

Whitwell & Reepham Model Engineering Club

TOP FIELD LIGHT RAILWAY



Charity No. 1194692

Trustees Report for the year ending 31st 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 31st December 2024.

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Trustees Financial Report for year ending 31st December 2023.

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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

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

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

6th July Sunday Passengers 14 Adults; 08 Children £ 47.00

3rd August Saturday Passengers 18 Adults; 08 Children £ 57.00

4th August Sunday Passengers 26 Adults; 11 Children £ 81.50

1st September Sunday Passengers 19 Adults; 11 Children £ 64.00

6th October Sunday Passengers 08 Adults; 07 Children £ 30.50

27th 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 1st 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

31st 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 31st December 2024.