



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 Period start date **To 31 December 2025**
Period end date

Charity name: Friends of Ilkley Rail Station (FOIRS)

Charity registration number: 1197227

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To preserve for the public benefit, Ilkley Railway Station, a Grade II Listed mid 19th Century building as a building of architectural and historic interest.
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	Following the formation of the Ilkley Rail and Bus Board, FOIRS is now committed to creating an Ilkley Transport Hub. The key deliverables are to provide a central Transport Hub that incorporates Trains, Buses, a Coach Drop Off, Taxi Stand, Bicycle and Electric Car Hire. In addition facilities (Pods) are to include Toilets, Tourist Information and a Community Hub (multi purpose use).
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	FOIRS can confirm that our trustees have given due attention to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>This year FOIRS held a month long exhibition during August celebrating 160 Years of Ilkley Station. This was continuously manned by FOIRS Trustees and Members.</p> <p>The five local School's children and teachers continue to maintain the Ilkley Station School Planters.</p>
Other		N/A

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	<p><u>Ilkley Rail and Transport Board</u></p> <p>One of the aims of both FOIRS and The Rail and Bus Board (created by FOIRS) is to create an Integrated Transport Hub for Ilkley.</p> <p>During the year FOIRS has successfully applied for Funds from Ilkley Town Council.</p> <p>These funds have now been used to commission a report from a Firm of Consultants to create a solution for a Transport Hub.</p> <p>The report has now been presented to both WYCA (West Yorkshire Combined Authority) and Bradford Council and is currently being considered for funding.</p> <p><u>Ilkley Station 160th Birthday</u></p> <p>Year 2025 is the 160th Birthday for Ilkley Rail Station. During the month of August FOIRS held a very successful "Keeping Track" Exhibition at The Ilkley Manor House. This Exhibition included 5 Information Boards depicting the History of Ilkley Station.</p> <p>In addition to the Ilkley Station History a display portraying the results from the Ilkley Bus and Rail Board Transport Hub Consultation was also exhibited along with some Rail 200 material.</p>

		<p>The Exhibition was very successful with nearly 2,000 people visiting The Manor House during the opening period, (most of whom visited our Exhibition).</p> <p>One of FOIRS Trustees who is also a local Historian held a evening talk with slides and a short film celebrating the 160th Ilkley Station Birthday.</p> <p><u>FOIRS land Adoption</u></p> <p>FOIRS has adopted an area of land to “green space” near the foot of the steps from the Ilkley Rail Station Footbridge has been extended for an additional 12 months.</p> <p>This is proving to be a difficult project with some unresolved issues regarding boundaries and security of the area.</p> <p>Access to the area is problematic and the issue is further complicated by the extremely small number of FOIRS Members. This makes it difficult to form an active working party.</p> <p>Removal and disposal of the existing rather large trees and other fauna prior to replanting more suitable fauna will be commenced early 2026.</p> <p><u>Music on The Station - 21 Dec 25</u></p> <p>This event is organised by FOIRS and all monies collected are donated to The CandleLighters Charity.</p> <p>This year 2025 we collected over £900.00 (this makes a total of more than £2.500.00 over the three years we have run the event.</p> <p>Performers this year came from Ilkley and Skipton Grammar Schools and Ilkley and other local musicians.</p> <p><u>Xmas Tree</u></p> <p>On a festive note, FOIRS has once again purchased a Xmas Tree at the Annual St Margaret’s Church Xmas Tree Festival.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against	Para 1.41	N/A
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objectives set		
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of this year FOIRS had £5,580.00 In cash assets.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	Our source for funds remains to be through application for grants from various sources. This year we also raised a small amount of cash from donations made during the Ilkley Manor House Exhibition.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We consider our risks are very low. Our main risks relate to our small number of volunteers and their ages. To mitigate this we are always looking to attract new members.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its trustees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	All trustees are volunteers involved with the initial setting up of the charity. New members are agreed by the founding members.

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	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	FOIRS is one of a number of "Friends of Ilkley" groups and regularly participates in the Ilkley Community Network (ICN) monthly meetings. The nature of our charity also requires close liaison with Northern and Network Rail, West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), Bradford Council and Ilkley Town Council. FOIRS inaugurated and continues to maintain close links to the Ilkley Rail and Bus Board, our Chair Stephen Thornton is also Chair of this Group.
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Ilkley Rail Station
Other name the charity uses	FOIRS

Registered charity number	1197227
Charity's principal address	Friends of Ilkley Rail Station, Northern Ilkley Railway, Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HF

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	Stephen Thornton	Chair/Admin		N/A
2	Robert Hartley	Treasurer/Admin		N/A
3	Charles Scaife	None		N/A
4	Julia Collington	None		N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Full name(s) Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	S R Thornton	R W Hartley
	Stephen Russell Thornton	Robert William Hartley
	Chair & Admin	Treasurer & Admin
Date	2nd January 2026	



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Name
of Ilkley Rail Station

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Jan-25

To

Period end date
31-Dec-25

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					
Cash Carried Forward from 2024	3,534	-	-	3,534	-
Grant from Ilkley Council Transport Hub Project	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Grant from Bradford Community Chest Fund	500	-	-	500	-
Grant from Northern Rail Community Fund	2,295	-	-	2,295	-
Misc Exhibition Donations	594	-	-	594	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,923	-	-	9,923	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,923	-	-	9,923	-
A3 Payments					
Ilkley Manor House - Aug 25 FOIRS Exhibition	700	-	-	700	-
Clarke Foley - Ilkley Hub Project	86	-	-	86	-
Aim Studios - FOIRS History Boards	1,951	-	-	1,951	-
Aim Studios - Website and Other Fees 2023,24 & 25	1,054	-	-	1,054	-
Other Exhibition Expenses	455	-	-	455	-
St Margarets Parochial Church Council 1131220	37	-	-	37	-
School Planter Replishment Plants	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Aim Studio - FOIRS Leaflets	-	-	-	-	285
C Cheater - Station Artefacts Copies	-	-	-	-	544
M Hunnebell - Flash Drives (for Storage)	-	-	-	-	14
M Hunnebell - Material for 2025 Manor House Exhib.	-	-	-	-	96
M Hunnebell - Anning's - Super8/Digitisation.	-	-	-	-	56
St Margarets Parochial Church Council 1131220	-	-	-	-	35
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,343	-	-	4,343	1,030
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,343	-	-	4,343	1,030
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,580	-	-	5,580	- 1,030
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-

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A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	5,580	-	-	5,580	- 1,030

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	Balance at Bank	3,243		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,243	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
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			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	S R Thornton	Stephen R Thornton	02-Jan-26	
	R W Hartley	Robert W Hartley	02-Jan-26	