 29 vouchers) £ 126.00

5<sup>th</sup> May Sunday Passengers 26 Adults (3 Rover); 20 Children (2 Rover) £ 116.00

6<sup>th</sup> July Sunday Passengers 14 Adults; 08 Children £ 47.00

3<sup>rd</sup> August Saturday Passengers 18 Adults; 08 Children £ 57.00

4<sup>th</sup> August Sunday Passengers 26 Adults; 11 Children £ 81.50

1<sup>st</sup> September Sunday Passengers 19 Adults; 11 Children £ 64.00

6<sup>th</sup> October Sunday Passengers 08 Adults; 07 Children £ 30.50

27<sup>th</sup> October W&RR Model Show 9 x passengers @ £1 £ 9.00

Sale of second-hand Railway Books/Jigsaws & model kits £ 50.00

Sale of TFLR tea mug: 3 x £5.00 £ 15.00

Sale of TFLR lapel badges: 4 x £5.00 £ 20.00

**Income from passenger tickets & sales at Top Field Light Railway.** Sub-Total £ 616.00

**TOTAL Income 2024 £ 5,809.34**

**Expenditure for 2024.**

Walker Midgely Insurance premium 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 £1,614.75

TFLR Website, plus printing and advertising costs. £ 281.60

Annual Ground Rent £30/month to Hercules Management Services Ltd £ 360.00

Relaying P-Way, recycled plastic sleepers, screws, weed control fabric. £2,236.10

Four new tyres for W&RMEC portable track trailer (ex Central Tyres) £ 129.60

Second-hand R-o-R driving truck with handbrake (ex. George Witheridge) £ 380.00

Hydraulic lifting table (Ex Hemsby – Parklands Miniature Railway) £ 500.00

Tihany - EKP Supplies SI-26902 Various pipework items for repairs £ 33.00

Tihany - Live Steam Models Ltd. 2 x No. 5 injectors £ 124.20

Tihany - Tin Steamseal £10.80. S/H Oil-feeder £12.50. Water pipe £5 £ 28.30

Consumable items for events and locomotives etc. £ 89.79

Miscellaneous fees and hire charges. £ 30.00

Trustees Travel Expenses to portable track event. £ 50.00

Cost of TFLR Tea Mugs 3 x £2.50 £ 7.50

Cost of TFLR lapel badges 4 x £3.11 £ 12.44

SumUp transaction fees for 2024 on income of £ 675.00 £ 11.40

PayPal transaction fees for 2024 on income of £ 68.00 £ 1.55

**Total Expenditure 2024 £ 5,890.23**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 Surplus/Deficit £ -(80.89)**

Total cash assets at 31-12-2023 brought forward **£ 1,259.39**

**Total to carry forward to 2025 £ 1,178.50**

Whitwell & Reepham Model Engineering Club accounts prepared by: John Mason (Trustee/Treasurer).

Signed by Chairman of Trustees Robert Ewles: *Robert Ewles*

W&RMEC Trustees Report year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

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### Trustees Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

First of all we would like to thank all those who have attended and helped onsite and off-site throughout the year, without the volunteers we wouldn't have been able to achieve half of what we've achieved this year. So a big thank you! 2023 was another good year for us at Top Field Light Railway both financially and generally. Financially we have had some very successful portable railway events including the North Walsham Childrens Event, Strumpshaw Steam Rally, SEND Fest and Stonham Barns Big Bus Rally. We have aided our portable events by purchasing a twin-axle trailer for the club. This was purchased in the summer and first saw frontline service when we visited Stonham Barns. TFLR own running days on-site have also helped to boost the funds, however we will need to focus on improving the footfall to make them more sustainable. The Vintage Fayre was especially disappointing, due to poor weather and therefore a poor turnout. The Miniature Mayhem Gala was our most successful onsite event which featured 5 working steam locomotives plus internal combustion and battery electric locomotives in support. The decision to attach the portable track to the end of the permanently laid railway was a firm favourite with members and passengers, allowing us to have up to three trains operating. The annual Model Railway Show in October allowed us to trial Driver-for-a-Fiver experiences for the first time, which helped bolster the funds at the end of the season.

The decision was taken to relay the entire section of line from the point to the unloading bay to end of the operational line. When removing the track it was discovered that the entire track bed needed re-digging and new foundations laid. A start was immediately made after the last running day in October. So far the track-bed has been refurbished along with the relaying of ballasted track which has reached Mustn't Grumble Halt. The next section from Mustn't Grumble to Roman Road station is currently work in progress. Plastic sleepers have been used throughout, replacing the rotten wooden sleepers which should give us hopefully 50 years of service. The main line rail has been re-laid in flat-bottom throughout, replacing the bar stock. We would like to thank the "Track Gang" led by Stuart Hughes assisted by Ellis and David for their hard work and commitment to the project.

#### Locomotives:

Tihany: Has been the mainstay of steam traction for most Club activities during 2023, accumulating at least 10 steaming's. Tihany is now undergoing winter maintenance. Dan Hansell reports that the connecting rods have been taken home for machining. All the replacement pipework has been acquired is now being prepared ready to replace all the pipework that was damaged during last winter.

Iceni: Thanks to Paul for bringing Iceni along during April when Tihany wasn't available and again when she appeared at the Miniature Mayhem Gala.

Erin: Appeared and helped us with a very successful Strumpshaw Steam Rally. I wish to thank David for bringing her along and helping us to set up and break down.

Edward Watkins: Appeared and helped us with a very successful Strumpshaw Steam Rally. I wish to thank the two Ollies for bringing her along.

Little Nell, Black Knight & The Jung: All made appearances during the Miniature Mayhem Gala. we wish to thank Neal, Nigel and their other ESLR members.

Scamp 71 / Hughes Locomotive / PMR No.2: All these locomotives helped a great deal during the season and have allowed us to bring in much needed revenue to the club. We would like to thank all the owners for providing their locomotives.

### TFLR Branded Clothing:

Club clothing has been introduced and we would like to thank Jamie for its preparation and ordering. If members would like to order any of the club clothing, please speak to Jamie.

### Strumpshaw Steam Rally:

Strumpshaw again was another brilliant steam event, the best financially so far. We had five locomotives available at one point which included Tihany, Erin, Edward Watkins, Scamp 71 and the Neptune. We had the two train "Jazz Service" in operation again, which helped the flow of people. We wish to thank all the members who helped to deliver equipment, set up, operate the railway and then break down and transport back to base at the end of the event.

### Future:

As we now enter the 2024 season we are now looking at the following items:

Paying off the last instalment on Tihany's Loan.

Completing the rebuilding of the railway up to and including Roman Road Station.

Attending Portable Events both new and annual occasions. North Walsham Children's Event, Costessey Fayre, Strumpshaw, Stonham Barns.

Improving our footfall on the main site with more advertising, new events and some new ideas. We to get people onto our site without having to rely on the main station site.

Increasing our active membership.

Implement the Rule Book and some re-training once the railways reconstruction is complete.

## **W&RMEC Trustees Financial Report for the year 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.**

### **Income for 2023.**

<b>Total of 54 Membership subscription fees paid during 2023.</b>	<b>Sub-TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 889.50</b>
<b>£5 Day membership income at TFLR Model Show "Driver for a Fiver."</b>	<b>Sub-TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 65.00</b>
Individual Donation specifically for Walker Midgely insurance premium.	£1,462.18	
Donation from Portable Railway Club specifically for Lifting Table Fund.	£ 100.00	
Donations made by public during June at portable track event.	£ 97.00	
Donations made by the public during August at portable track event.	£ 134.50	
Small donations received during the year for Top Field Light Railway.	<u>£ 55.50</u>	
<b>Donations during 2023.</b>	<b>Sub-TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1,849.18</b>
Income from TFLR portable track event with 442 passengers.	£ 600.00	
Income from TFLR portable track event with 1,019 passengers.	£2,038.00	
Income from TFLR portable track event with 190 passengers.	£ 650.00	
Income from TFLR portable track event with 291 passengers.	£ 500.00	
Income from TFLR portable track event with 87 passengers.	£ 174.00	
Sale of TFLR Enamelled Lapel Pin Badges: 4 x £6.00.	<u>£ 24.00</u>	
<b>Portable Track Events during 2023.</b>	<b>Sub-TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 3,986.00</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April passengers: 11 Adults & 10 children (+ 2 & 2 for prize).	£ 50.50	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April passengers: 3 Adults & 2 children.	£ 10.50	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May passengers: 4 Adults & 6 children.	£ 19.00	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June passengers: 22 Adults & 8 children; plus 1 Adult Rover.	£ 72.00	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July Mini Mayhem Gala passengers: 57 Adults & 25 children.	£ 180.00	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 'Summer Fayre' passengers: 31 Adults & 17 children.	£ 103.00	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September passengers: 14 Adults & 04 children.	£ 41.00	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October passengers: 8 Adults & 8 children.	£ 32.00	
Top Field Light Railway multi-ride tickets.	£ 45.00	
Sale of second-hand Railway Books/Jigsaws and Model construction kits.	£ 75.00	
Sale of TFLR Enamelled Lapel Pin Badges: 7 x £6.00.	<u>£ 42.00</u>	
<b>Income from passenger tickets &amp; sales at Top Field Light Railway.</b>	<b>Sub-TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 670.00</b>

**Total Income 2023    £ 7,459.68**

### Expenditure for 2023.

Walker Midgely Insurance premium 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023.	£ 1,462.18
Members Loan repayment for purchase of Tihany (steam locomotive).	£ 3,000.00
TFLR Website, plus printing and advertising costs.	£ 256.60
Tihany parts for water gauge, protector & glass (Ex RA Barker).	£ 323.98
Secondhand twin axle trailer with cover (Ex Graham Arrowsmith).	£ 500.00
Clarks battery charger (Ex Machine Mart).	£ 59.98
Recalibration of hydraulic pressure gauge (Ex Metnor).	£ 36.00
Consumable items for events and locomotives etc.	£ 207.65
Relaying P-Way, recycled plastic sleepers, screws, weed control fabric.	£ 593.59
Miscellaneous fees and hire charges.	£ 33.00
Trustees Travel Expenses to portable track event.	£ 50.00
Annual Ground Rent £20/month to Hercules Management Services Ltd.	£ 240.00
Cost of TFLR lapel badges 11 x £3.11.	£ 34.21
SumUp transaction fees for 2023 on income of £ 728.00.	£ 11.09
PayPal transaction fees for 2023 on income of £ 121.00.	<u>£ 3.28</u>
<b>Total Expenditure 2023</b>	<b>£ <u>6,811.56</u></b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Surplus of income minus expenditure</b>	<b>£ 648.12</b>
Total cash assets at 31-12-2022 brought forward	<u>£ 611.27</u>
<b>Total to carry forward to 2024</b>	<b><u>£ 1,259.39</u></b>

Whitwell & Reepham Model Engineering Club accounts prepared by: John Mason (Trustee/Treasurer).

Signed by Chairman of Trustees Robert Ewles: *Robert Ewles*

W&RMEClub AGM 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

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### **Trustees Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.**

First of all we would like to thank all those who have attended and helped onsite and off-site throughout the year, without the volunteers we wouldn't have been able to achieve half of what we've achieved this year. So a big thank you! 2022 was a very good year for us at Top Field Light Railway both financially and generally. Financially as you will see from the club accounts, this is the best financial position we've been in since the club was formed in 2016. With Covid now out of the way we were able to go out to places with the portable track and finally pay off the last chunk of the portable track fund. This was achieved during the superb late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Steam Rally at Strumpshaw in the beginning of June. The event also allowed us to boost the Tihany fund and remove a significant chunk from the loan. Funds were further boosted at the Colne Valley Miniature Railways Gala, Hellesdon Carnival, Thursford Steam Rally and a good Whitwell Steam Rally.

Our own running days on-site have also helped to boost the funds, with Tihany performing well on most of the first Sunday running days. This year we also introduced operating on the third Sunday in the month, spear-headed by a suggestion that we could operate a simple service utilising a battery electric loco and the toast rack coach as and when required. These trains are better known as "Top Field Trundles" and allow us members to have a works party as well as provide a train ride which only took donations. Next year we hope to build upon this and advertise them a little more.

#### Locomotives:

All Club -based and privately owned locos have performed well, with Tihany being the mainstay of steam traction, with the Kent's Scamp, Stuart's "Hughes" loco and the newly acquired "No.2" helping out both on and off-site. In July we held another successful, if slightly slimmed down Miniature Mayhem Gala. However the event was boosted by the visit of Colne Valleys "Erin", we would like to thank the owner for bringing his locomotive along and allowing us to have a play. On the same event we also played host to the M&GN Circle, who held their annual summer meeting with us for the day. In September we held a new event, the Minimal Gauge Gala, which was another successful event and one which can be improved next year. It was boosted by another visiting loco "No.2" also, "Nelson" from the Cromer Light Railway. Our thanks go to Mick, Dave, Alan and Peter for supporting our event. In total we had five forms of motive power operating throughout the day. This included our first triple header.

#### Strumpshaw Steam Rally:

Strumpshaw again was another brilliant steam event, despite a few locomotive issues on the Friday, which eventually left us with only the Scamp (which performed faultlessly) during the afternoon. On the Saturday though we were joined by "Edward Watkins" a Station Road Steam "General Gordon", owned by the two Ollie's who we'd met previously at the Colne Valley Gala. She was a superb loco and enabled us to operate a two train service with two steam locomotives.

Operationally Strumpshaw was a success with two trains operating, allowing us to send one train out, fill up the second and as soon as the first arrives, send the second train straight out. The system worked very much like the LNER's "Jazz Service".

#### Projects:

Projects during 2022 have included the usual track repairs (the straight section through Mustn't Grumble does now require serious work). Earlier in the year we were asked by the landowner to remove the top section of track to allow him to install a new boundary fence. As a result a new "temporary" platform was constructed and named "Roman Road Halt".

All Track and Permanent Way materials were successfully recovered, apart from half a dozen fence posts and wire which were damaged during the late summer. The run-round loop at Mill Lane station was complete in time for the Miniature Mayhem Gala, where it was thoroughly tested.

The Bay Platform at Mill Lane was also re-aligned and extended during the summer.

#### Summary:

We hope that as trustees of this charity you are happy with how we deal with the day-to-day running of the club and if you have any ideas or things which you consider important to the fabric of the club, please come and see us.

In the New Year we were approached by the landowner to discuss our aspirations for crossing the main entrance to the campsite and he informed us that he didn't want any further railway developments on that part of the site. This obviously means that we can no longer extend our railway to where we envisaged, furthermore we negotiated an extra strip of land to enable us to construct a suitably sized terminus station at that end of the site. This does mean that 2022 did end on a major disappointment, however it does mean that we now know our boundary within the site. We can concentrate all our efforts on developing and making better what we have constructed already. It's a superb opportunity, not the one we wanted but nevertheless its the cards we've been dealt. Our priority in 2023 must now be to turn to the redevelopment of this area, as well as maintaining the section of line we already have. We must also think about a new set of goals for the club, what do we want to do and what we want to achieve.

INCOME for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. £4,875.

EXPENDITURE for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. £4,678.

W&RMEC Trustees Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

**Whitwell & Reepham Model Engineering Club (Charity No. 1194692) TOP FIELD LIGHT RAILWAY**

Financial Statement for 12 months ending 31-12-2022.

**INCOME:**

**Membership Fees for 2022.**

ADULT 26 + full year (£25) 25 half year (£12.50) 00	£ 625.00
YOUTH 19 to 25 full year (£18) 07 half year (£9) 01	£ 135.00
JUNIOR 10 to 18 full year (£6) 07 half year (£3) 02	£ 48.00
Day membership (£4) 01	<u>£ 4.00</u>

**Membership fees paid in 2022**

**£ 812.00**

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 25 + 8 + 9 + 3 Honorary. TOTAL 45 members.

**Income from ticket sales, donations and misc. sales for 2022.**

Donations DM/CL/NGS/JM/SSR/AW/and Misc. donations.	£ 110.00
Donation: Stuart Hughes for 6 month's rent.	£ 120.00
Donation: Rob Ewles for Drivers Tender for Tihany.	£ 500.00
Donation: Portable Railway Club for Hydraulic Lifting Table Fund.	£ 100.00
Donations: Rob Ewles (£100) Dan Mason (£20) Gauge glass for Tihany.	£ 120.00
Misc. Donations: Sunday 15th May: TFLR Third Sunday.	£ 21.00
Misc. Donations: Sunday 15th May: Colne Valley MR Gala.	£ 28.00
Sponsorship by Miniature Railway Workshop for 1,500 leaflets.	£ 110.57
Sunday 3rd April passengers: 42 Adults & 24 children	£ 108.00
Sunday 17th April passengers: 21 Adults & 16 children	£ 58.00
Sunday 1st May passengers: 23 Adults & 13 children	£ 59.00
Strumpshaw 2nd June passengers: 191 Adults & 224 children	£ 415.00
Strumpshaw 3rd June passengers: 239 Adults & 217 children	£ 456.00
Strumpshaw 3rd June Day Rovers: 10 Adults & 10 children	£ 80.00
Strumpshaw 4th June passengers: 227 Adults & 216 children	£ 443.00
Mayhem Gala Sunday 3rd July passengers: 51 Adults & 28 children	£ 130.00
Mayhem Gala Sunday 3rd July Day Rovers: 2 Adults & 2 children	£ 16.00
Hellesdon Carnival 16th July passengers: 106 Children & 59 Adults	£ 165.00
Thursford Steam Gala 24th July 67 Children; 55 Adult; 2 Rover	£ 128.00
Steam Gala 30th July passengers: 119 Adults, 91 Children 2 Rover	£ 339.00
Steam Gala 31st July passengers: 116 Adults, 86 Children	£ 318.00
Sunday 7th August passengers 4 Adults; 10 Children	£ 18.00
Bylaugh 13th/14th August passengers 6 Adults; 15 Children	£ 21.00
Sunday 4th September passengers 13 Adults; 2 Children	£ 28.00
Sunday 2nd October passengers 22 Adults; 12 Children; Adult Rover	£ 61.00
Sale of second-hand Railway Books and Jigsaws	£ 6.00
Sale of TFLR tea mugs: 3 x £5.00	£ 15.00
Sale of TFLR lapel badges: 11 x £6.50	<u>£ 71.50</u>

**Income 2022** **£4,045.07**

**Total Income for 2022 £4,857.07**

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Financial Statement for 12 months ending 31-12-2022.

**Expenditure:**

Northern Association membership fees of £8.50 waived this year	£ 00.00
Walker Midgely Insurance premium 10 x instalments (£158.57)	£1,585.70
TFLR Website 'Tsohost' domain name renewal	£ 08.34
TFLR Website 'SiteGround' webhosting renewal	£ 172.66
Purchase of Tender for Tihany	£ 500.00
SumUp card reader (£17 + VAT)	£ 20.40
Hire of committee room £5 x 5	£ 25.00
Strumpshaw 3 extra passes £45 – entry postage £2.35	£ 47.35
Vista Print 1,500 TFLR leaflets £98.58 + delivery £11.99	£ 110.57
Signal Fuel 4 bags coal 2 bags charcoal (less £20.00 refund)	£ 35.40
TFLR portable track loan repayment	£ 779.70
Hellesdon Carnival donation to Friends of Kinsale Junior School	£ 33.00
Rent January to June; 6 x £20/month to Hercules MSL.	£ 120.00
Rent July to December; 6 x £20/month to Hercules MSL	£ 120.00
Loan repayment for purchase of Tihany	£1,000.00
"Test" pressure gauge and fittings	£ 65.00
Cost of TFLR tea mugs 3 x £2.50	£ 7.50
Cost of TFLR lapel badges 11 x £3.11	£ 34.21
SumUp transaction fees for 2022 on income of £ 289.00	£ 10.78
PayPal transaction fees for 2022 on income of £123.00	<u>£ 2.91</u>
	<b><u>£4,678.52</u></b>

**Total Income for 2022 £4,857.07**

**Total Expenditure for 2022 £4,678.52**

Surplus of Income over Expenditure for 2022 £ 178.55

Total cash assets at 31-12-2021 brought forward £ 432.72

**Total to carry forward to 2023 £ 611.27**

Whitwell & Reepham Model Engineering Club accounts prepared by John Mason (Trustee/Treasurer)  
for account year ending 31st December 2022.

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**Top Field Light Railway**

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**Trustee's Report for year ending 31-12-2021**

Review of the year 2020:

Despite 2020 being a year that we all wish to forget, some work was generally carried out to stop the railway site from deteriorating any further than when we found it following the first national lockdown. This work was carried out during the hot summer months once the major restrictions were lifted. We decided early on, like most clubs, to close to the public. However during the latter part of the year we were able to hold a couple of member's only days. These were cautiously attended, although it was good to see everyone in good health.

Permanent Way:

Before the pandemic the track work was generally in good health, however annual maintenance was required. With the country in lockdown, no one was able to go to the site and keep an eye on everything. In May however, a couple of members were able to inspect the site and check everything. The vegetation had naturally taken over several parts of the site, plus a section of track was accidentally damaged. During the summer months most of these problems were sorted out before they were allowed to get any worse. General maintenance was also carried out, so that we could at least allow members to run something safely. A new ballast staithe was constructed to allow the ballast and other materials to be stored out of the way of other projects.

More points were constructed for the planned passing loop. A turntable and associated equipment also arrived mid-year to be installed in order to aid the railway's operation. Towards the end of the year we were contacted by the Chairman of the Cromer Light Railway (formerly the Ashmanhaugh Light Railway), that there was 6-8 tons of ballast available to collect from the old Ashmanhaugh site. Two one ton bags were filled and collected, however due to tightening Covid restrictions we were unable to recover any further loads.

Locomotives & Rolling Stock:

All locomotives and stock based at the railway were all winterised at the end of the 2019 season. 2020 also saw the club acquire its first club loco in the shape of Station Road Steam Stafford Class "Tihany". She is in fully working order, with up to date steam and hydraulic certificates. My personal thanks must go to Nick Walmsley (her owner at the time of purchase) & the members who generously provided the club with the loan to purchase her.

Finance:

We had hoped that 2020 would allow us to generate funds for all the ongoing projects (portable track fund, Scamp project, sponsor a sleeper and Tihany) however with the four major events (Strumpshaw, Whitwell, Henham & NICE) all cancelled, as well as our own running days. We couldn't generate anything. Unfortunately a few weeks before lockdown we had paid our annual insurance premium. This took some time to recoup, only one third of the premium was successfully returned.

Review of the year 2021:

In January we couldn't hold the AGM, so this was differed to later in the year, when we were able to meet face to face in a larger group. However I wish to thank all those members, both current and new who paid in their membership. During the previous year (2019) it was discussed and agreed at the AGM that the members would like the committee to look into obtaining charitable status. Subsequently in 2020 John Mason carried research and enquiries to see exactly what is required. Needless to say the necessary paperwork and proposing trustees has only now taken place.

February: The railway was closed, however regular weekly checks were carried out.

March & April: Nico and I managed to carry out some minor P-Way work to a few sections of original track situated in the avenue of trees opposite the ballast staithe. With restrictions still in place, we were aiming to get the railway prepared for re-opening in late May.

May: On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May the club branched out into the world of Instagram, our thanks to Jamie & Rio for sorting this out. This now means we are now on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram as well as the club website. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, we held a members day, this was to enable active/operational members to remind themselves of the railway's features. May Bank Holiday weekend finally saw us reopen to the public. Much needed funds were acquired during both the Sunday & Monday.

June: We visited The Parkside Miniature Railway in Hemsby, our thanks to Brian Baker and fellow members for their warm hospitality.

July: We spent two days at the Fairhaven Water Gardens with the portable track, with 'Tihany', 'Loch Rannock' & 'Scamp 71' which shared the passenger duties. We were very well received and with a few tweaks, we could visit there again.

August: More P-Way and general maintenance was carried out, in the form of laying the first point for the passing loop. The P-Way hut was repositioned, along with a new siding for the P-Way bike. We also took the portable track out to Bylaugh country park & caravan site, which is located a few miles up the road from the main site. Again we were very well received and another good site to visit during the school holidays.

September: Work commenced on rebuilding the platform at Mill Lane, the previous example has been down for the past five years and needed replacement. The water tower was also relocated to the end of the platform.

October: Visited by members of the Cromer Light Railway. We have been invited to their grand opening and they in turn have been invited to our minimal gauge event later in 2022.

November: The club 'toast-rack' coach arrives, our thanks to those who donated.

Sadly in 2021 we lost one of our original supporters of the project; Alan Baker unfortunately passed away at the age of 91 after a short illness. He was a great supporter of the club right from its conception, despite being unable to provide physical help but his very generous donations enabled us to build the railway we have today. "Mustn't Grumble Halt" will be forever a physical reminder of his skill, knowledge and Alans ability to tell a good tale.

On behalf of the members of managing committee I would like express our thanks to everyone who has supported the club through this very unusual and turbulent time. The club still needs your support more than ever. We still need volunteers helping out throughout the year, not just including the running days, but also the portable events, working parties, every day-to-day maintenance etc.

With charitable status we can now forward to many advantages that this brings, it will certainly enable us to ensure that the future of the club, its activities and the hobby itself lives on forever. I trust that you will all give the new trustees every support to help to take care of our new charity. Without your support there is no W&RMEC.

Providing we are cautious, 2022 looks to be a very good year for us at the TFLR.

W&RMEC Trustees report 31-12-2021.

## W&RMEC :- Financial Statement for 31-12-21.

Total cash assets at 31-12-2020 **£ 214.09**

### Membership Fees for 2021

ADULT 26 + full year (£22) 20	half year (£11) 2	£ 462.00
YOUTH 18 to 25 full year (£16) 10	half year (£8) 1	£ 168.00
JUNIOR under 17 years (£5) 10	half year (£2.50) 0	<u>£ 50.00</u>

**Membership fees paid £ 680.00**

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 22 Adult: 11 Youth: 10 Junior: 02 Honorary. TOTAL 45 members.

### 2021 Income from ticket sales, donations and misc. sales.

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May passengers 35 Adults & 27 children	£ 97.00
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May passengers 13 Adults & 6 children	£ 32.00
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June passengers 10 Adults & 8 children	£ 28.00
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July passengers 19 Adults & 12 children	£ 50.00
Fairhaven 17/18 <sup>th</sup> July passengers 42 Adults 57 children	£ 141.00
Fairhaven 17/18 <sup>th</sup> July Day Rover 4 Adults 9 children	£ 47.00
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August passengers 7 Adults & 8 children	£ 22.00
Bylaugh 7/8 <sup>th</sup> August passengers 15 Adults 44 children	£ 74.00
Bylaugh 7/8 <sup>th</sup> August Day Rover 00 Adults 04 children	£ 12.00
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September passengers 06 Adults & 01 child	£ 13.00
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October passengers 12 Adults & 04 children	£ 28.00
Small Donations Mark/Rob/Dan/John/Tom/Stu/Nico/etc.£	65.70
Large Donations Nick/Foz/Nico.	£ 395.00
Donations for 'Toast-rack coach' (3 x £200)	£ 600.00
Sale of second-hand Railway Books and Jigsaws	£ 12.50
Sale of TFLR tea mug 0 x £7.50	£ 00.00
Sale of TFLR lapel badges 4 x £6.50	<u>£ 26.00</u>

**Income received £ 1,643.20 Total £2,537.29**

### Expenditure for 2021

Northern Association membership fees 34 at 25p each	£ 00.00	(fees of £8.50 have been waived for this year)
Walker Midgely Insurance premium	£ 741.63	
TFLR Website 'SiteGround' webhosting renewal	£ 172.66	
TFLR Website 'Tsohost' domain name renewal	£ 08.34	
100 metres x 2 core bell wire (ex. Ebay NA)	£ 14.90	
Front brass headlamp for Tihany (ex. Holt NA)	£ 25.00	
Fire grate for Tihany (ex. Station Road Steam)	£ 56.83	
400 x 6 x 25mm track coach screws (ex Screwfix)	£ 19.96	
January to June; 6 x £20/month rent to Hercules MSL.	£ 120.00	
Fairhaven 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> July portable track repayment	£ 83.80	
Bylaugh 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> August portable track repayment	£ 43.00	
Donation to Fairhaven Trust 20p per passenger	£ 22.40	
Toast-rack coach (ex. Daniel Fosdick)	£ 650.00	
July to December; 6 x £20/month rent to Hercules MSL	£ 120.00	
Cost of TFLR tea mugs 0 x £2.50	£ 00.00	
Cost of TFLR lapel badges 4 x £3.11	£ 12.44	
PayPal transaction fees for 2021 on income of £369.00	<u>£ 13.41</u>	

**Expenditure £ (-2,104.37) Surplus available Total £ 432.92**

### Current CASH ASSETS

Barclay account (Sleeper Fund)	£ 220.00
Barclays account	£ 170.63
Cash in hand	<u>£ 42.29</u>
<b>Total funds available:</b>	<b><u>£ 432.92</u></b>

### 0% LOAN to purchase portable track

Balance of loan at 31-12-2020	£ (-906.50)
Half income portable track events	<u>£ 126.80</u>
Loan outstanding at 31-12-2021	<u>£ (-779.70)</u>

### 0% LOAN to purchase Tihany

Balance of loan at 31-12-2021	£ (-5,000.00)
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Whitwell & Reepham Model Engineering Club accounts prepared by John Mason (Treasurer) and signed by

Chairman Robert Ewels ..... Dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.