

GWR 813 PRESERVATION FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1196114

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-10-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE :-TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, DISPLAY AND OPERATION OF FORMER GWR (GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY) 0-6-0 SADDLE TANK LOCOMOTIVE NO. 813 (EX PORT TALBOT RAILWAY NO. 26), AS WELL AS OTHER LOCOMOTIVES, SELECTED ITEMS OF GOODS, PASSENGER AND OTHER ROLLING STOCK OF GWR ORIGIN OR DESIGN (INCLUDING VEHICLES OF 'ABSORBED' STOCK) AND ARTEFACTS OR EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, WHICH ARE OF HISTORIC OR TECHNICAL INTEREST, AND TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH INTO THE HISTORY, OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE ITEMS AND TO PUBLICISE OR OTHERWISE DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS OBJECTS THE C.I.O. WILL :-(A) ARRANGE FOR ITS LOCOMOTIVES AND OTHER STOCK TO BE ACCOMMODATED, DISPLAYED AND OPERATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AT SUITABLE HERITAGE RAILWAYS, MUSEUMS AND SIMILAR SITES ;(B) SEEK MEMBERSHIP OF OR AFFILIATION TO ORGANISATIONS OFFERING GUIDANCE OR SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS THE HERITAGE RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

Activities: The charity oversees the renovation, maintenance, display and operation of items in its collection at several heritage railways and centres. It raises funds for this purpose through donations, grants, steaming fees and other means. It further researches the history of items in its collection and makes this information available on its web site and other media channels.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon
- Gloucestershire
- Oxfordshire
- Shropshire
- Somerset
- South Gloucestershire
- Worcestershire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £30,753 | £21,963 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £26,721 | £29,072 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £36,524 | £32,324 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Patrick Goss | Chair | 2021-10-11 |
| Graham Edward Phillips | | 2021-10-11 |
| Mark Christopher James Goss | | 2021-10-11 |
| Mark Edward Smith | | 2021-10-11 |
| Michael Edward John Yarker | | 2025-01-21 |
| Michael Werrell | | 2022-03-30 |
| Nicholas Jeremy Peter Baxter | | 2021-10-11 |
| Oliver Christopher Holmes | | 2021-10-11 |
| PAUL DAVID REDFERN | | 2021-10-11 |

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England & Wales - Charity number 1196114

Accounts

GWR 813 Preservation Fund – Charity (C.I.O.) No. 1196114

Trustee's Report for Year Ended 31st December 2024

Background

The Charity's objectives encompass the ongoing preservation, operation and operation for public benefit of 124-year-old former Port Talbot Railway and Great Western Railway (GWR) steam saddle tank locomotive no. 813 and a large collection of GWR items of rolling stock dating from the late 19th century to the early post WW2 period. The latter are accommodated and operated on a number of heritage railways and museum centres to portray to the public an image of how, in particular, goods traffic was conveyed by rail in years gone by.

Although sidelined awaiting repair during the year under review, locomotive 813 is based on the Severn Valley Railway (SVR) and normally operates there and, with the SVR as agent, under hire terms at various other heritage railways in the U.K., the income from which is accumulated to cover ongoing maintenance and the cost of each statutory ten year boiler overhaul.

The other rolling stock owned by the Fund, the majority of which are goods and non-passenger carrying vehicles, are kept under the terms of formal agreements at several heritage railways and centres including the Severn Valley, West Somerset, South Devon and Gwili Railways and Didcot Great Western Railway Centre. Under these agreements, the charity provides finance for initial restoration work, much of which is carried out by volunteers, after which the host organisation is responsible for public display, operation, and ongoing maintenance.

The charity is currently managed by eight trustees, each having a heritage railway background. Support membership is available to individuals wishing to further the Fund's preservation aims by making a modest financial contribution. Income is otherwise raised through donations (in respect of which the charity is registered to receive Gift Aid), locomotive hire charges and the sale of donated and other appropriate goods. Trading activities are based at Bewdley on the SVR with occasional visits to model railway exhibitions and similar events.

Locomotive 813

The misfortunes of the preceding two years have been followed in 2024 by a further setback that has led to the locomotive remaining out of service throughout the year. The new drag box casting acquired to replace the original fractured in April 2022 was eventually completed and fitted to the engine in the early part of 2024 ready for its return to service at the SVR Spring Steam Gala in April. Unfortunately, preparations for that event led to the discovery of numerous leaks in the twenty-four year old saddle tank. It was concluded that the only practical remedy was to fit a new tank. After due consideration, the Ffestiniog Railway in North Wales was approached to quote for the manufacture of a replacement. That organisation was chosen on account of its experience and proven expertise in the production of locomotive saddle tanks. The old tank was duly moved to Porthmadog in July and remained there for the remainder of the year pending the availability of workshop space and the preparation of drawings and

assessment of costs. Subject to provision of an acceptable quotation (thought likely to be more than £20K) it was anticipated that construction would start early in 2025.

Rolling Stock

The project to reconstruct the 1908 built GWR 'Coral' glass transporting wagon 41723 to include the fitting of newly made main frames finally got under way during the year at the Didcot Railway Centre and was expected to take several months to complete. Also at Didcot, the extensive refurbishment of the 'Mica B' Refrigerated Meat Van no. 105860 had been largely completed to a very high standard by the end of the year. It is intended that this vehicle will play a prominent role in the Centre's project to portray the movement of goods by rail. Also at Didcot, other goods vehicles owned by the Fund have been freshly repainted to improve their presentation to the public and a new set of bearing springs for 1900 built GWR Tank Wagon 43949 purchased by the Fund at a cost of £3465 to replace the worn-out originals.

Planning work on what started as a relatively ambitious project – the re-construction of a Swindon built Cattle Wagon – started during the year. The original proposal was to marry the Fund's existing 1920s era GWR Cattle Wagon body stored on the West Somerset Railway with the 1950s built chassis acquired in 2020, a complex task in view of differing structural features between the two components. However, an offer of the donation of a 1950s built Cattle Wagon body in relatively good condition that would be a perfect fit for the chassis was subsequently received and accepted. The revised plan was to match this body with the chassis, a relatively simple proposition, leaving the older 1920s body to await the acquisition of a suitable chassis in due course. Arrangements were made to transport the 1950s body from the donor's premises in Embsay, Yorkshire together with the chassis from the West Somerset Railway to the Iron Age Forge near Frome, Somerset for the basic structural work to be undertaken under contract. This was expected to take place early in 2025. In the meantime, the trustees were made aware of a potential chassis for the 1920s GWR body, also available free of charge from the same source as the donated body. If accepted, it was intended that this would be moved to the West Somerset Railway at the same time in early 2025. Also on the West Somerset Railway, work by the Williton volunteer wagon team on GWR Open Wagon 135744 of 1937 vintage was nearing completion by the close of the year.

On the Severn Valley Railway, routine maintenance and refurbishment of several of the Fund's Open Wagons and other goods vehicles was progressed throughout the year by the volunteer SVR Wagon Department team and the vehicles concerned added to the Railway's demonstration goods train. A new project was commenced at Bewdley to extensively overhaul the Fund's 1931 built 20 ton 'Mink G' goods van no. 112889, work being undertaken by volunteers from the SVR LNER Coach Fund, with materials supplied by the GWR 813 Fund. This project is expected to extend well into 2025 and beyond.

Financial Matters

The trustees are always conscious of the need to keep in mind likely or potential expenditure on existing commitments. At the close of the year under review, these included the unknown cost of the new locomotive saddle tank and expenditure leading to provision of the next locomotive ten year boiler 'ticket' (due after 2025). Also to be borne in mind is the limited availability of voluntary labour resources

and heritage railway workshop capacity. Contracting work to outside commercial concerns has to be kept to a minimum where possible. For these reasons, a number of pipeline projects were held on hold at the end of the year. These included the rebuilding of a WW2 'Aero' aircraft propeller wagon, the reconstruction of a 1941 built GWR container and renovation of a 1905 'Pooley' weighing machine contractor's wrought iron Tool and Mess Van.

Whilst existing financial reserves were considered adequate to meet the immediate and medium-term commitments at the close of 2024, it is always considered essential that efforts are made to attract additional funds to invest in future projects and to meet unexpected expenditure that could arise at any time. Finance raised through trading activities is relatively limited, and income from donations is very welcome but unpredictable. It is likely that fundraising through platforms such as Crowd Funding will feature more in future months. Now that the C.I.O. is well established, the trustees are planning to approach external grant-awarding organisations such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Garfield Weston Foundation and others to support specific major restoration projects. One welcome factor is the likely return in 2025 of earnings from locomotive hire fees, an income stream that has been sorely missed since early 2022.



Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Patrick Goss, Trustee and Administrator. 28/10/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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| Charity Name GWR 813 PRESERVATION FUND | No (if any) 1196114 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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|---------------------|--|----|--------------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/01/2024 | To | Period end date 31/12/2024 |
|---------------------|--|----|--------------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | |
| Donations | | 13,597 | - | 13,597 |
| Sales of donated goods | - | 6,312 | - | 6,312 |
| Locomotive steaming fees | - | - | - | - |
| Other fundraising income | 7,090 | - | - | 7,090 |
| Sale of scrap metal | 2,768 | - | - | 2,768 |
| Net VAT reclaimed | 986 | - | - | 986 |
| Sub total(Gross income for AR) | 10,844 | 19,909 | - | 30,753 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 10,844 | 19,909 | - | 30,753 |
| A3 Payments | | | | |
| Locomotive maintenance | | 5,820 | - | 5,820 |
| Rolling stock maintenance | | 10,824 | - | 10,824 |
| Transfer to non-monetary fund | 15,000 | | - | 15,000 |
| Purchase of fundraising stock | 2,976 | | - | 2,976 |
| Purchase of Tools | 20 | | - | 20 |
| Card machine and platform fees | 467 | | - | 467 |
| Website | 213 | | - | 213 |
| Subscriptions | 212 | | - | 212 |
| Wagon storage Rent | | | - | - |
| Printing, Postage and stationery | 129 | | - | 129 |
| Travel expenses | 1,103 | | - | 1,103 |
| Accountant Fees | 200 | | - | 200 |
| Public Liability insurance | | | - | - |
| Sub total | 20,320 | 16,644 | - | 36,964 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | |
| | - | | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 20,320 | 16,644 | - | 36,964 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 9,476 | 3,265 | - | - 6,211 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | | | | |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 18,541 | | | 18,541 |
| Cash funds this year end | 9,065 | 3,265 | - | 12,330 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Bank and cash | 9,065 | 3,265 |
| | | - | - |
| | Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | 9,065 | 3,265 |
| | | OK | OK |

| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | Deposit accounts (non-current) | | 261,744 |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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|-----------|-------------------|
| Signature | Print Name & Date |
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the GWR 813 Preservation Fund

I report to the Charity (CIO) trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies, in section 124 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Iqbal Chowdhury FCCA

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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London

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Date : 12/10/2025

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England & Wales - Charity number 1196114

Accounts

GWR 813 Preservation Fund – Charity No. 1196114

Trustee's Report for Year Ended 31st December 2023

Background

The close of December 2023 marked the end of the second full year of the Fund's status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity's activities centre around the ongoing preservation, maintenance and operation of 123 year old former Port Talbot and Great Western Railway steam saddle tank locomotive no. 813 and a large collection of ex GWR items of rolling stock dating from 1883 to 1947, many of which are unique survivors of historic interest.

Locomotive 813 is hired out through the Severn Valley Railway as agent to various heritage railways and museum centres for use on public train services and demonstration goods trains, etc., the income from which accumulates to cover ongoing maintenance and the cost of each statutory ten-year boiler overhaul. The Fund's other rolling stock is accommodated under the terms of formal agreements for public exhibition and operation at heritage railways and centres including the Severn Valley, West Somerset, South Devon and Gwili Railways and Didcot Railway Centre. Under these arrangements, the Fund normally provides finance for initial restoration work, much of which is undertaken by volunteers, after which the host organisation is responsible for subsequent display, operation and maintenance.

The charity is currently managed by eight trustees, each having a heritage railway background. Support membership is available for individuals wishing to further the charity's preservation programme by making a modest financial contribution. The fundamental objective of the Fund is to advance public understanding of the role played by vehicles such as those owned by the charity in the age of steam with an emphasis on the transportation of goods by rail.

Income is raised through donations (in respect of which it is registered for Gift Aid), locomotive hire charges and the sale of donated and other appropriate goods. Trading activities are centred at Bewdley on the Severn Valley Railway with occasional visits to model railway exhibitions and similar events.

Locomotive 813

Fortune has not been kind to locomotive 813 in the twelve months under review. The fracture of the locomotive's drag box back in April 2022 has resulted in its continued sidelining throughout the period whilst a replacement casting was being produced. By the end of the year, the process was nearing completion with a return to service of the locomotive anticipated in the Spring of 2024. At that stage, the cost to the charity had exceeded £12,200 with an estimated loss to the Fund of hire income in excess of £20,000. A crowd funding appeal to help towards reducing these losses succeeded in raising a modest but welcome £1,705.

Rolling Stock

Routine overhaul and maintenance of a number of the Fund's wagons on the Severn Valley Railway has been carried out by the Bewdley volunteer Wagon Department team during the year. Work on fitting out the interior of Breakdown Riding Van no. 55 as a sales outlet has been completed. On the West Somerset Railway, restoration of 1937 built Open Wagon no. 135744 by the Minehead based WSR volunteer wagon team has made good progress. Plans are in place to renovate 'Mink' covered van no. 126779 of 1934 vintage as a next project.

In keeping with the Charity's objective of furthering public understanding of the handling of goods traffic by rail in years gone by, an extensive renovation of GWR 'Mica' Meat Van 105860 has made significant

progress at Didcot Railway Centre, with the eventual aim of including the vehicle in a permanent exhibition at the Centre of GWR goods handling facilities in the 1930s. Also at Didcot, 1908 built 'Coral' glass transporting wagon 41723 has moved into the site lifting shop for work to commence on its re-construction in 2024 incorporating the new set of frames manufactured in 2022.

With a view to the possibility in due course of attracting grant support for the re-construction of the Fund's 1938 built aircraft propeller transport wagon, one of the Fund's trustees attended a Heritage Lottery Fund Engagement Team regional briefing meeting in April which provided useful guidance as to how the Fund might approach this project in due course. It is considered that, once restored, this vehicle would make an ideal exhibit at one or more of the many 1940s/WW2 themed events currently popular at a number of heritage railways.

Other projects considered during the year but held in abeyance awaiting an opportunity to proceed include the reconstruction of a GWR Cattle Wagon on the West Somerset Railway and the 1905 'Pooley' (weighing machine contractor) iron mess and tool van currently lying in a semi derelict condition near Evesham.

Financial Matters

The Charity's financial policy recognises the need to maintain sufficient funds in reserve at any one time to cover the costs likely to be incurred in respect of locomotive 813's next statutory ten year boiler overhaul as well as any unforeseen maintenance costs. Any funds for rolling stock projects need to be raised additionally to this requirement. The loss of locomotive hire fees since the drag box fracture in April 2022 has had a significant affect on the flow of income to the Fund and, for a variety of reasons, the proceeds of sale of donated and other goods have diminished considerably in the same period. At the same time there has been a steep rise in the cost of many of the materials required for restoration purposes. At the close of 2023, the Fund's long term reserves (in the region of £200,000) should be sufficient to cover the next locomotive boiler overhaul (anticipated after 2025/6) but only because these reserves were, in large, built up in more prosperous times in the past. Until the resumption of income from locomotive hire, therefore, expenditure on other restoration projects will have to be carefully monitored and other methods of raising finance for specific projects might have to be considered including further appeals for donations.

Signed on behalf of the trustees 

Patrick Goss, Trustee & Administrator. 20/10/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 01/01/2023 | To | Period end date 31/12/2023 |
|---------------------|--|----|--------------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | |
| Donations | - | 6,992 | - | 6,992 |
| Sales of donated goods | - | 6,341 | - | 6,341 |
| Locomotive steaming fees | - | - | - | - |
| Other fundraising income | 8,785 | - | - | 8,785 |
| Net VAT reclaimed | 3,525 | - | - | 3,525 |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 12,310 | 13,333 | - | 25,643 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 12,310 | 13,333 | - | 25,643 |
| A3 Payments | | | | |
| Locomotive maintenance | - | 14,648 | - | 14,648 |
| Rolling stock maintenance | - | 5,075 | - | 5,075 |
| Rolling stock movement | - | 2,556 | - | 2,556 |
| Purchase of fundraising stock | 3,928 | - | - | 3,928 |
| Tools Maintenance | 6 | - | - | 6 |
| Card machine and platform fees | 466 | - | - | 466 |
| Website and IT subscriptions | 201 | - | - | 201 |
| Wagon storage Rent | - | 520 | - | 520 |
| Printing, Postage and stationery | 111 | - | - | 111 |
| Travel expenses | 1,165 | - | - | 1,165 |
| Accountant Fees | 250 | - | - | 250 |
| Public Liability insurance | 146 | - | - | 146 |
| Sub total | 6,273 | 22,799 | - | 29,072 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 6,273 | 22,799 | - | 29,072 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 6,037 | - 9,466 | - | - 3,429 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - 7,077 | 7,077 | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 19,581 | 2,389 | - | 21,970 |
| Cash funds this year end | 18,541 | - | - | 18,541 |

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| B1 Cash funds | Bank and cash | 18,541 | - |
| | | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 18,541 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | | |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Deposit accounts (non-current) | | 240,925 |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name & Date | |
| | | PATALEK Goss 2/10/24 | |

← INCLUDES 1,078
BANK N/C INTEREST
1/01 - 31/12/2023

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Date : 01/10/2024

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Accounts

GWR 813 Preservation Fund – Trustee's Report for Period 11/10/2021 to 31/12.2022

At the close of 2022, the Fund had completed almost fifteen months as a charity, having been registered as a C.I.O. on 11th October 2021. The Charity is a railway preservation organisation owning unique ex-Port Talbot Railway and GWR saddle tank steam locomotive no. 813 (built in 1901) and approximately one hundred items of ex GWR goods, passenger and other rolling stock spanning the years 1883 to 1947, many of which are themselves unique survivors of historic interest.

Locomotive 813 has been fully restored to working order and 1920s condition and is hired out through the Severn Valley Railway as agent to various heritage railways and museum centres for use on public train services and demonstration goods trains, etc., the income from which accumulates to cover ongoing maintenance and the cost of each statutory ten-year boiler overhaul. The Fund's other rolling stock is accommodated under the terms of formal agreements for public exhibition and operation at heritage railways and centres including the Severn Valley, West Somerset, South Devon and Gwilli Railways and Didcot Railway Centre. Under these arrangements, the Fund normally provides finance for initial restoration work, after which the host organisation is responsible for subsequent operation, display and maintenance.

The Fund is managed by, at present, eight trustees, all with a heritage preservation background and conscious of the aim to advance public understanding of the role played by vehicles such as those owned by the charity in the steam age and, in particular, in respect of the transportation of goods traffic by rail in years gone by. One trustee acts as general administrator responsible to the others. Support membership of the Fund is also available to individuals wishing to further the charity's objectives by making a modest financial contribution.

The Fund's income is raised through donations (in respect of which it is registered for gift aid purposes), locomotive hire charges and the sale of donated and other appropriate goods. In due course, it is hoped to benefit from grant aid and sponsorships. Trading activities are centred at Bewdley, Severn Valley Railway with occasional visits to model railway exhibitions and similar events.

The initial period as a charity to 31/12/22 has been one of mixed fortunes. An initial setback was the need to prematurely re-tube 813's boiler in November 2021 at a cost of £9,930. Subsequent hirings to the Severn Valley and Telford Steam Railways generated some welcome income, but disaster struck in April 2022 when a large casting (the 'drag box') fractured whilst the locomotive was in use during the Severn Valley Railway Spring Steam Gala event, thereby sidelining the engine for the remainder of the year pending production of a replacement casting. The subsequent loss of hire income (estimated to be £15,000 in 2022 alone) together with a similar sum to cover the cost of the repair, could have a detrimental effect on the Fund's ability to raise the finance required to cover the cost of the next ten-year boiler overhaul due after 2025.

Better news, in respect of rolling stock restoration came early in 2022 when agreement was reached for the extensive renovation at Didcot Railway Centre by Great Western Society members of the Fund's 1908 built 'Coral' plate glass transporter wagon. This has involved the production by Steelway Fencecure Ltd. of Wolverhampton of a pair of new frames which were moved to Didcot in May. Work on the project is expected to commence in 2023.

An additional vehicle was added to the collection in November 2022 by way of a 1934 built GWR 'Toad' Goods Brake van, purchased from a private owner. Agreement has been reached for it to be based on the West Somerset Railway where it will be available for use on demonstration period goods trains.

In the meantime, routine maintenance work on various Fund owned wagons has been ongoing by the local volunteer wagon departments at Bewdley (Severn Valley Railway) and Minehead (West Somerset Railway). At Kidderminster, a small group has virtually completed the first-time renovation of the bodywork of an early twentieth century GWR covered van acquired in a rather poor state of repair some years ago from the Rocks by Rail Ironstone Railway Museum, Rutland. Also at Kidderminster, discussions have taken place regarding the potential re-construction of a derelict GWR road/rail container whilst a proposal to construct a 1920s era GWR Cattle Wagon at Williton, West Somerset Railway by marrying a body donated to the Fund some years ago to a chassis acquired from the Boness Railway, Scotland in 2020 is receiving serious consideration.

Looking forward to 2023, the Trustees hope that the major repair to locomotive 813 can be completed during the year by the Severn Valley Railway Engineering Department, Bridgnorth to whom the work has been entrusted. The intention is that the new drag box casting will be outsourced to a local foundry. Early completion of the work is important if the programme of visits to heritage railways is to be resumed without further delay and a healthy flow of hire income restored. As regards rolling stock, it is anticipated that attention will be focused on the projects already in progress in 2022 or which remain in the planning/feasibility stage, all bearing in mind the availability of finance. Like many similar organisations, the Fund has witnessed a drop in income from its trading activities on account of the cost-of-living difficulties accompanied by a steep rise in the cost of restoration materials. On a more positive note, the amount raised by monetary donations has remained at a reasonably steady level throughout the period.



Receipts and payments accounts

| For the period from | Period start date | To | Period end date |
|---------------------|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| | 11/10/2021 | | 31/12/2022 |

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | |
| Donations | - | 7,731 | - | 7,731 |
| Sales of donated goods | - | 6,649 | - | 6,649 |
| Locomotive steaming fees | - | 15,720 | - | 15,720 |
| Other fundraising income | 6,424 | - | - | 6,424 |
| Net VAT reclaimed | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 6,424 | 30,100 | - | 36,524 |

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|---|--------|
| Sub total | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 6,424 | 30,100 | - | 36,524 |

A3 Payments

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|---|--------|
| Locomotive maintenance | - | 11,916 | - | 11,916 |
| Rolling stock maintenance | - | 5,795 | - | 5,795 |
| Purchase of fundraising stock | 2,581 | - | - | 2,581 |
| Card machine and platform fees | 193 | - | - | 193 |
| Website and IT subscriptions | 200 | - | - | 200 |
| Affiliation subscriptions | 289 | - | - | 289 |
| Printing, Postage and stationery | 224 | - | - | 224 |
| Travel | 923 | - | - | 923 |
| Net VAT paid | 203 | - | - | 203 |
| Sub total | 4,613 | 17,711 | - | 22,324 |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

| | | | | |
|------------------|---|--------|---|--------|
| GWR Brake van | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |
| Sub total | - | 10,000 | - | 10,000 |

Total payments

| | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|---|--------|
| | 4,613 | 27,711 | - | 32,324 |
|--|-------|--------|---|--------|

Net of receipts/(payments)

| | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|---|-------|
| | 1,811 | 2,389 | - | 4,200 |
|--|-------|-------|---|-------|

A5 Transfers between funds

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | - | - | - | - |
|--|---|---|---|---|

A6 Cash funds last year end

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|---|--------|
| | 17,770 | - | - | 17,770 |
| Cash funds this year end | 19,581 | 2,389 | - | 21,970 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Bank and cash | 19,581 | 2,389 |
| | Total cash funds | 19,581 | 2,389 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | | |

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| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | Deposit accounts (non-current) | - | 237,667 |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Patrick H. Goss

Print Name & Date

PATRICK H. GOSS 29/10/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the GWR 813 Preservation Fund

I report to the Charity (CIO) trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period commencing 11th October 2021, and ending 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ACCA, which is one of the listed bodies, in section 124 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Iqbal Chowdhury FCCA

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Date : 27/10/2023