

Charity registration number: 1201052

National Railway Heritage Awards

(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name:	National Railway Heritage Awards Trust	
Registration Number:	1201052	
Principal Address: (Secretary)	Howardian View, Great Barugh Malton North Yorkshire YO17 6UZ	
Trustees:	Mr A J Savage MBE Mr J Swift Mr R Hayward Mr G Johns Ms V Stretch Mr S M Oates Mr M Wood Mr T Hedley-Jones MVO Mr P Waller Ms L McCloud	Chairman Secretary Awards Manager Chairman of Adjudicators Archivist Heritage Railway Association nominee Awards Manager Sponsorship Manager Public Relations Officer Treasurer
Retired during the year:	Mr C Baker	Chairman of Judges
Co-opted during the year:	Mr S G Gyde	Acting Chairman of Judges
Judges:	There were 48 experienced judges under the chairmanship of Clive Baker.	
Adjudicators:	There were 10 highly qualified adjudicators under the chairmanship of Gavin Johns	
Bankers:	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ	
Savings Accounts:	CAF Bank Limited	
Governing Document:	Constitution dated 17 th November 2022	
Trustee selection method:	Appointed by existing Trustees	



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Introduction

This is the second annual report of the Trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation), National Railway Heritage Awards, charity number 1201052.

Objects and main activities:

The objects of the Trust are defined in the Constitution that states:

The objects of the CIO are

- i. The preservation of the buildings and infrastructure of the national railway networks of Great Britain and Ireland, past and present, whether for transport or other purposes, and for the continued benefit of the public by holding an annual award competition to recognise and encourage best practice; and
- ii. The advancement of the education of the public in railway preservation and railway heritage, in particular but not exclusively by the establishment and maintenance of an archive of the national railway heritage awards

To fulfil these aims, the Trust administers an annual competition known as the National Railway Heritage Awards to encourage highest possible standards in the restoration, conservation and regeneration of the historic railway buildings and infrastructure of Great Britain and Ireland, for the future benefit of the public.

Wherever possible, the specialist advisers to the Awards together with the Awards sponsors will provide advice and expertise to architects, contractors and subcontractors before projects reach site. In particular, one of the Awards sponsors, the Railway Heritage Trust (RHT), has been able to influence decisions both by its inherent experience and knowledge, assisted by its own grant making process.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees, who act in a voluntary capacity, are assisted in the administration of the Awards by a small number of volunteers. Both trustees and other volunteers are professionals, generally retired from the rail industry, either from national organisations or the heritage railway movement. The present Trustees are detailed on page 1 of the financial statements.



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Review of Financial Position

Sponsorship and donations for the financial year 2024–2025 totalled £65,500, comfortably exceeding the charity's annual expenditure of £53,424 (this will change).

The resulting surplus of £15,871 (will change) has been allocated to reserves in line with the Trustees' reserves planning policy. As a result, the charity's reserves are sufficient to operate the awards for nearly three years without the need for external sponsorship. This also ensures continued support for strategic initiatives such as the digitisation of our Archive.

The Trustees are acutely aware that some of our sponsors are operating in a period of significant uncertainty, particularly with the ongoing nationalisation of the rail industry and the increasing reliance on taxpayer subsidies. Securing sponsorship budgets each year presents real and growing challenges for our partners.

In light of this, the Trustees offer their sincere thanks to all our sponsors and supporters for their continued interest and generous assistance. Their commitment remains vital to the sustainability and success of the awards.

Review of Activities

The 2024 Awards Ceremony was again held at the Merchant Taylor's Hall, with a live broadcast which was subsequently made available as an online stream.

There were nearly 60 entries received for this year's competition and fittingly, as we move into the period when we celebrate 200 years of railways, there was one for a structure that dates to 1823.

Entries were from all four nations of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Entrants were a mix of community groups, private individuals and companies as well as public authorities and train operators. They ranged in size and scope and were judged for the competition for the 10 award category with an additional award for the best overall entry. A couple of entries received have been deferred because they were not ready for judging and another that was felt to be outside of our awards criteria.

Nearly two thirds of the entries related to work done at stations, both open and closed. These included extensive work done at Troon Station to completely reconstruct a fire damaged Station building on platform 1, creation of a Heritage and Community Space at Bruce Grove Station, the refurbishment of the downside Waiting Shelter at Market Rasen Station, and the refurbishment of Ryde Esplanade Station.



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Restoration work was done to canopies at Great Malvern Station and at Chapple & Wakes Colne Station whilst the stained-glass restoration and associated canopy work was completed at Monkseaton Station, Tyne & Wear.

A refurbishment on the derelict former Station Master's house at Battle Station done in a heritage style to provide a community facility and, in a similar way, the Station Master's House at Denmark Hill Station was restored for a future use.

Important work has been done by Community Groups to provide new uses for redundant buildings and regenerate and enliven operational stations which resulted in several entries. These encompassed the refurbishment of the disused station building at Henley-in-Arden Station a complete restoration of the Bricket Wood Station building, the completion of a Community Cafe and Hub at Hollingbourne Station, the Tea Rooms at Crediton Station, the Café Bar at Horton in Ribblesdale Station and also heritage seating at Bat & Ball.

Entries in a heritage railway setting included the external restoration work done at Penrhyn Station, two projects completed at Goathland: the restored and fitted out Station Weighbridge Office as a visitor display and a nearby Rail Motor Hut. In a larger scale a new heritage station has been created at Corwen to provide a western terminus for the extended railway.

Several entries related to initiatives to find new uses for redundant railway properties included the work done create the Railway Rooms at Kingussie Station. Also included were the restoration of the Goods Shed Offices at Llanelli and the sensitively converted former Caledonian Railway Newtyle Goods Shed to form six terraced dwellings. The latest conservation work done to the subway at Crystal Palace that linked the long-lost Great Exhibition Hall with the now long-closed High-Level Station of the London Chatham & Dover Railway was also entered.

Two schemes in Manchester, one being the conversion of the old Porters' store at Manchester Victoria Station to a Public House, the 'Victoria Tap' and the restoration of the Station Agent's House near the former Liverpool & Manchester Railway's Liverpool Road Station. Elsewhere, entries included the transformation of the North Midland Railways' former Wingfield Station from a derelict and seriously decayed condition to give this historic building a sustainable new future. Other entries included the Vale of Rheidol Railway's new museum in the former GWR engine shed at Aberystwyth featured the relocated entrance portico of the former South Eastern Railway's London Bridge Tooley Street offices.



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The second largest category of entries related to structures which ranged in scale and age. The oldest entry this year was the Gaunless Bridge of 1823, an early iron bridge built to connect the Stockton & Darlington Railway with Witton Park Colliery and now restored and relocated to their site at Locomotion, Shildon.

Three footbridges where extensive restoration has been done were entered: the Boleside Road footbridge over the closed Selkirk District Railway line at Galashiels; Duffield Station; and at Cullercoats.

Several viaduct on closed railway lines were entered: Pensford Viaduct near Bristol; repairs and waterproofing on Smardale Gill Viaduct near Kirkby Stephen; and, on the disused former Somerset & Dorset line near Shepton Mallet the work done to Ham Wood and Bath Road Viaducts as well as Windsor Hill Tunnel, where work has been done to make them accessible as a wheelchair friendly walking and cycling route and a key incremental part of the Somerset Circle pathway.

The Stanway Viaduct at Toddington was entered after innovative parapet stabilisation work to maintain the historic structure on that heritage railway.

On the national network, Camps Viaduct near Hamilton Central and the magnificent Barmouth Viaduct on the Cambrian coast, originally of 1867, with 118 timber and steel spans that have been rebuilt over several years.

The Guest of Honour was Ptolemy Dean, Architect and Surveyor of the Fabric of Westminster Abbey who made the presentations.

It is a condition of entry to the Awards Scheme that the successful entrants hold a ceremony to unveil the award plaque, usually on or near the winning structure. This serves not only as publicity for the Awards Scheme, but for the winning organisation and contractors where applicable.

Our Archivist, Network Rail's Archivist Vicky Stretch, continues to make real progress to overhaul and present our archive in a way that makes the material readily available. The archive was launched at the 2024 Awards Ceremony.

Investment and Reserves Policy

The Trustees continue to ensure reserves are maintained in line with our policy.



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Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the Awards may be exposed for each financial year, and systems are in place to mitigate such risks. The Trustees consider the main risk to be a reduction of income from sponsors, and accordingly the charity maintains sufficient cash reserves to give time for mitigating action in this eventuality.

Serious Incidents

There were no serious incidents during the financial year.

Trustees' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources, its application of those resources during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

Select a suitable accounting policy and see that it is applied consistently, and

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The Trustees are satisfied that the financial statements comply with these requirements.

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Jeremy Swift
Secretary and Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Andy Savage", written over a horizontal line.

Andy Savage
Chairman and Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of National Railway Heritage Awards

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you 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 have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of National Railway Heritage Awards as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	2	65,500	65,500
Investment income	3	3,735	3,735
Total income		69,235	69,235
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(54,438)	(54,438)
Total expenditure		(54,438)	(54,438)
Net income		14,797	14,797
Transfers between funds		161,412	161,412
Net movement in funds		176,209	176,209
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds carried forward	9	176,209	176,209
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	2	36,800	36,800
Investment income	3	1,719	1,719
Other income		355	355
Total income		38,874	38,874
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(52,142)	(52,142)
Total expenditure		(52,142)	(52,142)
Net expenditure		(13,268)	(13,268)
Transfers between funds		174,679	174,679
Net movement in funds		161,411	161,411
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds carried forward	9	161,411	161,411

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 9.

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

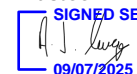
	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		184,140	175,376
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(7,931)</u>	<u>(13,965)</u>
Net assets		<u>176,209</u>	<u>161,411</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>176,209</u>	<u>161,411</u>
Total funds	9	<u>176,209</u>	<u>161,411</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 to 11 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 10/07/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J Swift

Trustee

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Mr Andrew John Savage

Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

National Railway Heritage Awards meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in the Charities SORP which allows for smaller charities not to prepare a cash flow statement.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably,

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	General £	funds £
Preservation of national railway networks	65,500	65,500
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	65,500	65,500
Total for period ended 31 March 2024	36,800	36,800



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	3,735	3,735
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	3,735	3,735
Total for period ended 31 March 2024	1,719	1,719



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Preservation of national railway networks		45,508	45,508
Allocated support costs	5	7,855	7,855
Governance costs	5	1,075	1,075
Total for period ended 31 March 2025		54,438	54,438
Total for period ended 31 March 2024		52,142	52,142

	2025 £	2024 £
Preservation of national railway networks	54,438	52,142

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £1,075 (2024 - £1,075) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 5 for further details.

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,075	1,075
Total for period ended 31 March 2025	1,075	1,075
Total for period ended 31 March 2024	1,075	1,075



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6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year. During the year expenses of £2,468 were reimbursed to 15 trustees.

No trustees, or any persons connected to them, have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	857	888
Accruals	7,074	13,077
	<u>7,931</u>	<u>13,965</u>

9 Funds

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	69,235	(54,438)	161,412	176,209
	<u>Incoming resources £</u>	<u>Resources expended £</u>	<u>Transfers £</u>	<u>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	38,874	(52,142)	174,679	161,411



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Current assets	184,140	184,140
Current liabilities	(7,931)	(7,931)
Total net assets	176,209	176,209

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Current assets	175,376	175,376
Current liabilities	(13,965)	(13,965)
Total net assets	161,411	161,411

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the period.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	65,500	36,800
Investment income (analysed below)	3,735	1,719
Other income (analysed below)	-	355
Total income	69,235	38,874
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(54,438)	(52,142)
Total expenditure	(54,438)	(52,142)
Net income/(expenditure)	14,797	(13,268)
Transfers between funds (analysed below)	161,412	174,679
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds carried forward	176,209	161,411

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Sponsorship	65,500	36,800
	<u>65,500</u>	<u>36,800</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest on cash deposits	3,735	1,719
	<u>3,735</u>	<u>1,719</u>
<i>Other income</i>		
Other income	-	355
	<u>-</u>	<u>355</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Judging expenses	(1,588)	(1,902)
Plaques	(8,485)	(6,882)
Hall hire and catering	(20,043)	(16,417)
Photographer	(675)	(650)
Cash award	1	(2,000)
Audio visual	(13,164)	(12,636)
Ceremony programme and invites design	(1,533)	(650)
Name badges	(21)	(52)
Management expenses	(1,808)	(2,448)
Printing, postage and stationary	(68)	(1,230)
Publicity officer	(450)	(450)
Website management	(1,770)	(1,500)
Archive management	(3,024)	(3,456)
Internet charges	-	(40)
Insurance	(512)	(494)
Accountancy fees	(223)	(260)
Independent examiner's fee	(1,075)	(1,075)
	<u>(54,438)</u>	<u>(52,142)</u>
<i>Transfers between funds</i>		
Funds - Transfer from another fund	161,412	174,679

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