

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY

England & Wales · Charity number 263617

## Details

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**Other names** NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED, NVR

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [01038056](#)

**Registered** 1972-02-23

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE PERMANENT PRESERVATION OF RAILWAY LINES, ENGINES, ROLLING STOCK AND EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS OF GENERAL RAILWAY INTEREST OF ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL HISTORIC OR SCIENTIFIC IMPORTANCE AND EDUCATIVE VALUE, AND TO EXHIBIT TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ENGINES OWNED BY THE ASSOCIATION ANY ENGINES, ROLLING STOCK, EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS AS AFORESAID BY MEANS OF TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS AND TO DEMONSTRATE AND ASSIST IN DEMONSTRATING TO SUCH PERSONS THE WORKINGS AND OPERATION OF ANY SUCH ENGINES, ROLLING STOCK AND ITEMS BY MEANS OF STATIC OR MOBILE DISPLAYS.

**Activities:** The charity promotes the permanent preservation of lines, locomotives, rolling stock, buildings and equipment of railway interest of actual or potential historic or scientific importance and educational value. These items to be exhibited to members of the public and, where possible, operated to demonstrate the working and operation of railways in general and some aspects in particular.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cambridgeshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£1,121,445	£1,065,037	£2,392,127	12
2024-01-31	£1,197,975	£1,458,314	£2,159,226	12
2023-01-31	£1,056,489	£1,299,734	£2,315,673	16
2022-01-31	£1,419,015	£1,157,867	£2,573,534	14
2021-01-31	£734,117	£876,034	£2,304,495	17

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Michael David Purcell</b>	Chair	2022-11-03
Adam Galtress		2025-04-16
Matthew John Alden-Farrow		2024-07-05
Paul James Matthew		2024-08-09
Timothy Roland Hobman		2022-09-15

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration No. 263617**

**Company Registration No. 1038056 (England and Wales)**

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED  
AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Patron of Nene Valley Railway</b>	HRH The Duke of Gloucester
<b>Honorary President</b>	Miranda Rock
<b>Honorary Vice President</b>	Roger Manns
<b>Trustees</b>	T R Hobman M D Purcell E A Walters <i>(Appointed 15 May 2024)</i> M J Alden-Farrow <i>(Appointed 5 July 2024)</i> A King <i>(Appointed 19 September 2024)</i> Christopher Hill <i>(Appointed 30 September 2024)</i> P J Matthew <i>(Appointed 9 August 2024)</i> A Galtress <i>(Appointed 16 April 2025)</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	N McGregor
<b>Charity number</b>	263617
<b>Company number</b>	1038056
<b>Museum number</b>	1636
<b>Principal address</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR
<b>Registered office</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank plc PO Box 15 Cathedral Square Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1HW
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<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.nvr.org.uk">www.nvr.org.uk</a>

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# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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Richard Dorman was chairman of Finance Committee from June 2024 until 29 October 2024 when he resigned from the board.

John Stevens, an appointed director with specialist Health and Safety knowledge, did not seek re-election at the 2024 AGM.

Lizzie Walters, appointed director with specialist legal knowledge, rejoined the board in May 2024.

John Stevens joined the board in November 2023 as an appointed director with specialist Health and Safety knowledge.

Adrian Oates, appointed director with specialist fund raising knowledge, resigned from the board in May 2024.

Matthew Alden-Farrow was co-opted onto the board in July 2024 and confirmed in office at the AGM.

Chris Hill was co-opted to the board on 30th September 2024 and subsequently became chairman of the Finance Committee.

Margaret Stafford resigned from the board in June 2024.

Stan Bell was chairman of Finance Committee until June 2024. He did not seek re-election to the board at the 2024 AGM.

Keith Parkinson did not seek re-election to the board at the 2024 AGM. During his many years on the board, Keith had served as chairman and vice-chairman.

I want to thank all of the former directors for their service and the enthusiasm they brought to their roles.

Having served as interim General Manager, Tracy Spring was appointed as permanent GM in March 2024. Chris O'Regan joined as Commercial Manager in May 2024.

Thomas returned to regular service during the year, running shuttle services to Yarwell each month and the occasional "Big Adventure" to Peterborough, assisted by a diesel.

During the year, the Polish Tank 5485 has not operated as it has been undergoing major mechanical work.

92 Squadron 34081 returned to service but then needed further major work. It was mutually agreed between NVR and the Battle of Britain Loco Society that it should leave NVR, which it did, departing to the East Lancashire Railway in December 2024. ELR and BBLS will work together to execute the next overhaul, which falls due in about 2 years' time. This overhaul would not have been possible at NVR, which already has a full overhaul schedule for our own locos.

Loco 656 returned to full service following an overhaul that took 20 years of work by a team of dedicated volunteers.

The pump trolley overhaul was completed and it has returned to service – with good media coverage.

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025***

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Our Plasser & Theurer TASC 45 continues to perform reliably. As well as being essential to our track maintenance work, it is an attraction in its own right.

The Rolls Royce 0-6-0 Sentinel Shunter DL83 continues to perform well as our main shunter. It has also proved popular with a several driver experience days in the yard and station area.

Rolls Royce 0-4-0 Sentinel Shunter Barabel continues to be a reliable shunter around the yard.

The BR Class 14 9529 spent a few days at the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway in July 2024. In September, 9529 played its part at the GBRf diesel gala. It continues to be maintained to a good standard.

The BR Class 45 45041 has performed well. In September, 45041 was used for light engine Driver Experiences and at the beginning of November for Freight Driver Experience working with a partially fitted freight train. Its owners make regular visits to the NVR to ensure that the loco is maintained to a good standard.

BR Pacer, class 143 143602 performs well and is economical to operate.

BR class 43 HST Power Cars, 43060 and 43045 provide driver experiences and service train running days. It continues to be popular among enthusiasts and its airconditioned coaches are a real bonus. We are one of three heritage railways operating an HST at the moment and a dedicated team continue to look after all aspects of the HST to a good standard.

The SJ Class Y7 Diesel Railcar 1212 was residing at Overton, until it was moved to Wansford for work to be done on its roof.

60163 Tornado was booked for Easter 2024, which would have been its first running on a heritage line following a major overhaul. Unfortunately, due to mechanical problems, it did not come. Two further bookings were postponed but it did eventually arrive in October when it attracted a large number of visitors over 2 running weekends and 4 driver experience days.

During the year, we disposed of 3 continental coaches, which we were not in a position to restore and acquired 3 Mk1s in various states of repair.

The Orton Mere signal box was returned to Operations department on 1st February 2024 and was formally opened at a ceremony on 9th March, almost 1 year after the arson attack.

The S&T team completed the fitting of the wicket gates at the Wansford level crossing. The crossover at Yarwell has been removed and the equipment taken to Wansford for future re-use.

Our museum group provided material and immense support to the Peterborough Railways exhibit at Peterborough Museum. This told the story of how the advent of the railway led to the growth of Peterborough.

The editor of Nene Steam resigned during the year. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find a replacement and so, for the time being, publication of Nene Steam has been suspended. Circulation of the monthly newsletter was increased from working volunteers to all members for whom we hold an email address.

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025***

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A public appeal was launched to raise funds to keep NVR running. A total of £300,000 was targeted in order to rebuild the reserves of the railway and to ensure that we would be in a position to cope with any major infrastructure or rolling stock failures. This appeal attracted considerable media attention and to-date, has raised in the region of £134,000

We have recently received funds of about £136,000 from Huntingdonshire District Council. This must be spent at Wansford to promote tourism in the area. That is a broad specification but there are restrictions and we shall be consulting HDC as we allocate those funds. The money came to us as a result of a Section 106 agreement as part of a development in the area.

The first spend was the installation of solar panels on the roof of the overhaul shed. This will enable us to make a large reduction in our electricity bill annually. Such a saving is part of our continued survival as a tourist attraction. We also replaced the motor that operates the roller shutter on the loco shed and sections of the shutter itself. It is a condition of most loco hires that locos are stored in a closed shed. Without replacing these, our ability to bring in locos as a tourist attraction would be diminished. We then intend to spend some money improving the signage at Wansford and installing some information boards that do more to tell our story. It is probable that in 2025 we shall resurface the car park at Wansford. The current state of the surface is a severe aggravation to customers during the Christmas season and needs to be addressed to promote our services.

The decision was taken to reduce fares for standard running days in 2025. The effect of this on income and footfall will be monitored throughout the next financial year.

In September 2024, we hosted a GB Rail Freight Charity Fund raising events. The charities supported during this event were the MS Society and Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. This event was also supported by Modern Railways and Hornby Magazines. They supplied some locos for us to use during the day. As a result, we hosted 5 different classes of GBRF locos as well as using our own Class 14 & Class 45.

The board approved a new project for the yard at Overton. This project opens up the opportunity of creating not only a centre for non-passenger traffic (wagons and TPOs), but also an exhibition and event space, and an area for a museum, leading to educational possibilities. This living/working museum has rejuvenated the dream of the original Nightmail museum concept. This space is seen as key to telling the TPO story, but also housing some vulnerable vehicles which are looked after by the TPO and Wagon Groups.

All of this will take many years and the board's brief is that each phase must show a clear benefit before proceeding.

We had a successful Christmas season. This year, the event was reformatted and professional entertainers were employed as the cast and legion of elves. The main locomotive was 45596 Bahamas with 656 on a few days. We carried more than 10,000 passengers and through a vigorous programme of control, costs were lower than last year.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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It is still the case that all businesses relying on discretionary spending are finding it harder to attract customers and to make money. This is the experience across that heritage railway sector and it remains the case that a successful Christmas season is essential to the continued survival of the railway. Events are vital and we must do more on the 'living museum' side of our activities.

During the 2024 running season, we served 1282 portions of fish and chips; 929 plates of Afternoon Tea; 73 pies and chips; 3061 hot drinks from the on-train bar; had 3 murders on the Railway, and successfully found all the murder suspects (an evening entertainment event, obviously); delivered mail the old-fashioned way; weeded and pruned to perfection 5 Stations to help show them off at their best; built a new disabled toilet with adjacent shinny ramp; welcomed 18542 customers to the Railway over 138 running days; answered around 10000 calls; sent approximately 65000 emails; sold 7562 items in our retail outlets; carried 552 passengers on our Miniature Railway; served around 1600 sausage rolls and a countless number of teas and coffees' at Overton Station; entertained our customers on multiple dates with our ever-changing and engaging garden Railway; showed off our stunning model railway to all who visited; repaired and refitted several wagons and showed them off to many; completed countless track repairs; welcomed 418 school children on educational visits; maintained all signals along the line; took part in a very popular local museum exhibition; and welcomed many new volunteers.

We continue to aim to provide reliable services, with reliable locos pulling reliable stock to offer an enjoyable day out. The board continues to focus on increasing revenue, cut costs and exercise increased control over our activities based on increased analysis.

NVR could not exist without the hard work and dedication of its volunteers and staff. I am grateful for everything that they have all done in this challenging year.

*Michael Purcell*

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Michael Purcell (Nov 28, 2025, 12:43pm)

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Dated .28.Nov.2025.....

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and '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)' (effective 1 January 2019).

### Our Mission

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity whose formal charitable purpose is:

'to promote the permanent preservation of railway lines, engines and rolling stock and equipment, and items of general railway interest of actual historic or scientific importance and education value, and to exhibit to members of the public interested in engines owned by the association any such engines, rolling stock, equipment and items as aforesaid by means of temporary or permanent exhibitions and to demonstrate and assist in demonstrating to such persons the working and operations of such engines, rolling stock and items of static or mobile displays'.

### Status of the Charity

Peterborough Railway Society was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 1972 and subsequently acquired charitable status. The company name was changed to Nene Valley Railway Limited in 1984. The charity has no share capital and the liability of each member, in the event of winding up, is limited to £1. The governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company. Anyone may become a member by payment of the appropriate annual subscription.

The company has a wholly owned subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited which is not a charity and has its own board and accounts. Its profits are gift aided to Nene Valley Railway Limited.

The charity can have up to ten trustees. The articles prescribe that six are elected by the members with up to four additional trustees on the basis that these persons have the skills required to ensure that the trustees as a body have in their opinion adequate financial, legal, business, charity and other professional skills.

### The trustees serving during 2024 - 2025 and the meetings they attended were:

	Actual	Possible
Michael Purcell - <i>Chair</i>	12	12
Timothy Hobman	9	12
Elizabeth Walters (appointed 15/5/2024)	5	8
Stanley Bell (retired at AGM 19/9/2024)	8	8
Adrian Oates (resigned 13/5/2024)	3	3
Keith Parkinson (retired at AGM 19/9/24)	7	8
Richard Dorman (resigned 29/10/24)	8	10
Margaret Stafford (resigned 3/6/2024)	4	4
John Stevens (did not seek re-election at AGM 19/9/24)	6	8
Matthew Alden-Farrow (appointed 5/7/2024)	6	6
Christopher Hill (appointed 30/9/2024)	3	3
Anthony King (appointed 19/9/2024)	4	4
Adam Galtress (Appointed 16/4/2025)	0	0
Paul Matthew (Appointed 9/8/24)	5	5

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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#### **Governance and Management**

The board normally meet every month of the year and subgroups of board members meet from time to time as business requires. The general manager is appointed by the trustees to carry out the policies laid down by the board and to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

The trustees are appointed by the subscribing members of the charitable company at the annual general meeting. All adult members have one vote and should the number of nominations to become trustees exceed the vacancies, a secret ballot is held. All trustees are subscribing members and must be nominated by two people. The initial appointment is for a three year term.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charitable company. All of the trustees are members of the charitable company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

There were no changes to the governance structure during the year. The changes to the committee structure put in place last year seem to be working well but the board will continue to monitor their effectiveness.

Tracy Spring was confirmed as General Manager in March 2024.

Chris O'Regan joined as Commercial Manager in May 2024.

Following the liquidation of the franchisee operating the café at Wansford, it was returned to direct management by NVR Enterprises in July 2025. We now employ a full time café manager assisted by volunteers and occasional casual staff.

#### **Health and Safety (H&S)**

There were no incidents during the year that required reporting to the ORR.

#### **Financial Review**

Income from traffic together with earnings from Nene Valley Enterprises Limited was £1,049,548 (2024: £957,836) In addition, we received bequests, donations and investment income of £359,719 (2024: £247,434). Every effort was made to control costs, they decreased from £1,458,314 to £1,179,224.

This year, there was a surplus of £232,901 compared to a deficit of £253,839 in the previous year.

Our trading operations in Enterprises made profit of £71,117 compared to a profit of £42,267 in the previous year.

During FY2025, we have been less reliant on our reserves and banking facilities. With some severe control on expenditure, we have kept within our facilities

To maintain continued operation we have cut costs to reduce expenditure and we have sought ways to drive income higher to cover the costs of running the business.

Salary reviews were in line with in 2024. We now believe that we are running the business with the minimum number of staff achievable without jeopardizing our ability to run trains and sell tickets.

Following her appointment, the new General Manager undertook a major review of our long-standing contracts with suppliers. As a result, significant one-off and recurring savings were identified.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

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#### **Financial Review (continued)**

But it remains essential to increase revenue. Visiting a heritage railway is a discretionary spend and is probably a long way down the priority list for most people. If we are to attract sufficient numbers, then the offering must compete with other nearby attractions. In the current economic climate, there is a difficult balance between the prices we need to charge and the potential impact on patronage. So, we decided to reduce prices for standard running days for the 2025 season. The impact of this is being closely monitored and that will drive the pricing strategy for 2026.

Our Christmas season this year saw costs under budget. Income was slightly below expectations but there was still a healthy surplus.

Like many other heritage railways, core-cost fundraising has become an integral part of the strategy to stabilise our finances. We launched a public appeal, which to date has raised in the region of £134,000. Alongside that, we have been pursuing grant applications and corporate sponsorship opportunities.

As a further step towards a better use of the funds we do have, we are conducting an exercise to enhance the capture and use of financial and non-financial data across our operations. This will facilitate improved budgeting and financial control, as well as providing greater insight to decision making throughout the year.

The introduction of improved monitoring of short-term cashflow; quarterly budget reforecasting; and a new budget process during the previous year has improved budgeting and financial control; and led to better-

We have continued with our essential maintenance and renewal projects to ensure safe and reliable operation. Other infrastructure renewal and enhancement work will depend on the availability of funds.

The café was outsourced in 2023. But in August 2025, the franchisee went into liquidation, owing both the charity and NVR Enterprises several thousand pounds each. We have submitted the necessary claims to the liquidators but it seems unlikely that we shall recover the sums owed to us.

#### **Commercial Operations**

We continue to run services every weekend during the main operating season

Following his return to service after a 2½ year overhaul, Thomas has made an important contribution to our income in FY2025. During the year, he hauled shuttle services between Wansford and Yarwell during weekends in most months and a couple of "Big Adventures" when he ran from Wansford to Peterborough with an assisting diesel locomotive.

Income from Santa services was slightly below projections but rigorous cost control meant that they did make a profit. Hiring a professional team to provide the entertainment and cast was successful, leading to good reviews of the event.

The visit of locomotive 60163 "Tornado" was postponed three times as a result of mechanical problems. However, when it arrived, it was a commercial success. Customers generally chose not to cancel their bookings, carrying them forward each time. The postponements were short notice when they occurred which meant that our team had to work to create substitute events for the Bank Holidays affected. These events were all profitable but it is not possible to calculate the effect of the lost opportunities if it would have been possible to mount events with more notice.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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#### **Infrastructure**

The teams P/Way and Lineside teams continue to maintain the running lines and yards in good working order.

#### **Locomotives and Rolling Stock**

Locomotive 34081, '92 Squadron' returned to service briefly during 2024 but suffered mechanical problems and was again withdrawn from service. The owners (BBLs) approached NVR and suggested that we partner them in undertaking the major overhaul during the next two years. The NVR board were concerned that with our commitment to 73050 "City of Peterborough" and the low number of volunteers available from both BBLs and NVR we were unable to commit to this. So, BBLs moved the locomotive away in late 2024.

Locomotive 5485 the Polish Tank was not available.

Locomotive 656 provided steam services during the year but was not suitable for the Christmas services. However, we were fortunate to be able to hire in 5596 "Bahamas".

Peak locomotive 45041 Royal Tank Regiment on loan from the Peak Locomotive Company was a popular diesel locomotive and ran throughout the year and the Pacer DMU continued to be available for quieter days and shuttle services.

In the overhaul shed work on the overhaul of Hudswell Clarke tank engine, 'Derek Crouch' and diesel shunter Muriel continued.

The longer term project with Standard Class 5, 73050, City of Peterborough was paused pending the renewal of the agreement with Peterborough City Council, the owners.

The wagon group continued to overhaul and maintain the many freight vehicles around the railway.

#### **Passenger Numbers**

Systems developments have led to a revised and more accurate way of analysing passenger numbers. As a result this year's figure is provided on the new calculation and last year's figure is restated on that basis.

Passenger numbers were 35,697 compared to 32,538 in 23-24.

#### **Operations Department**

The operating department were able to staff all the trains that ran.

The Operating Manager continues to report he is extremely impressed with the standard of all the staff in the department, with their uniform and willingness to help beyond their duties where required.

#### **Signal and Telecoms (S&T)**

The S&T team continued to maintain our signalling assets during the year and undertook many minor and not so minor replacement and upgrade tasks.

Following the arson attack on the signal box at Orton Mere, it was returned to service in February 2024. The work done by contractors, our Stations and Buildings team and our Signals and Telecommunications team has delivered a box that is better than before..

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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#### **Membership**

Membership has risen slightly this year from 834 members in the previous year to 842.

Our very busy Volunteer Liaison Group continue to be active in this area, holding regular inductions for new members and the number of working volunteers continues to increase.

#### **Stations and Buildings**

The stations and buildings team continued to undertake maintenance and renewal tasks across the estate.

#### **Fundraising and other income**

We have continued to support the railway through seeking grants and donations from a variety of sources. These included:

Under a Section 106 agreement arising from a local development, £136,000 was received from Huntingdonshire District Council.

The charity shop continues to support a variety of projects around the railway.

Fundraising remains central to our strategy. We have improved our capability in identifying and securing funding from many different sources and ongoing we continue to seek further opportunities.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. They believe that the charity provides a public benefit by the preservation of items of railway interest for historic importance and educational value.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees assess from time to time the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these. These risks relate to:

- providing and maintaining a safe and secure environment for our visitors and volunteers and for others who work at the charity premises;
- providing and maintaining governance, financial and administrative arrangements to safeguard the charity's assets and to facilitate its operational activities.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### Summary

Although we are not out of the woods yet, this year was financially more successful than the previous two years. We have been able to restore some, but not all, of our reserves and have been less dependent on our banking facilities. Although this was partly due to an improvement in the leisure and tourism sector, it was only really possible due to the amazing efforts of all areas of the railway, trustees, managers, paid staff and our huge army of volunteers. Thanks must go to everyone that contributed to this and to those that supported us in whatever way.

Financially, we are still not where we want to be and the economic outlook as it relates to the leisure and tourism sector, with its dependency on discretionary spend, is not bright. Nevertheless, we shall continue with firm cost control and plans for increased revenue with the aim of returning to a sustained surplus. FY2026 began with a visit by Flying Scotsman, which gave us an excellent start to the year but the outlook is still challenging and, as always, much depends on the performance of the Christmas services in 2025.

### Audit

Each of the trustees have confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

*Michael Purcell*

Michael Purcell (Nov 28, 2025, 12:43pm)

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**M Purcell**

Chairman of the Trustees

Dated ~~28 Nov 2025~~.....

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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The trustees who are also the directors of Nene Valley Railway Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Nene Valley Railway Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 January 2025 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group & Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheet's, the Group Cashflow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and Parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2025 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group and Parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustee's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Group and Parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Parent charitable company; or
- the Parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustee's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and Parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussion with directors and our knowledge of the business.
- We have tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments
- Assessing whether the judgements made in accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- Making enquires of management as to their knowledge of actual and suspected fraud
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)**

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Price Bailey LLP*

#### **Price Bailey LLP**

Statutory Auditor  
36 Tyndall Court  
Commerce Road  
Lynchwood  
Peterborough  
PE2 6LR

Date: 28 November 2025

Price Bailey LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including consolidated income and expenditure account)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and other fund raising income	4	58,773	14,750	267,009	340,532	190,243
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	881,694	-	-	881,694	831,584
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	3	167,854	-	-	167,854	126,252
Investments	6	3,124	-	6,063	9,187	10,339
Other income	7	10,000	-	-	10,000	46,852
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,121,445</b>	<b>14,750</b>	<b>273,072</b>	<b>1,409,267</b>	<b>1,205,270</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<u>Raising funds</u>						
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	8	77,375	-	-	77,375	70,119
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	10	987,662	36,534	77,653	1,101,849	1,388,195
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,065,037</b>	<b>36,534</b>	<b>77,653</b>	<b>1,179,224</b>	<b>1,458,314</b>
Taxation	12	(4,362)	-	-	(4,362)	4,362
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	7,220	7,220	(5,157)
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		52,046	(21,784)	202,639	232,901	(253,839)
Gross transfers between funds		33,814	(947)	(32,867)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>85,860</b>	<b>(22,731)</b>	<b>169,772</b>	<b>232,901</b>	<b>(253,839)</b>
Fund balances at 1 February 2024		1,786,569	36,972	335,685	2,159,226	2,413,065
<b>Fund balances at 31 January 2025</b>		<b>1,872,429</b>	<b>14,241</b>	<b>505,457</b>	<b>2,392,127</b>	<b>2,159,226</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		1,998,406		2,023,719
Investments	17		177,751		175,444
			<u>2,176,157</u>		<u>2,199,163</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	34,129		36,559	
Debtors	20	106,029		77,509	
Cash at bank and in hand		504,523		212,306	
		<u>644,681</u>		<u>326,374</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	(419,711)		(347,128)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			224,970		(20,754)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,401,127</u>		<u>2,178,409</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22		(9,000)		(19,183)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>2,392,127</u></u>		<u><u>2,159,226</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28		505,457		335,685
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	27		14,241		36,972
General unrestricted funds			1,872,429		1,786,569
			<u>2,392,127</u>		<u>2,159,226</u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2025, although an audit has been carried out under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28 Nov 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

*Michael Purcell*

Michael Purcell (Nov 28, 2025, 12:43pm)

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**M Purcell**  
**Trustee**

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CHARITY BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	1,998,406		2,023,719	
Investments	17	177,851		175,544	
		<u>2,176,257</u>		<u>2,199,263</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	12,486		27,773	
Debtors	20	106,029		96,601	
Cash at bank and in hand		496,728		204,641	
		<u>615,243</u>		<u>329,015</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	(405,904)		(336,783)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets		209,339		(7,768)	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,385,596</u>		<u>2,191,495</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22	(9,000)		(19,183)	
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>2,376,596</u></u>		<u><u>2,172,312</u></u>	
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28	505,457		335,685	
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	27	14,241		36,972	
General unrestricted funds		1,856,898		1,799,655	
		<u>2,376,596</u>		<u>2,172,312</u>	

The net movement in funds for the year for the charity was net surplus of £204,284 (2024: deficit of £296,105). The charity's income was £1,298,913 (2024: £1,095,949) less expenditure of £1,101,849 (2024: £1,386,897) and net gain on investments of £7,220 (2024: loss of £5,157).

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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**M Purcell**  
**Trustee**

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operating activities	33	510,525		(191,246)	
Interest paid		(27,486)		(30,355)	
Taxation		-		(4,362)	
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>		<b>483,039</b>		<b>(225,963)</b>	
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(45,250)		(43,795)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		10,000		25,000	
Purchase of investments		(61,129)		(44,678)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		66,041		158,836	
Interest received		9,187		10,339	
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>		<b>(21,151)</b>		<b>105,702</b>	
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>					
Repayment of borrowings		(35,133)		(35,839)	
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>		<b>(35,133)</b>		<b>(35,839)</b>	
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>426,755</b>		<b>(156,100)</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		77,768		233,868	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>		<b>504,523</b>		<b>77,768</b>	
<b>Relating to:</b>					
Bank balances and short term deposits		504,523		212,306	
Bank overdrafts		-		(134,538)	
		<b>504,523</b>		<b>77,768</b>	

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales. The registered office is Wansford Station, Old North Road, Stibbington, Peterborough, PE8 6LR.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS 102)". The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity and its subsidiary will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have considered a period of at least 12 months in making this assessment.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The details of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are capable of financial measurement.

Legacy income is recognised either by the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Endowment income is restricted.

The charity benefits from many hours and unclaimed out-of-pocket expenses contributed by a number of supporters. It would be impossible to place a value on all these gifts in kind for which the charity is extremely grateful.

Grant income is recognised in the year in which the grant is receivable.

Government grants relating to revenue are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. This includes the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant which is included as 'other income'.

Grants received from non-government sources are recognised under the performance model. Where there are no specific performance requirements the grants are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the proceeds are received or receivable. Where grant is received with specific performance requirements attached, it is recognised as a liability until the performance conditions are met and then it is recognised as turnover.

Income from driving courses is recognised when the income is receivable rather than when the course is booked, this is considered reasonable as the vouchers do not have an expiry date and in some instances have not been utilised.

Life membership subscriptions are released into income on a straight line basis at 8% per annum.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Recognition of the costs of generating funds is on an accruals basis, excluding VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and included audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Costs are allocated, where possible, directly to the activity. Where the cost is not directly attributable it is allocated by informed management's best estimate of the activities undertaken.

The charity has three main objectives and the premises and promotion costs have been allocated 1/3rd to each of the main objectives.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	Mobile classroom - 10 years straight line
Property improvements	Bridge improvements - 20 years straight line
Plant and machinery	Straight line over 5 years
Track and ballast	1% reducing balance
Rolling stock and locomotives	No depreciation is charged on items where the cost of restoration has been charged against income. On restored locomotives where work has been capitalised, the depreciation is written off over 10 years straight line from the date of completion

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The trustees consider that the freehold buildings are maintained in such a state of repair that their residual value is at least equal to their net book value. As a result the corresponding depreciation would not be material and therefore is not charged in the statement of financial activities.

Land at a value of £300,000 has not been depreciated.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charitable company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the exact of the impairment loss.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

#### 1.9 Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The Charitable Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.11 Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at cost using the effective interest method.

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.12 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

##### **Current tax**

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the statement of financial activities because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

##### **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the statement of financial activities, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

#### **1.13 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charitable company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### **1.14 Retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

#### **1.15 Irrecoverable VAT**

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charges against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

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#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bar, Catering and Shop income	157,336	114,151
Other trading income	10,518	12,101
	<u>167,854</u>	<u>126,252</u>

#### 4 Donations and other fund raising income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	38,763	14,750	267,009	320,522	148,720
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	-	10,000
Grants receivable	-	-	-	-	5,000
Membership fees	20,010	-	-	20,010	26,523
	<u>58,773</u>	<u>14,750</u>	<u>267,009</u>	<u>340,532</u>	<u>190,243</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2024</b>	<u>85,982</u>	<u>22,515</u>	<u>81,746</u>	<u>190,243</u>	<u>190,243</u>

#### 5 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Traffic and admission charges	458,339	459,419
Driving course income	53,880	27,103
Santa specials	327,171	289,123
Charitable rental income	17,512	18,403
Sundry income	24,792	37,536
	<u>881,694</u>	<u>831,584</u>

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#### 6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from listed investments	-	-	6,063	6,063	7,265
Interest receivable	3,124	-	-	3,124	3,074
	<u>3,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,063</u>	<u>9,187</u>	<u>10,339</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2024</b>	<u>3,044</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>7,265</u>		<u>10,339</u>

#### 7 Other income

	2025 £	2024 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	10,000	17,800
Insurance claims	-	29,052
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>46,852</u>

#### 8 Raising funds

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary</b>		
Operating trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	77,375	70,119
	<u>77,375</u>	<u>70,119</u>

#### 9 Trustees

One trustee, A Galtress, was temporarily employed by the charity during the year in a staff capacity, unrelated to their role as a trustee. The trustee received gross remuneration of £390.75 for their work, which was carried out under a formal employment contract.

The payment was made in accordance with the charity's governing document and approved by the board, with the trustee absent from any decision-making related to their employment (2024: no trustees (or any persons connected with them) received remuneration during the year).

No trustees received expenses in the current year (2024: £19 paid to one trustee).

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#### 10 Charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Maintenance staff including NI and pension	126,771	153,539
Depreciation and impairment	70,563	67,411
Fuel and lubricants	97,366	123,759
Insurance	90,986	69,967
Hire and transport of rolling stock	104,399	123,171
Maintenance and overhaul costs	132,981	372,937
Santa special purchases	77,636	80,551
Refuse and cleaning	29,008	31,359
Sundry operating expenses	2,716	34,475
Subscriptions	320	376
Online booking system	2,930	2,876
Publicity and printing costs	19,359	15,335
Special event expenses	33,377	22,575
Bank, interest and credit charges	27,486	30,355
	<u>815,898</u>	<u>1,128,686</u>
Support costs (see note 11)	265,471	234,917
Governance costs (see note 11)	20,480	24,592
	<u>1,101,849</u>	<u>1,388,195</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	987,662	1,127,854
Designated funds	36,534	65,445
Restricted funds	77,653	194,896
	<u>1,101,849</u>	<u>1,388,195</u>

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#### 11 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Administration and cleaning wages	160,338	-	160,338	134,454
Premises costs	85,125	-	85,125	78,070
Promotion costs	20,008	-	20,008	22,393
Auditors remuneration:				
- for audit services	-	13,950	13,950	7,500
- for non audit services	-	1,106	1,106	8,100
Legal and professional	-	5,424	5,424	8,992
	<u>265,471</u>	<u>20,480</u>	<u>285,951</u>	<u>259,509</u>
Analysed between:				
Charitable activities	<u>265,471</u>	<u>20,480</u>	<u>285,951</u>	<u>259,509</u>

#### 12 Taxation

Group Taxation	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Tax losses	(4,362)	4,362
	<u>(4,362)</u>	<u>4,362</u>

The parent entity Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity. It only applies its funds in accordance with its charitable objectives, and is not trading with a view to making distributable profits, therefore corporation tax is not chargeable.

Charity Taxation	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Tax losses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

#### 13 Employees

##### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Administration, shop, catering and cleaning	5	6
Mechanical	6	6
	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>

In addition to the employee numbers above, there was an average of 8 trustees (2024: 7) during the year.

##### Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	263,552	262,948
Social security costs	17,588	17,819
Other pension costs	5,969	5,929
	<u>287,109</u>	<u>286,696</u>

Included in the above employee costs is a sum of £Nil (2024: £1,297) which are the wages costs of the trading subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

#### 14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Realised (losses)/gains	6,095	(5,704)
Unrealised gains included in market value	1,125	547
	<u>7,220</u>	<u>(5,157)</u>

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#### 15 Tangible fixed assets

##### Group and Charity

	Freehold land and buildings £	Property improvements £	Plant and machinery £	Track and ballast £	Rolling stock and locomotives £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 February 2024	1,104,728	77,297	76,001	381,652	1,080,523	2,720,201
Additions	-	-	33,250	-	12,000	45,250
Disposals	-	-	(1,184)	-	-	(1,184)
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 January 2025	<u>1,104,728</u>	<u>77,297</u>	<u>108,067</u>	<u>381,652</u>	<u>1,092,523</u>	<u>2,764,267</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 February 2024	-	54,513	64,746	36,669	540,554	696,482
Depreciation charged in the year	-	3,460	5,104	3,450	58,549	70,563
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(1,184)	-	-	(1,184)
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 January 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>57,973</u>	<u>68,666</u>	<u>40,119</u>	<u>599,103</u>	<u>765,861</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
At 31 January 2025	<u>1,104,728</u>	<u>19,324</u>	<u>39,401</u>	<u>341,533</u>	<u>493,420</u>	<u>1,998,406</u>
At 31 January 2024	<u>1,104,728</u>	<u>22,784</u>	<u>11,255</u>	<u>344,983</u>	<u>539,969</u>	<u>2,023,719</u>

Freehold land and buildings, excluding the Fletton Loop, with a carrying amount of £1,078,574 (2024 - £1,078,574) have been pledged to secure borrowings of the charitable company. The charitable company is not able to pledge these assets as security for other borrowings or to sell them to another

Freehold land and buildings are measured at deemed cost, based on a previous revaluation undertaken in 2012 and in accordance with the transitional provisions of FRS102.

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<b>16 Financial instruments</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	610,552	289,815
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	177,751	175,444
	<u>177,751</u>	<u>175,444</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost	383,070	333,773
	<u>383,070</u>	<u>333,773</u>
<b>17 Fixed asset investments</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	176,840	170,207
Cash deposits	911	5,237
	<u>177,751</u>	<u>175,444</u>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments in subsidiaries	100	100
Listed investments	176,840	170,207
Cash deposits	911	5,237
	<u>177,851</u>	<u>175,544</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

#### 17 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Movements in fixed asset investments Group and Charity	Cash deposits	Listed investments	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 February 2024	5,237	170,207	175,444
Additions	-	61,129	61,129
Movements in deposits	(4,326)	7,680	3,354
Unrealised gains/(losses)	-	1,125	1,125
Disposals at book value	-	(63,301)	(63,301)
At 31 January 2025	911	176,840	177,751
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 January 2025			177,751
At 31 January 2024			175,444

#### 18 Subsidiaries

The charity owns 100% of the ordinary shares of its subsidiary, Nene Valley Enterprises Limited which is a private company incorporated in England. (Registration number 2883483). The principal activities of the subsidiary are the operation of shop facilities, catering and commercial bar.

The subsidiary's results as extracted from the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2025 are outlined below:

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	167,855	126,252
Expenditure	(96,738)	(83,985)
Net profit	71,117	42,267

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and reserves were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets	32,556	23,743
Current liabilities	(16,925)	(36,729)
Total reserves	15,631	(12,986)

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<b>19 Stocks</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		34,129	36,559
<b>Charity</b>			
		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		12,486	27,773
<b>20 Debtors</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		85,773	29,375
Other debtors		20,256	48,134
		106,029	77,509
<b>Charity</b>			
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		85,773	26,445
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings		-	26,384
Other debtors		20,256	43,772
		106,029	96,601
<b>21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loans and overdrafts	<b>24</b>	10,183	169,671
Other taxation and social security		12,924	11,181
Deferred income	<b>23</b>	273,163	46,988
Trade creditors		49,361	59,148
Other creditors		28,439	27,602
Accruals		45,641	32,538
		419,711	347,128

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

#### 21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Continued)

Charity	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Loans and overdrafts	24	10,183	169,671
Other taxation and social security		6,236	5,390
Deferred income	23	273,163	46,988
Trade creditors		43,482	58,694
Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings		3,116	-
Other creditors		28,439	27,602
Accruals		41,285	28,438
		<u>405,904</u>	<u>336,783</u>

#### 22 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year

Group and Charity	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Loans and overdrafts	24	-	-
Other borrowings	24	9,000	19,183
Other creditors		-	-
		<u>9,000</u>	<u>19,183</u>

#### 23 Deferred income

Group and Charity	2025 £	2024 £
Balance brought forward	46,988	43,996
Amount released to the Statement of Financial Activities	(46,988)	(43,996)
Amount deferred in the year	273,163	46,988
Balance carried forward	<u>273,163</u>	<u>46,988</u>

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#### 24 Loans and overdrafts

Group and charity	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts	-	134,538
Bank loans	19,183	54,316
Other borrowings	-	-
	<u>19,183</u>	<u>188,854</u>
Payable within one year	10,183	169,671
Payable after one year	<u>9,000</u>	<u>19,183</u>

Bank loans amounting £Nil (2024: £24,971) were secured by fixed charges over the freehold property known as Wansford Station, Peterborough and its associated assets. The interest rate in force for the year ended 31 January 2025 was 8.81%.

The bounce-back loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 6.5 years including an 18 month repayment holiday. The last instalment falling due in 2026. The interest rate for this loan is 2.5% fixed.

#### 25 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the group and movements thereon:

Group	Assets	Assets
	2025 £	2024 £
Tax losses	-	<u>4,362</u>

Charity	Assets	Assets
	2025 £	2024 £
Tax losses	-	<u>-</u>

#### 26 Retirement benefit schemes

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund. At the year end a balance of £186 is included in other creditors (2024 - £90).

The charge to profit and loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £5,969 (2024 - £5,929).

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#### 27 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2025 £
Friends of the Nene Valley Railway	1,093	3,040	-	(1,210)	2,923
Thomas fund	29,589	2,837	(32,689)	263	-
Track appeal	-	3,873	(3,845)		28
MEND M fund	-	5,000	-		5,000
Carriage and Wagon	6,190	-	-		6,190
Restaurant car	100	-	-		100
Signal box	-	-	-		-
	<u>36,972</u>	<u>14,750</u>	<u>(36,534)</u>	<u>(947)</u>	<u>14,241</u>

Money raised by the Friends of Nene Valley Railway is utilised on specific projects, as agreed by the charity's finance committee.

The Thomas fund has been set up to cover current repairs and overhaul costs.

Signal box funds are to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the signal box.

Track appeal fund is to raise money for works on the track.

The Carriage and Wagon fund is set aside to fund the restoration of carriages.

The Restaurant car fund is set aside to fund the restoration and maintenance of the restaurant car.

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#### 28 Restricted funds

The income funds of the group include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Investments gains/ losses £	Balance at 31 January 2025 £
TPO Fund	12,872	9,255	(2,612)	-		19,515
HDC	-	136,855	(11,766)	(33,250)		91,839
Small Engine Fund	12	12	-	-		24
Wansford Old Station fund	60,835	-	-	-		60,835
Nene Corridor (Yarwell)	4,382	-	-	(4,382)		-
Museum Fund	3,128	-	-	-		3,128
Loco 73050	25,907	17,168	(13,517)	9,399		38,957
Loco 73050 - investment	175,444	6,063	(1,577)	(9,399)	7,220	177,751
Wagon Group	1,678	9,808	(9,485)	-		2,001
Signal box	1,580	-	(224)	-		1,356
Yarwell	5,118	5,118	(327)	4,382		14,291
Charity shop	8,281	19,178	(13,411)	-		14,048
D Crouch	1,311	5,667	(5,255)	-		1,723
Pacer Appeal	3,595	11,700	(11,400)	-		3,895
Other small funds	9,777	23,332	(7,014)	383		26,478
Youth Group	1,485	-	(1,065)			420
Raffle Tickets	9,620	6,539	-			16,159
Lineside	10,660	22,377	-			33,037
	<b>335,685</b>	<b>273,072</b>	<b>(77,653)</b>	<b>(32,867)</b>	<b>7,220</b>	<b>505,457</b>

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

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#### 28 Restricted funds (Continued)

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

The Travelling Post Office Fund is to be used for the restoration of the various Travelling Post Office coaches and also includes the funds raised and expended for the Ferry Meadows Night Mail Project, which is to fund a Museum for the Travelling Post Office coaches.

The HDC fund is to be used to improve tourism at the Wansford site of Nene Valley Railway Limited and benefit the residents of Wansford.

The Wansford Old Station fund was created to raise funds for the potential improvement and restoration of the old station building.

Loco 73050 fund is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of Loco 73050.

Signal box's funds are to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the signal box.

The other restricted funds cover a variety of specific donations and appeals relating to specific engines, rolling stock or other projects.

The proceeds from raffle ticket sales are towards the upkeep of the Wansford Level Crossing.

Lineside fund is committed to fencing repairs.

#### 29 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Designated funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 January 2025 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	1,998,406	-	-	1,998,406	2,023,719
Investments	-	-	177,751	177,751	175,444
Current assets/ (liabilities)	(116,977)	14,241	327,706	224,970	(20,754)
Long term liabilities	(9,000)	-	-	(9,000)	(19,183)
	<u>1,872,429</u>	<u>14,241</u>	<u>505,457</u>	<u>2,392,127</u>	<u>2,159,226</u>

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#### 30 Control

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

The liability of each member in the event of winding up is £1.

#### 31 Related party transactions

##### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	45,055	37,975

##### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received some donations from trustees.

During the year, expenses totalling £Nil (2024: £600) were paid to Roythornes Limited, a company in which a trustee of the charity is a partner and shareholder.

During the year, expenses totalling £Nil (2024: £13,543) were paid to a business wholly owned by a trustee of the charity for services and repairs. The transactions were undertaken at market value rates following a tender process.

During the year, 5 Trustees purchased tickets, memberships or cafe items from the charity at standard public pricing. The transactions were conducted under normal commercial terms and did not result in any private benefit. The total value of the transactions were as follows:

E A Walters:	£413.90
M D Purcell:	£180.37
A King:	£37.00
P J Matthew:	£496.40

#### 32 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	7,147	7,147
Between two and five years	11,230	18,377
	<u>18,377</u>	<u>25,524</u>

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<b>33 Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	232,901	(253,839)
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividend income	(9,187)	(10,339)
Interest paid	27,486	30,355
Deferred tax write-off	4,362	-
Gain on disposal of investments	(1,125)	(547)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(6,095)	5,704
Depreciation and profit/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	60,563	49,610
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	2,430	(7,104)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(32,882)	(27,824)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	232,072	22,738
<b>Net cash generated from/(absorbed by) operating activities</b>	<b>510,525</b>	<b>(191,246)</b>

### 34 Analysis of changes in net debt

	<b>As at 1</b>		<b>Other non-cash</b>	<b>As at 31</b>
	<b>February 2024</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>movements</b>	<b>January 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash	212,306	292,217	-	504,523
Overdraft	(134,538)	134,538	-	-
Loans due within one year	(35,133)	24,950	-	(10,183)
Loans due after one year	(19,183)	10,183	-	(9,000)
	<b>23,452</b>	<b>461,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>485,340</b>

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 263617

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# Accounts

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**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED  
AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Patron of Nene Valley Railway</b>	HRH The Duke of Gloucester
<b>Honorary President</b>	Miranda Rock
<b>Honorary Vice President</b>	Roger Manns
<b>Trustees</b>	K J Parkinson S J Bell T R Hobman M D Purcell R J Dorman <i>(Appointed 27 October 2023)</i> J Stevens <i>(Appointed 30 November 2023)</i> E A Walters <i>(Appointed 15 May 2024)</i> M J Alden-Farrow <i>(Appointed 5 July 2024)</i> P J Matthew <i>(Appointed 9 August 2024)</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	N McGregor
<b>Charity number</b>	263617
<b>Company number</b>	1038056
<b>Museum number</b>	1636
<b>Principal address</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR
<b>Registered office</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Investment advisors</b>	Ravenscroft The Singing Men's Chambers 19 Minister Precincts Peterborough PE1 1XX
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.nvr.org.uk">www.nvr.org.uk</a>

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# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024***

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Mike Kerfoot resigned as Chairman in February 2023 and I was elected chairman by the board on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The 2023 AGM confirmed me in office as a director and I was re-elected chairman by the board.

Tom Jennings resigned from the board in February 2023 and Margaret Stafford was co-opted onto the board and subsequently confirmed in office by the 2023 AGM. Margaret resigned from the board in May 2024.

In October 2023, Richard Dorman was co-opted onto the board.

John Stevens joined the board in November 2023 as an appointed director with specialist Health and Safety knowledge.

Lizzie Walters, appointed director with specialist legal knowledge, resigned from the board in November 2023, although she rejoined the board in May 2024.

Adrian Oates, appointed director with specialist fund raising knowledge, resigned from the board in May 2024.

Matthew Alden-Farrow was co-opted onto the board in July 2024.

Stan Bell was appointed as chairman of Finance Committee in 2023.

I want to thank all of the former directors for their service and the enthusiasm they brought to their roles.

Miranda Rock DL, Executive Chair of the Burghley House Preservation Trust was appointed Honorary President.

During 2023, Sarah Piggot resigned as General Manager. Tracy Spring was appointed interim General Manager to see us through the Santa season with minimal disruption. Tracy was appointed as permanent General Manager in March 2024.

An Extraordinary General Meeting in June 2023 approved two changes to our Articles. The number of appointed directors (those chosen to bring specialist knowledge) was increased from 3 to 4; and an employee of the company may not be a director.

"Town Hall" meetings were instigated to allow members to question the board and to improve communication.

The café at Wansford was outsourced in February 2023. After struggling with staffing problems, we took the decision to contract out an activity that was not a core competence to us as a heritage railway.

The work to restore the Fletton loop was completed. In March 2023, our Orton Mere signal box was severely damaged in an arson attack which meant that it was unusable for the remainder of the year. Without it, we were unable to pass trains at Orton Mere, causing a restriction in the services we were able to offer. We were able to access the Fletton Loop using hand-winding and clamping procedures. Although awkward these were safe and kept us operating, allowing 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley to come in.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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The signal box was restored following a major fundraising effort. Two local boys started a campaign which attracted over £11,000 in donations. The response showed how much Nene Valley Railway means to the local community and attracted attention from far and wide. The work done by contractors, our Stations and Buildings team and our Signals and Telecommunications team has delivered a box that is better than before.

Wansford signal box was refurbished by the Stations and Buildings team including replacement windows, repainting and repointing. Although completion was delayed when problems were found with the roof, the results are outstanding.

Thomas returned to service at the end of 2023. Initially providing shunting and steam heating during the Santa services, he hauled services during the final weekend of the year and early-January. Regular Thomas services and events have been planned for 2024. After such a long period without him, we are looking forward to the increased income that he will bring in.

Unfortunately, we were without 34081 92 Squadron during 2023, although it did return to service in 2024. The Polish Tank 5485 was in use until Christmas 2023. Locomotive 656 returned to service after an overhaul lasting nearly 20 years.

At the beginning of the year our focus was on providing reliable services, with reliable locos pulling reliable stock to offer an enjoyable day out. The board have now initiated a strategic plan to increase revenue, cut costs and exercise increased control over our activities based on increased analysis. The approach to this was informed by an informal survey of members and information gleaned from contact with others in the leisure industry and the heritage railway sector.

All businesses relying on discretionary spending are finding it harder to attract customers and to make money. The heritage railway sector is increasingly finding that the old adage 'Steam sells seats' no longer holds true. It is also generally accepted that simply selling train rides is not enough. Events are essential and we must do more on the 'living museum' side of our activities.

The generation that remembers steam and is nostalgic for it is reducing in numbers. The upcoming generation views carbon with distaste and we are going to have to be smart with how we try to attract them. It is necessary to put on events to attract that generation and build in them an appreciation of the heritage activities that we exist to support.

We are also working on the development of our fund-raising approach, taking advantage of all fundraising opportunities to give NVR more financial stability. It looks as if many other railways are quite rightly taking the same approach – some raising far more for general funding than they do for projects. The large fixed-cost base means that the greater focus must be on revenue generation and the part general fund-raising plays in that. We see that as a major change for the future. The nature of charitable organisations is such that viability is nearly always dependent on fund-raising.

NVR could not exist without the hard work and dedication of its volunteers and staff. I am grateful for everything that they have all done in this challenging year.

  
M Purcell

Dated ..... 4/10/24 .....

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and '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)' (effective 1 January 2019).

### Our Mission

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity whose formal charitable purpose is:

'to promote the permanent preservation of railway lines, engines and rolling stock and equipment, and items of general railway interest of actual historic or scientific importance and education value, and to exhibit to members of the public interested in engines owned by the association any such engines, rolling stock, equipment and items as aforesaid by means of temporary or permanent exhibitions and to demonstrate and assist in demonstrating to such persons the working and operations of such engines, rolling stock and items of static or mobile displays'.

### Status of the Charity

Peterborough Railway Society was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 1972 and subsequently acquired charitable status. The company name was changed to Nene Valley Railway Limited in 1984. The charity has no share capital and the liability of each member, in the event of winding up, is limited to £1. The governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company. Anyone may become a member by payment of the appropriate annual subscription.

The company has a wholly owned subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited which is not a charity and has its own board and accounts. Its profits are gift aided to Nene Valley Railway Limited.

The charity can have up to ten trustees. The articles prescribe that six are elected by the members with up to four additional trustees on the basis that these persons have the skills required to ensure that the trustees as a body have in their opinion adequate financial, legal, business, charity and other professional skills.

### The trustees serving during 2023 - 2024 and the meetings they attended were:

	Actual	Possible
Michael Purcell - <i>Chair</i>	15	15
Michael Kerfoot (resigned 28/2/2023)	0	1
Stanley Bell	15	15
Tom Jennings (resigned 1/2/2023)	0	0
Adrian Oates (resigned 13/5/2024)	12	15
Keith Parkinson	14	15
Elizabeth Walters (resigned 14/9/2023, re-appointed 15/5/2024)	2	3
Timothy Hobman	12	15
Richard Dorman (appointed 27/10/2023)	2	3
Margaret Stafford (appointed 9/3/2023, resigned 3/6/2024)	10	15
John Stevens (appointed 30/11/2023)	2	3

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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#### **Governance and Management**

The board normally meet every month of the year and subgroups of board members meet from time to time as business requires. The general manager is appointed by the trustees to carry out the policies laid down by the board and to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

The trustees are appointed by the subscribing members of the charitable company at the annual general meeting. All adult members have one vote and should the number of nominations to become trustees exceed the vacancies, a secret ballot is held. All trustees are subscribing members and must be nominated by two people. The initial appointment is for a three year term.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charitable company. All of the trustees are members of the charitable company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Following a strategic review of operations and governance, the company's committee structure, covering commercial and operating activities has been put on a more formal basis. This is expected to improve the profitability of events and ensure that we learn from our experiences.

#### **Health and Safety (H&S)**

The number of appointed directors was increased from 3 to 4 during the year. This allowed the appointment of a director with specialist health and safety knowledge. He has been working with the company's health and safety officer to review the content and location of H&S documentation.

There were no incidents during the year that required reporting to the ORR.

#### **Financial Review**

Income from traffic together with earnings from Nene Valley Enterprises Limited was £957,836 (2023: £836,915) In addition, we received bequests, donations and investment income of £247,434 (2023: £264,154). Although every effort was made to control costs, they increased from £1,246,924 to £1,458,314.

This year, there was a deficit of £253,839 compared to a deficit of £160,470 in the previous year.

Our trading operations in Enterprises made profit of £42,267 compared to a profit of £4,738 in the previous year.

This is the second consecutive year that we have made a loss. During FY2024, we have been relying on our reserves and banking facilities. With those reserves and with some severe control on expenditure, we have kept within our facilities.

To maintain continued operation we have cut costs to reduce expenditure and we have sought ways to drive income higher to cover the costs of running the business.

Having replaced the General Manager and back-filled the Commercial Manager's position, we took the decision not to replace another departed manager. Two part-time staff members have been replaced so it is expected that we will see little or no payroll inflation in 2024. However, there is very limited scope for a reduction in staff numbers without jeopardizing our ability to run trains and sell tickets.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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#### **Financial Review (continued)**

Many of our other costs cannot be reduced if we are to maintain safe operation and a timetable that is attractive to customers. So, we look at increasing revenue. Visiting a heritage railway is a discretionary spend and is probably a long way down the priority list for most people. If we are to attract sufficient numbers, then the offering must compete with other nearby attractions. In the current economic climate, there is a difficult balance between the prices we need to charge and the potential impact on patronage. Despite a well-executed Santa season, many trains were only part-full and income was below the targeted level.

Like many other heritage railways, core-cost fundraising has become an integral part of the strategy to stabilise our finances. We began with an appeal to the railway's membership before launching a public appeal. Alongside that, we have been pursuing grant applications and corporate sponsorship opportunities.

As a further step towards a better use of the funds we do have, we are conducting an exercise to enhance the capture and use of financial and non-financial data across our operations. This will facilitate improved budgeting and financial control, as well as providing greater insight to decision making throughout the year.

These include improved monitoring of short-term cashflow; quarterly budget reforecasting; and a new budget process.

Although we have introduced tighter controls around expenditure we were able to continue with our essential maintenance and renewal projects to ensure safe and reliable operation. Other infrastructure renewal and enhancement work will depend on the availability of funds.

The café was outsourced in 2023.

#### **Commercial Operations**

The events team have continued with innovative and profitable events. Although Thomas returned to service at the end of the year after a 2½ year overhaul, it was too late in the financial year to make a difference to our income. We look forward to the important contribution makes to our income in FY2025.

Problems with 34081, '92 Squadron' and 5485 the Polish Tank meant that we had to rely on hired-in locomotives to provide steam traction for much of the year, including the Santa services.

Income from Santa services was below projections although they did make a profit. Following those results, the board instigated a strategic plan that led to the enhanced financial reporting and management processes described above.

The visit of 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley was a major success.

#### **Infrastructure**

A massive team effort by the P/way team with the assistance of volunteers from other departments meant that the Fletton branch could be reopened in 2023. This allowed 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley to come in from the main line and ensures that future visiting locos can follow the same route.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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#### **Locomotives and Rolling Stock**

Most of the steam haulage during the year was undertaken by hired-in locomotives. Of the resident locomotives, Bullied Pacific 34081, '92 Squadron' was unavailable after mid-February 2023 and Polish 0-8-0T, 5485 was available intermittently.

Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0T 'Thomas' returned to service in time to provide shunting and steam heating services during the Santa season.

Locomotive 656 returned to service following a 20 year overhaul undertaken by volunteers.

Peak locomotive 45041 Royal Tank Regiment on loan from the Peak Locomotive Company was a popular diesel locomotive and ran throughout the year and the Pacer DMU continued to be available for quieter days and shuttle services.

Visitors to the railway included 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley and 2999 Lady of Legend.

In the overhaul shed work on the overhaul of Hudswell Clarke tank engine, 'Derek Crouch' and diesel shunter Muriel continued. The longer term project with Standard Class 5, 73050, City of Peterborough has progressed steadily in the overhaul shed.

Coach C returned to service and the accessible coach was brought into service in time for the Santa season.

The wagon group continued to overhaul and maintain the many freight vehicles around the railway.

#### **Passenger Numbers**

Passenger numbers were 48,417 an increase on 42,903 in 2022/23.

#### **Operations Department**

The operating department were able to staff all the trains that ran.

The Operating Manager continues to report he is extremely impressed with the standard of all the staff in the department, with their uniform and willingness to help beyond their duties where required.

#### **Signal and Telecoms (S&T)**

The S&T team continued to maintain our signalling assets during the year and undertook many minor and not so minor replacement and upgrade tasks.

The arson attack on the signal box at Orton Mere meant that that it was unusable for the remainder of the year. Without it, we were unable to pass trains at Orton Mere, causing a restriction in the services we were able to offer. We were able to access the Fletton Loop using hand-winding and clamping procedures. Although awkward these were safe and kept us operating, allowing 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley to come in.

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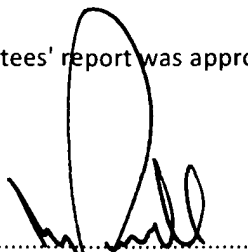
**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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**Audit**

Each of the trustees have confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**M Purcell**  
Chairman of the Trustees

Dated ..... 4/10/24 .....

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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The trustees who are also the directors of Nene Valley Railway Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Nene Valley Railway Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 January 2024 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group & Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheet's, the Group Cashflow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and Parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2024 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group and Parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustee's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Group and Parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Parent charitable company; or
- the Parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustee's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and Parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussion with directors and our knowledge of the business.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;
- Assessing whether the judgements made in accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias;
- Evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- Analytical procedures are performed as well as substantive testing to identify any potential misstatement due to fraud;
- The audit procedures would also involve being aware of any such items from reviewing reports and discussions held with staff and management to obtain an understanding;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- Making enquires of management as to their knowledge of actual and suspected fraud.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

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#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Price Bailey LLP

Price Bailey LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
36 Tyndall Court  
Commerce Road  
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Peterborough  
PE2 6LR

Date: 4 October 2024.

Price Bailey LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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#### **Membership**

Membership has fallen this year from 750 memberships and 912 actual members in the previous year to 682 memberships and 834 actual members. The difference between memberships and actual members is because a membership may be joint and include more than one member.

Our very busy Volunteer Liaison Group continue to be active in this area, holding regular inductions for new members and the number of working volunteers continues to increase.

#### **Stations and Buildings**

The stations and buildings team continued to undertake maintenance and renewal tasks across the estate.

But their major job during the year was the refurbishment of the exterior of Wansford signal box. Work conducted to a very high standard included repainting, reglazing and repointing.

#### **Fundraising and other income**

We have continued to support the railway through seeking grants and donations from a variety of sources.

We are pleased to have been awarded the sum of £136,854 under a S106 agreement from Huntingdonshire District Council. The money, received in mid-2024, is to be used at Wansford for the promotion of tourism.

The charity shop continues to support a variety of projects around the railway.

Fundraising remains central to our strategy. We have improved our capability in identifying and securing funding from many different sources and ongoing we continue to seek further opportunities.

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. They believe that the charity provides a public benefit by the preservation of items of railway interest for historic importance and educational value.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees assess from time to time the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these. These risks relate to:

- providing and maintaining a safe and secure environment for our visitors and volunteers and for others who work at the charity premises;
- providing and maintaining governance, financial and administrative arrangements to safeguard the charity's assets and to facilitate its operational activities.

#### **Summary**

This was a challenging year that saw another colossal team effort from all areas of the railway, trustees, managers, paid staff and our huge army of volunteers. Thanks must go to everyone that contributed to this and to those that supported us in whatever way.

Financially, we are not where we want to be but the board firmly believes that a combination of firm cost control and a strategic plan for increased revenue will return us to a sustained surplus. Budget and projections for FY2025 show a surplus albeit not yet sufficient to restore our reserves.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including consolidated income and expenditure account)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total (restated) 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and other fund raising income	4	85,982	22,515	81,746	190,243	219,846
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	831,584	-	-	831,584	658,537
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	3	126,252	-	-	126,252	178,378
Investments	6	3,044	30	7,265	10,339	7,058
Other income	7	46,852	-	-	46,852	37,250
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,093,714</b>	<b>22,545</b>	<b>89,011</b>	<b>1,205,270</b>	<b>1,101,069</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<u>Raising funds</u>						
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	8	70,119	-	-	70,119	102,640
Other		-	-	-	-	1,247
Charitable activities	10	1,127,854	65,445	194,896	1,388,195	1,143,037
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,197,973</b>	<b>65,445</b>	<b>194,896</b>	<b>1,458,314</b>	<b>1,246,924</b>
Taxation	12	4,362	-	-	4,362	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	(5,157)	(5,157)	(14,615)
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		(99,897)	(42,900)	(111,042)	(253,839)	(160,470)
Gross transfers between funds		5,374	(3,821)	(1,553)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(94,523)</b>	<b>(46,721)</b>	<b>(112,595)</b>	<b>(253,839)</b>	<b>(160,470)</b>
Fund balances at 1 February 2023		1,881,092	83,693	448,280	2,413,065	2,573,534
<b>Fund balances at 31 January 2024</b>		<b>1,786,569</b>	<b>36,972</b>	<b>335,685</b>	<b>2,159,226</b>	<b>2,413,065</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

		2024		2023 (restated)	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15		2,023,719		2,054,534
Investments	17		175,444		285,368
			<u>2,199,163</u>		<u>2,339,902</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	36,559		29,455	
Debtors	20	77,509		49,685	
Cash at bank and in hand		212,306		267,541	
		<u>326,374</u>		<u>346,681</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	(347,128)		(211,026)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			(20,754)		135,655
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,178,409</u>		<u>2,475,557</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22		(19,183)		(62,492)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>2,159,226</u></u>		<u><u>2,413,065</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28		335,685		448,280
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	27		36,972		83,693
General unrestricted funds			1,786,569		1,881,092
			<u>2,159,226</u>		<u>2,413,065</u>

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 4/10/24 and are signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
**M Purcell**  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

		2024		2023 (restated)	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	2,023,719		2,054,534	
Investments	17	175,544		285,468	
		<u>2,199,263</u>		<u>2,340,002</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	27,773		18,282	
Debtors	20	96,601		114,569	
Cash at bank and in hand		204,641		261,785	
		<u>329,015</u>		<u>394,636</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	<u>(336,783)</u>		<u>(203,729)</u>	
Net current assets			(7,768)		190,907
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,191,495</u>		<u>2,530,909</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22		(19,183)		(62,492)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>2,172,312</u></u>		<u><u>2,468,417</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28	335,685		448,280	
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	27	36,972		83,693	
General unrestricted funds		1,799,655		1,936,444	
		<u>2,172,312</u>		<u>2,468,417</u>	

The net movement in funds for the year for the charity was net deficit of £296,105 (2023: £165,208). The charity's income was £1,095,949 (2023: £952,283) less expenditure of £1,386,897 (2023: £1,102,876) and net loss on investments of £5,157 (2023: £14,615).

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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**M Purcell**  
Trustee

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**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

		2024		2023 (restated)	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>					
Cash absorbed by operating activities	33	(191,246)		63,982	
Interest paid		(30,355)		(29,835)	
Taxation		(4,362)		-	
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>		<b>(225,963)</b>		<b>34,147</b>	
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(43,795)	(110,310)		
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		25,000	-		
Purchase of investments		(44,678)	(94,609)		
Proceeds on disposal of investments		158,836	91,083		
Interest received		10,339	7,058		
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>		<b>105,702</b>	<b>(106,778)</b>		
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>					
Repayment of borrowings		(35,840)	(34,748)		
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>		<b>(35,840)</b>	<b>(34,748)</b>		
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(156,100)</b>	<b>(107,379)</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		233,868		341,247	
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>		<b>77,768</b>		<b>233,868</b>	
<b>Relating to:</b>					
Bank balances and short term deposits		212,306		267,541	
Bank overdrafts		(134,538)		(33,673)	
		<b>77,768</b>		<b>233,868</b>	

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales. The registered office is Wansford Station, Old North Road, Stibbington, Peterborough, PE8 6LR.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS 102)". The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity and its subsidiary will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have considered a period of at least 12 months in making this assessment.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The details of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are capable of financial measurement.

Legacy income is recognised either by the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Endowment income is restricted.

The charity benefits from many hours and unclaimed out-of-pocket expenses contributed by a number of supporters. It would be impossible to place a value on all these gifts in kind for which the charity is extremely grateful.

Grant income is recognised in the year in which the grant is receivable.

Government grants relating to revenue are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. This includes the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant which is included as 'other income'.

Grants received from non-government sources are recognised under the performance model. Where there are no specific performance requirements the grants are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the proceeds are received or receivable. Where grant is received with specific performance requirements attached, it is recognised as a liability until the performance conditions are met and then it is recognised as turnover.

Income from driving courses is recognised when the income is receivable rather than when the course is booked, this is considered reasonable as the vouchers do not have an expiry date and in some instances have not been utilised.

Life membership subscriptions are released into income on a straight line basis at 8% per annum.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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**1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

**1.5 Resources expended**

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Recognition of the costs of generating funds is on an accruals basis, excluding VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and included audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Costs are allocated, where possible, directly to the activity. Where the cost is not directly attributable it is allocated by informed management's best estimate of the activities undertaken.

The charity has three main objectives and the premises and promotion costs have been allocated 1/3rd to each of the main objectives.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	Mobile classroom - 10 years straight line
Property improvements	Bridge improvements - 20 years straight line
Plant and machinery	Straight line over 5 years
Track and ballast	1% reducing balance
Rolling stock and locomotives	No depreciation is charged on items where the cost of restoration has been charged against income. On restored locomotives where work has been capitalised, the depreciation is written off over 10 years straight line from the date of completion

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The trustees consider that the freehold buildings are maintained in such a state of repair that their residual value is at least equal to their net book value. As a result the corresponding depreciation would not be material and therefore is not charged in the statement of financial activities.

Land at a value of £300,000 has not been depreciated.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charitable company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the exact of the impairment loss.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

#### 1.9 Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The Charitable Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

##### ***Basic financial assets***

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effect interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.11 Financial instruments (continued)

###### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at cost using the effective interest method.

###### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

##### 1.12 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

###### **Current tax**

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the statement of financial activities because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

###### **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the statement of financial activities, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024***

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#### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **1.13 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charitable company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

##### **1.14 Retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

##### **1.15 Irrecoverable VAT**

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charges against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bar, Catering and Shop income	114,151	174,934
Other trading income	12,101	3,444
	<u>126,252</u>	<u>178,378</u>

#### 4 Donations and other fund raising income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	44,459	22,515	81,746	148,720	153,452
Legacies receivable	10,000	-	-	10,000	5,000
Grants receivable	5,000	-	-	5,000	42,554
Membership fees	26,523	-	-	26,523	18,840
	<u>85,982</u>	<u>22,515</u>	<u>81,746</u>	<u>190,243</u>	<u>219,846</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2023</b>	<u>121,536</u>	<u>18,898</u>	<u>79,412</u>		<u>219,846</u>

#### 5 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Traffic and admission charges	459,419	306,701
Driving course income	27,103	14,679
Santa specials	289,123	283,194
Charitable rental income	18,403	8,945
Sundry income	37,536	45,018
	<u>831,584</u>	<u>658,537</u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from listed investments	-	-	7,265	7,265	5,990
Interest receivable	3,044	30	-	3,074	1,068
	<u>3,044</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>7,265</u>	<u>10,339</u>	<u>7,058</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2023</b>	<u>1,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,990</u>		<u>7,058</u>

#### 7 Other income

	2024 £	2023 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	17,800	-
Insurance claims	29,052	
Other coronavirus related income	-	37,250
	<u>46,852</u>	<u>37,250</u>

#### 8 Raising funds

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary</b>		
Operating trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	70,119	102,640
	<u>70,119</u>	<u>102,640</u>

#### 9 Trustees

No trustees (or any persons connected with them) received remuneration during the year. One trustee received expenses in the year amounting to £19 (2023 - No trustees received expenses).

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

**10 Charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Maintenance staff including NI and pension	153,539	165,090
Depreciation and impairment	67,411	35,346
Fuel and lubricants	123,759	84,204
Insurance	69,967	70,890
Hire and transport of rolling stock	123,171	80,817
Maintenance and overhaul costs	372,937	230,030
Santa special purchases	80,551	80,426
Refuse and cleaning	31,359	31,697
Sundry operating expenses	34,475	12,694
Subscriptions	376	550
Online booking system	2,876	4,635
Publicity and printing costs	15,335	18,253
Special event expenses	22,575	23,808
Bank, interest and credit charges	30,355	29,835
	<u>1,128,686</u>	<u>868,275</u>
Support costs (see note 11)	234,917	255,754
Governance costs (see note 11)	24,592	19,008
	<u><u>1,388,195</u></u>	<u><u>1,143,037</u></u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,127,854	1,026,251
Designated funds	65,445	30,384
Restricted funds	194,896	86,402
	<u><u>1,388,195</u></u>	<u><u>1,143,037</u></u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 11 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Administration and cleaning wages	134,454	-	134,454	193,575
Premises costs	78,070	-	78,070	38,521
Promotion costs	22,393	-	22,393	23,658
Auditors remuneration:				
- for audit services	-	7,500	7,500	4,500
- for non audit services	-	8,100	8,100	2,800
Legal and professional	-	8,992	8,992	11,708
	<u>234,917</u>	<u>24,592</u>	<u>259,509</u>	<u>274,762</u>
Analysed between:				
Charitable activities	<u>234,917</u>	<u>24,592</u>	<u>259,509</u>	<u>274,762</u>

#### 12 Taxation

Group Taxation	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred tax		
Tax losses	4,362	-
	<u>4,362</u>	<u>-</u>

The parent entity Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity. It only applies its funds in accordance with its charitable objectives, and is not trading with a view to making distributable profits, therefore corporation tax is not chargeable.

Charity Taxation	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred tax		
Tax losses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 13 Employees

##### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Administration, shop, catering and cleaning	6	10
Mechanical	6	6
	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>

In addition to the employee numbers above, there was an average of 7 trustees (2023: 10) during the year.

##### Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	262,948	283,967
Social security costs	17,819	23,191
Other pension costs	5,929	10,099
	<u>286,696</u>	<u>317,257</u>

Included in the above employee costs is a sum of £1,297 (2023: £41,408) which are the wages costs of the trading subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

#### 14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Realised (losses)/gains	(5,704)	(12,178)
Unrealised gains included in market value	547	(2,437)
	<u>(5,157)</u>	<u>(14,615)</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 15 Tangible fixed assets

##### Group and Charity

	Freehold land and buildings £	Property improvements £	Plant and machinery £	Track and ballast £	Rolling stock and locomotives £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 February 2023	1,104,728	206,046	76,001	252,903	1,052,394	2,692,072
Additions	-	-	-	-	43,795	43,795
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(15,666)	(15,666)
Reclassification	-	(128,749)	-	128,749	-	-
At 31 January 2024	1,104,728	77,297	76,001	381,652	1,080,523	2,720,201
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 February 2023	-	57,824	53,276	26,414	500,024	637,538
Depreciation charged in the year	-	3,459	11,470	3,485	48,996	67,410
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	-	(8,466)	(8,466)
Reclassification	-	(6,770)	-	6,770	-	-
At 31 January 2024	-	54,513	64,746	36,669	540,554	696,482
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
At 31 January 2024	1,104,728	22,784	11,255	344,983	539,969	2,023,719
At 31 January 2023	1,104,728	148,222	22,725	226,489	552,370	2,054,534

Freehold land and buildings with a carrying amount of £1,078,574 (2023 - £1,078,574) have been pledged to secure borrowings of the charitable company. The charitable company is not able to pledge these assets as security for other borrowings or to sell them to another entity.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at deemed cost, based on a previous revaluation undertaken in 2012 and in accordance with the transitional provisions of FRS102.

Property improvements with net book value of £121,979 as at 1 February 2023 have been reclassified to Track and ballast for the year ended 31 January 2024.

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<b>16 Financial instruments</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	289,815	317,226
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	175,444	285,368
	<u>175,444</u>	<u>285,368</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost	333,773	266,671
	<u>333,773</u>	<u>266,671</u>
<b>17 Fixed asset investments</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	170,207	278,840
Cash deposits	5,237	6,528
	<u>175,444</u>	<u>285,368</u>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments in subsidiaries	100	100
Listed investments	170,207	278,840
Cash deposits	5,237	6,528
	<u>175,544</u>	<u>285,468</u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 17 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Movements in fixed asset investments Group and Charity	Cash deposits	Listed investments	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 February 2023	6,528	278,840	285,368
Additions	-	44,678	44,678
Movements in deposits	(1,291)	-	(1,291)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	-	547	547
Disposals at book value	-	(153,858)	(153,858)
At 31 January 2024	<u>5,237</u>	<u>170,207</u>	<u>175,444</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 January 2024			<u><u>175,444</u></u>
At 31 January 2023			<u><u>285,368</u></u>

#### 18 Subsidiaries

The charity owns 100% of the ordinary shares of its subsidiary, Nene Valley Enterprises Limited which is a private company incorporated in England. (Registration number 2883483). The principle activities of the subsidiary are the operation of shop facilities, catering and commercial bar.

The subsidiary's results as extracted from the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2024 are outlined below:

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	126,252	178,378
Expenditure	(83,985)	(173,640)
Net profit	<u><u>42,267</u></u>	<u><u>4,738</u></u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and reserves were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets	23,743	16,929
Current liabilities	(36,729)	(72,182)
Total reserves	<u><u>(12,986)</u></u>	<u><u>(55,253)</u></u>

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<b>19 Stocks</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		36,559	29,455
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		27,773	18,282
<b>20 Debtors</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		29,375	22,118
Other debtors		48,134	27,567
		77,509	49,685
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		26,445	22,118
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings		26,384	64,884
Other debtors		43,772	27,567
		96,601	114,569
<b>21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loans and overdrafts	<b>24</b>	169,671	71,337
Other taxation and social security		11,181	8,917
Deferred income	<b>23</b>	46,988	43,996
Trade creditors		59,148	34,355
Other creditors		27,602	45,574
Accruals		32,538	6,847
		347,128	211,026

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**21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Continued)**

Charity	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Loans and overdrafts	24	169,671	71,337
Other taxation and social security		5,390	6,149
Deferred income	23	46,988	43,996
Trade creditors		58,694	33,674
Other creditors		27,602	41,724
Accruals		28,438	6,849
		<u>336,783</u>	<u>203,729</u>

**22 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year**

Group and Charity	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Loans and overdrafts	24	-	23,177
Other borrowings	24	19,183	29,315
Other creditors		-	10,000
		<u>19,183</u>	<u>62,492</u>

**23 Deferred income**

Group and Charity	2024 £	2023 £
Balance brought forward	43,996	28,147
Amount released to the Statement of Financial Activities	(43,996)	(28,147)
Amount deferred in the year	46,988	43,996
Balance carried forward	<u>46,988</u>	<u>43,996</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 24 Loans and overdrafts

Group and charity	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdrafts	134,538	33,673
Bank loans	35,133	60,841
Other borrowings	19,183	29,315
	<u>188,854</u>	<u>123,829</u>
Payable within one year	169,671	71,337
Payable after one year	<u>19,183</u>	<u>52,492</u>

The long-term loan is secured by fixed charges over the freehold property known as Wansford Station, Peterborough and its associated assets.

The bank loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 4.5 years, the last instalment falling due in 2024. The interest rate in force for the year ended 31 January 2024 was 8.81%.

The bounce-back loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 6.5 years including an 18 month repayment holiday. The last instalment falling due in 2026. The interest rate for this loan is 2.5% fixed.

#### 25 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the group and movements thereon:

Group	Assets	Assets
	2024 £	2023 £
Tax losses	<u>4,362</u>	<u>-</u>

Charity	Assets	Assets
	2024 £	2023 £
Tax losses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 26 Retirement benefit schemes

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund. At the year end a balance of £90 is included in other creditors (2023 - £Nil).

The charge to profit and loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £5,929 (2023 - £10,299).

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 27 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
Friends of the Nene Valley Railway	3,917	997	-	(3,821)	1,093
Thomas fund	40,807	5,451	(16,669)		29,589
Track appeal	4,847	12,344	(17,191)		-
Loco 656	9,459	53	(9,512)		-
Carriage and Wagon	4,565	3,700	(2,075)		6,190
Restaurant car	100	-	-		100
Signal box	19,998	-	(19,998)		-
	<u>83,693</u>	<u>22,545</u>	<u>(65,445)</u>	<u>(3,821)</u>	<u>36,972</u>

Money raised by the Friends of Nene Valley Railway is utilised on specific projects, as agreed by the charity's finance committee.

The Thomas fund has been set up to cover current repairs and overhaul costs.

Signal box funds are to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the signal box.

Track appeal fund is to raise money for works on the track.

Loco 656 funds have been set up to cover cost of the full overhaul.

The Carriage and Wagon fund is set aside to fund the restoration of carriages.

The Restaurant car fund is set aside to fund the restoration and maintenance of the restaurant car.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 28 Restricted funds

The income funds of the group include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Investments gains/ losses £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
TPO Fund	13,079	8,454	(8,662)	-	-	12,871
Small Engine Fund	12	-	-	-	-	12
Wansford Old Station fund	60,750	85	-	-	-	60,835
Nene Corridor (Yarwell)	4,431	-	(49)	-	-	4,382
Museum Fund	3,128	-	-	-	-	3,128
Loco 73050	18,874	16,271	(119,238)	110,000	-	25,907
Loco 73050 - investment	285,368	7,266	(2,033)	(110,000)	(5,157)	175,444
Wagon Group	7,534	10,622	(16,478)	-	-	1,678
Signal box's	15,325	1,413	(15,157)	-	-	1,581
Yarwell	5,719	49	-	(650)	-	5,118
HLF	744	-	(742)	(2)	-	-
D Crouch	10,455	1,597	(10,741)	-	-	1,311
Pacer Appeal	3,835	-	(240)	-	-	3,595
Other small funds	19,026	21,489	(21,556)	(901)	-	18,058
Youth Group	-	1,485	-	-	-	1,485
Raffle Tickets	-	9,620	-	-	-	9,620
Lineside	-	10,660	-	-	-	10,660
	<b>448,280</b>	<b>89,011</b>	<b>(194,896)</b>	<b>(1,553)</b>	<b>(5,157)</b>	<b>335,685</b>

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

#### 28 Restricted funds (Continued)

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

The Travelling Post Office Fund is to be used for the restoration of the various Travelling Post Office coaches and also includes the funds raised and expended for the Ferry Meadows Night Mail Project, which is to fund a Museum for the Travelling Post Office coaches.

The Wansford Old Station fund was created to raise funds for the potential improvement and restoration of the old station building.

Loco 73050 fund is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of Loco 73050.

Signal box's funds are to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the signal box.

The other restricted funds cover a variety of specific donations and appeals relating to specific engines, rolling stock or other projects.

The proceeds from raffle ticket sales are towards the upkeep of the Wansford Level Crossing.

Lineside fund is committed to fencing repairs.

#### 29 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 January 2024 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	2,023,719	-	-	2,023,719	2,054,534
Investments	-	-	175,444	175,444	285,368
Current assets/ (liabilities)	(217,967)	36,972	160,241	(20,754)	135,655
Long term liabilities	(19,183)	-	-	(19,183)	(62,492)
	<u>1,786,569</u>	<u>36,972</u>	<u>335,685</u>	<u>2,159,226</u>	<u>2,413,065</u>

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**30 Control**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

The liability of each member in the event of winding up is £1.

**31 Related party transactions**

**Remuneration of key management personnel**

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	37,975	37,906

**Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity received some donations from trustees.

During the year, expenses totalling £600 (2023: £nil) were paid to Roythornes Limited, a company in which a trustee of the charity is a partner and shareholder.

During the year, expenses totalling £13,543 (2023: £nil) were paid to a business wholly owned by a trustee of the charity for services and repairs. The transactions were undertaken at market value rates following a tender process.

**32 Operating lease commitments**

At the reporting end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	7,147	5,869
Between two and five years	18,377	22,010
	<u>25,524</u>	<u>27,879</u>

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<b>33 Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(253,839)	(160,470)
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividend income	(10,339)	(7,058)
Interest paid	30,355	29,835
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of investments	(547)	2,437
Fair value gains and losses on investments	5,704	12,178
Depreciation and loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	49,610	36,592
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	(7,104)	290
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(27,824)	130,991
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	22,738	19,187
<b>Net cash absorbed by operating activities</b>	<b>(191,246)</b>	<b>63,982</b>

**34 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>As at 1 February 2023</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>Other non-cash movements</b>	<b>As at 31 January 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash	267,541	(55,235)	-	212,306
Overdraft	(33,673)	(100,865)	-	(134,538)
Loans due within one year	(37,664)	2,531	-	(35,133)
Loans due after one year	(52,492)	33,309	-	(19,183)
	<b>143,712</b>	<b>(120,260)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,452</b>

**35 Prior period adjustment**

**Changes to the balance sheet**

**Group**

	<b>At 31 January 2023</b>		
	<b>As previously reported</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>As restated</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	1,957,144	97,390	2,054,534
<b>Capital funds</b>			
Restricted funds	448,280	-	448,280
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	83,693	-	83,693
General unrestricted funds	1,783,702	97,390	1,881,092
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,315,675</b>	<b>97,390</b>	<b>2,413,065</b>

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**35 Prior period adjustment (Continued)**

**Changes to the balance sheet**

**Charity**

	At 31 January 2023		
	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	1,957,144	97,390	2,054,534
<b>Capital funds</b>			
Restricted funds	448,280	-	448,280
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	83,693	-	83,693
General unrestricted funds	1,839,054	97,390	1,936,444
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>2,371,027</u>	<u>97,390</u>	<u>2,468,417</u>

**Changes to the statement of financial activities**

**Group**

	At 31 January 2023		
	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
	£	£	£
Donations and other fundraising income	175,266	44,580	219,846
Charitable activities	1,195,847	(52,810)	1,143,037
Net movement in funds	<u>(257,860)</u>	<u>97,390</u>	<u>(160,470)</u>

**Changes to the statement of financial activities**

**Charity**

	At 31 January 2023		
	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
	£	£	£
Donations and other fundraising income	175,266	44,580	219,846
Charitable activities	1,155,686	(52,810)	1,102,876
Net movement in funds	<u>(262,598)</u>	<u>97,390</u>	<u>(165,208)</u>

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**35 Prior period adjustment (Continued)**

Explanation of changes to previously reported profit and equity:

Capital expenditure relating to Rolling stock and locomotives incurred in the year ended 31 January 2023 has been adjusted from maintenance and repairs to fixed assets. No adjustment to depreciation was required as the asset was under construction as at 31 January 2023.

Donations amounting to £44,580 and equivalent capital expenditure not previously recognised have been correctly recognised in the year ended 31 January 2023.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY**

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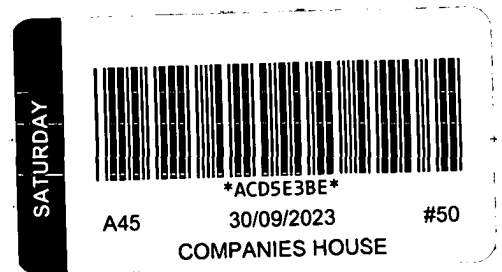
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# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Patron of Nene Valley Railway</b>	HRH The Duke of Gloucester
<b>Honorary Vice President</b>	Roger Manns
<b>Trustees</b>	K J Parkinson S J Bell E A Walters A L Oates M Stafford <i>(Appointed 9 March 2023)</i> T R Hobman <i>(Appointed 15 September 2022)</i> M D Purcell <i>(Appointed 3 November 2022)</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	N McGregor
<b>Charity number</b>	263617
<b>Company number</b>	1038056
<b>Museum number</b>	1636
<b>Principal address</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR
<b>Registered office</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Investment advisors</b>	Ravenscroft The Singing Men's Chambers 19 Minister Precincts Peterborough PE1 1XX
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.nvr.org.uk">www.nvr.org.uk</a>

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# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023***

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2022 saw us free of Covid restrictions.

I joined the board in November 2022 and following Mike Kerfoot's resignation for health reasons, I was elected chairman by the board on 9th March 2023. I want to thank Mike for everything he did as chairman and I am pleased to say that he has made a good recovery and is once again driving locos. He has provided me with useful guidance and support since I took over.

Sadly, Charles Swift, our Vice-President died during the year. A railwayman by profession, Charles started his career on steam at New England, working his way up to driver. Charles was a supporter of the creation of the Nene Valley Railway and was a great friend and advocate of the railway.

Although we mounted a good programme of events and services during the year, we were badly hit by the rising costs of coal, oil and electricity. Following a lineside fire during the summer, we were forced to suspend steam services, which also affected our income.

The lack of Thomas through the whole year also deprived us of the considerable income that he generates.

We had a strong Santa season and introduced two train operation to facilitate the cleaning and preparation of services. Unfortunately, only one steam locomotive was available, which made steam heating the coaches difficult. Fortunately, 5485, the Polish Tank managed right up until the final day.

The visit of 6233 Duchess of Sutherland was a pleasant bonus. Originally arriving for overnight stabling, we were able to operate a service using her and volunteers and staff pulled together to make that possible at very short notice.

One of our appointed trustees, Amanda Deane resigned during the year. Rich Dixon resigned as a director and as chairman of the Finance Committee and Sarah Derry, one of the elected directors also resigned. Phil Marshall did not seek re-election at the 2022 AGM. On behalf of the board, I want to thank them all for their service and the enthusiasm they brought to their roles.

Roger Manns, member number 1 was appointed as our Vice-President, I welcome him to this latest of many roles in which he has served NVR.

The engineering shed was busy with a variety of projects during the year.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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All of our volunteers and permanent staff worked hard all year to keep our services and events running. Without their effort and teamwork, it wouldn't be possible and I am hugely grateful for everything they do.

M Purcell

Dated ..... 29/9/23

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and '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)' (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Our Mission**

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity whose formal charitable purpose is:

'to promote the permanent preservation of railway lines, engines and rolling stock and equipment, and items of general railway interest of actual historic or scientific importance and education value, and to exhibit to members of the public interested in engines owned by the association any such engines, rolling stock, equipment and items as aforesaid by means of temporary or permanent exhibitions and to demonstrate and assist in demonstrating to such persons the working and operations of such engines, rolling stock and items of static or mobile displays'.

### **Status of the Charity**

Peterborough Railway Society was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 1972 and subsequently acquired charitable status. The company name was changed to Nene Valley Railway Limited in 1984. The charity has no share capital and the liability of each member, in the event of winding up, is limited to £1. The governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company. Anyone may become a member by payment of the appropriate annual subscription.

The company has a wholly owned subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited which is not a charity and has its own board and accounts. Its profits are gift aided to Nene Valley Railway Limited.

The charity can have up to nine trustees. The articles prescribe that six are elected by the members with up to three additional trustees on the basis that these persons have the skills required to ensure that the trustees as a body have in their opinion adequate financial, legal, business, charity and other professional skills.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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The trustees serving during 2022 - 2023 and the meetings they attended were:

	Actual	Possible
Michael Purcell - Chair (appointed 3 November 2022)	3	3
Michael Kerfoot	13	15
Stanley Bell	15	15
Tom Jennings	11	15
Adrian Oates	12	15
Keith Parkinson	15	15
Elizabeth Walters	11	15
Timothy Hobman (appointed 15 September 2022)	5	5
Philip Marshall (resigned 15 September 2022)	9	10
Rich Dixon (resigned 23 March 2022)	1	2
Sarah Derry (resigned 24 September 2022)	10	11
Amanda Deane (resigned 12 December 2022)	6	8

### Governance and Management

The board normally meet every month of the year and subgroups of board members meet from time to time as business requires. The general manager is appointed by the trustees to carry out the policies laid down by the board and to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

The trustees are appointed by the subscribing members of the charitable company at the annual general meeting. All adult members have one vote and should the number of nominations to become trustees exceed the vacancies, a secret ballot is held. All trustees are subscribing members and must be nominated by two people. The initial appointment is for a three year term.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charitable company. All of the trustees are members of the charitable company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### Health and Safety (H&S)

The anticipated ORR visit took place in July 2022. They found that;

- Overall, control of risk created by the operation of the Railway and associated work activities was well managed and consistent with the duties placed on it by the legal framework;
- Document management/record keeping is good and NVR has begun to make effective use of the Heritage Operations Processing System (HOPS); and
- Well-founded skills, knowledge and experience of their areas of responsibility on the railway of those we spoke to was evident, as was their positive approach to safety management. General conditions/housekeeping in workshops were good. Engineering machinery was effectively guarded. Lifting equipment/accessories and pressure systems are thoroughly examined in compliance with relevant legislation. There were some good examples of provision of work at height equipment, i.e., the scissor lift at Overton Yard.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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#### **Health and Safety (H&S) (continued)**

However, as discussed, some concerns were noted with; inspection of track geometry; inadequate means of preventing falls during work at height; several metres of exposed electrical cable on rough stony ground in Overton Yard; inadequate measures in place to prevent access by members of the public, including young children, to unsupervised areas of Overton Yard; informal supervision/monitoring of signallers and multiple sign-on points (introduced during the pandemic). All of these have been addressed and a response to the ORR was sent within their required timetable.

There were no incidents during the year that required reporting to the ORR.

#### **Financial Review**

Although the influence of the pandemic on our finances had waned, this was a year in which we started to regain our momentum. However, our income was affected by the lack of Thomas throughout the year; the inability to run steam during the hot, dry summer months; and the lack of coach C during the Santa season.

Income from charitable activities was £658,537. In addition, we received donations and other fundraising income of £175,266. Although every effort was made to control costs, they increased from £1,157,867 to £1,299,734.

This year, there was a deficit of £257,860 compared to a surplus of £269,038 in the previous year.

Our trading operations both in the charity and Enterprises made a loss. We have introduced tighter controls around expenditure but were able to continue with our essential maintenance and renewal projects and maintained our staffing establishment.

We took the decision to outsource the café, although this was not implemented until the 2023-24 period.

#### **Commercial Operations**

The events team have continued to introduce innovative and profitable events. However, we were adversely affected by the lack of Thomas and problems with 34081, '92 Squadron' which meant that we were reliant on 5485 the Polish Tank to provide steam traction for much of the year. However, following a lineside fire in the summer, we were forced to suspend steam services, which adversely affected our income.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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#### **Commercial Operations (continued)**

The Santa services were a near sellout and this year, we operated two rakes to assist with cleaning and preparation. This worked well and volunteers and allowed volunteers to have better breaks between services. However, we only had one steam locomotive, which caused problems with steam heating. Income was also affected by the lack of Coach C, which reduced our capacity.

#### **Infrastructure**

At the beginning of the year, the permanent way (track) team completed re-railing work in the tunnel contending with constricted space, the dark and constantly dripping water.

Work was completed on the Castor straight that allowed the temporary speed restriction to be lifted. This was an immense effort by the P/way team with the assistance of volunteers from many other parts of the railway.

During the summer, inspection of the Fletton Branch showed that it had to be closed due to its poor condition. Again massive team effort by the P/way team with the assistance of volunteers from other departments meant that the branch could be reopened in 2023.

#### **Locomotives and Rolling Stock**

Most of the steam haulage during the year was undertaken by completed by the home fleet, Bullied Pacific 34081, '92 Squadron' and Polish 0-8-0T, 5485.

Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0T 'Thomas' spent the year in the shed following boiler problems.

Peak locomotive 45041 Royal Tank Regiment on loan from the Peak Locomotive Company was a popular diesel locomotive and ran throughout the year and Swedish railcar 1212 continued to be

The Pacer DMU was brought into service and has proved to be a reliable train.

Visitors to the railway included 6233 Duchess of Sutherland, which arrived for stabling but ended up in service.

In the overhaul shed work on the overhaul of Hudswell Clarke tank engine, 'Derek Crouch' and diesel shunter Muriel continued. The longer term project with Standard Class 5, 73050, City of

Work continued on Coach C and the accessible coach.

The wagon group continued to overhaul and maintain the many freight vehicles around the railway.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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#### **Passenger Numbers**

Passenger numbers were 42,903, up on 23,924 in 21-22.

#### **Operations Department**

The operating department were able to staff all the trains that ran.

The rule book was updated and reissued. The major revisions were to language; changes to reflect the changing role of the station master; and If a train has more than one locomotive hauling it (including top and tail mode), the section staff is carried on the leading locomotive.

The Operating Manager continues to report he is extremely impressed with the standard of all the staff in the department, with their uniform and willingness to help beyond their duties where required.

#### **Signal and Telecoms (S&T)**

The S&T team continued to maintain our signalling assets during the year and undertook many minor and not so minor replacement and upgrade tasks.

However, they had to contend with a cable theft at Orton Mere, which rendered the signalling there ineffective. Their response was impressive and service was restored in a matter of weeks.

The interlocking at Orton Mere was also modified so that when OM box is closed, the route is set through Platform 2 thereby reducing the wear on the turnouts at both ends of the station.

Although occurring in 2023, the arson attack on the signal box at Orton Mere has to be mentioned. Repairs are progressing well and the box should be back in service by September 2023.

#### **Membership**

Membership has fallen slightly this year from 766 memberships and 949 actual members in the previous year to 750 memberships and 912 actual members. The difference between memberships and actual members is because a membership may be joint and include more than one member.

Our very busy Volunteer Liaison Group continue to be active in this area, holding regular inductions for new members and the number of working volunteers continues to increase.

#### **Stations and Buildings**

The team completed the installation of a new tiled floor in Retail Shop.

In addition general repairs and maintenance were completed in many areas, including the repainting of the exterior of the café conservatory.

New level crossing gates were made and fitted. These are perfect replicas of the originals.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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**Fundraising**

We have continued to support the railway through seeking grants and donations from a variety of sources.

Additional grants were also applied for to support specific projects including the tunnel, level crossing and yard.

The charity shop is now well established and has been able to support a variety of projects around the railway.

Fundraising remains central to our strategy. We have improved our capability in identifying and securing funding from many different sources and ongoing we continue to seek further opportunities.

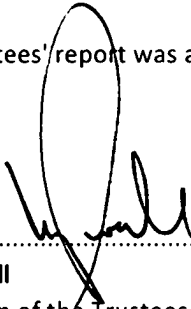
**Summary**

A satisfactory outcome to another challenging year that saw another colossal team effort from all areas of the railway, trustees, managers, paid staff and our huge army of volunteers. Thanks must go to everyone that contributed to this and to those that supported us in whatever way.

**Audit**

Each of the trustees have confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**M Purcell**  
Chairman of the Trustees

Dated ..... **29/9/23** .....

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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The trustees who are also the directors of Nene Valley Railway Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Nene Valley Railway Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 January 2023 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group & Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheet's, the Group Cashflow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and Parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2023 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group and Parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustee's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Group and Parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Parent charitable company; or
- the Parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustee's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and Parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussion with directors and our knowledge of the business.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;
- Assessing whether the judgements made in accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias;
- Evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- Analytical procedures are performed as well as substantive testing to identify any potential misstatement due to fraud;
- The audit procedures would also involve being aware of any such items from reviewing reports and discussions held with staff and management to obtain an understanding;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- Making enquires of management as to their knowledge of actual and suspected fraud.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)**

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



#### **Stephenson Smart & Co**

Statutory Auditor  
36 Tyndall Court  
Commerce Road  
Lynchwood  
Peterborough  
PE2 6LR

Date: 29/9/23

Stephenson Smart & Co is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including consolidated income and expenditure account)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and other fund raising income	4	76,956	18,898	79,412	175,266	686,442
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	658,537	-	-	658,537	574,047
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	3	178,378	-	-	178,378	90,174
Investments	6	1,068	-	5,990	7,058	6,220
Other income	7	37,250	-	-	37,250	62,132
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>952,189</b>	<b>18,898</b>	<b>85,402</b>	<b>1,056,489</b>	<b>1,419,015</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<u>Raising funds</u>						
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	8	102,640	-	-	102,640	84,498
Other		1,247			1,247	89,834
Charitable activities	10	1,079,061	30,384	86,402	1,195,847	983,535
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,182,948</b>	<b>30,384</b>	<b>86,402</b>	<b>1,299,734</b>	<b>1,157,867</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	(14,615)	(14,615)	7,890
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(230,759)	(11,486)	(15,615)	(257,860)	269,038
Gross transfers between funds		65,505	(68,086)	2,581	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(165,254)</b>	<b>(79,572)</b>	<b>(13,034)</b>	<b>(257,860)</b>	<b>269,038</b>
Fund balances at 1 February 2022		1,948,955	143,267	481,312	2,573,534	2,304,495
<b>Fund balances at 31 January 2023</b>		<b>1,783,700</b>	<b>83,693</b>	<b>448,280</b>	<b>2,315,674</b>	<b>2,573,534</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	1,957,144		1,980,817	
Investments	17	285,368		296,457	
		<u>2,242,512</u>		<u>2,277,274</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	29,455		29,745	
Debtors	20	49,686		180,677	
Cash at bank and in hand		267,541		341,247	
		<u>346,682</u>		<u>551,669</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	(211,029)		(147,750)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets		135,653		403,919	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,378,165</u>		<u>2,681,193</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22	(62,492)		(107,659)	
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>2,315,673</u></u>		<u><u>2,573,534</u></u>	
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	27	448,280		481,312	
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	26	83,693		143,267	
General unrestricted funds		1,783,700		1,948,955	
		<u>2,315,673</u>		<u>2,573,534</u>	

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 29/9/23 and are signed on its behalf by:

  
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**M Purcell**  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## CHARITY BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	1,957,144		1,980,817	
Investments	17	285,468		296,557	
		<u>2,242,612</u>		<u>2,277,374</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	18,282		20,053	
Debtors	20	114,569		250,830	
Cash at bank and in hand		261,785		333,641	
		<u>394,636</u>		<u>604,524</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	(203,730)		(140,615)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			190,906		463,909
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,433,518</u>		<u>2,741,283</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22	(62,492)		(107,659)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>2,371,026</u></u>		<u><u>2,633,624</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	27	448,280		481,312	
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	26	83,693		143,267	
General unrestricted funds		1,839,052		2,009,045	
		<u>2,371,026</u>		<u>2,633,624</u>	

The net movement in funds for the year for the charity only was net deficit of £258,809 (2022: surplus of £291,043). The charity's income was £907,703 (2022: £1,356,838) less expenditure of £1,151,897 (2022: £1,073,685) and net loss on investments of £14,615 (2022: gain of £7,890).

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**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 29/9/23 and are signed on its behalf by:

  
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**M Purcell**  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>32</b>		(33,408)		243,557
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(12,920)		(137,453)	
Purchase of investments		(94,609)		(52,829)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		91,082		49,347	
Interest received		7,058		6,220	
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>			(9,388)		(134,715)
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>					
Interest paid		(29,835)		(20,789)	
New borrowings				-	
Repayment of borrowings		(34,748)		(25,282)	
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>			(64,583)		(46,071)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(107,379)		62,771
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			341,247		278,476
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>			<u>233,868</u>		<u>341,247</u>
<b>Relating to:</b>					
Bank balances and short term deposits			267,541		341,247
Bank overdrafts			(33,673)		-
			<u>233,868</u>		<u>341,247</u>

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales. The registered office is Wansford Station, Old North Road, Stibbington, Peterborough, PE8 6LR.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity and its subsidiary will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have considered a period of at least 12 months in making this assessment.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The details of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are capable of financial measurement.

Legacy income is recognised either by the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Endowment income is restricted.

The charity benefits from many hours and unclaimed out-of-pocket expenses contributed by a number of supporters. It would be impossible to place a value on all these gifts in kind for which the charity is extremely grateful.

Grant income is recognised in the year in which the grant is receivable.

Government grants relating to revenue are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. This includes the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant which is included as 'other income'.

Grants received from non-government sources are recognised under the performance model. Where there are no specific performance requirements the grants are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the proceeds are received or receivable. Where grant is received with specific performance requirements attached, it is recognised as a liability until the performance conditions are met and then it is recognised as turnover.

Income from driving courses is recognised when the income is receivable rather than when the course is booked, this is considered reasonable as the vouchers do not have an expiry date and in some instances have not been utilised.

Life membership subscriptions are released into income on a straight line basis at 8% per annum.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Recognition of the costs of generating funds is on an accruals basis, excluding VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and included audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Costs are allocated, where possible, directly to the activity. Where the cost is not directly attributable it is allocated by informed management's best estimate of the activities undertaken.

The charity has three main objectives and the premises and promotion costs have been allocated 1/3rd to each of the main objectives.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	Mobile classroom - 10 years straight line Bridge improvements - 20 years straight line
Plant and machinery	Straight line over 5 years
Track and ballast	1% reducing balance
Rolling stock and locomotives	No depreciation is charged on items where the cost of restoration has been charged against income. On restored locomotives where work has been capitalised, the depreciation is written off over 10 years straight line from the date of completion

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The trustees consider that the freehold buildings are maintained in such a state of repair that their residual value is at least equal to their net book value. As a result the corresponding depreciation would not be material and therefore is not charged in the statement of financial activities.

Land at a value of £300,000 has not been depreciated.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charitable company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the exact of the impairment loss.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

#### 1.9 Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

##### ***Basic financial assets***

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.11 Financial instruments (continued)

##### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at cost using the effective interest method.

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charitable company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.13 Retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

#### 1.14 Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary

	2023	2022
	£	£
Non-charitable trading activities	178,378	90,174

#### 4 Donations and other fund raising income

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	13,562	18,898	76,412	108,872	170,800
Legacies receivable	5,000	-	-	5,000	14,500
Grants receivable	39,554	-	3,000	42,554	479,765
Membership fees	18,840	-	-	18,840	21,377
	<u>76,956</u>	<u>18,898</u>	<u>79,412</u>	<u>175,266</u>	<u>686,442</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2022</b>	<u>67,587</u>	<u>38,664</u>	<u>580,191</u>	<u>686,442</u>	<u>686,442</u>

#### 5 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Traffic and admission charges	306,701	244,729
Driving course income	14,679	11,122
Santa specials	283,194	297,215
Charitable rental income	8,945	12,081
Other income	45,018	8,900
	<u>658,537</u>	<u>574,047</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

**6 Investments**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from listed investments	-	-	5,990	5,990	6,180
Interest receivable	1,068	-	-	1,068	40
	<u>1,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,990</u>	<u>7,058</u>	<u>6,220</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2022</b>	<u>40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,180</u>		<u>6,220</u>

**7 Other income**

	2023 £	2022 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant	-	25,564
Other coronavirus related income	37,250	36,568
	<u>37,250</u>	<u>62,132</u>

**8 Raising funds**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary</b>		
Operating trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	102,640	84,498
	<u>102,640</u>	<u>84,498</u>

**9 Trustees**

No trustees (or any persons connected with them) received remuneration during the year. No trustees received expenses in the year (2022 - No trustees received expenses).

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

**10 Charitable activities**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Maintenance staff including NI and pension	165,090	153,265
Depreciation and impairment	35,346	34,618
Fuel and lubricants	84,204	61,122
Insurance	70,890	64,639
Hire and transport of rolling stock	80,817	82,393
Maintenance	198,903	120,676
Santa special purchases	80,426	60,514
Stamp purchases for resale	-	574
Refuse and cleaning	31,697	26,659
Sundry operating expenses	12,694	-
Subscriptions	550	1,822
Online booking system	4,635	5,365
Publicity and printing costs	18,253	5,768
Spécial event expenses	23,808	14,479
Bank, interest and credit charges	29,835	20,789
Expenditure from restricted funds	83,937	76,635
	<u>921,085</u>	<u>729,318</u>
Support costs (see note 11)	255,754	240,280
Governance costs (see note 11)	19,008	13,937
	<u>1,195,847</u>	<u>983,535</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,079,061	699,763
Designated funds	30,384	40,453
Restricted funds	86,402	243,319
	<u>1,195,847</u>	<u>983,535</u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 11 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Administration and cleaning wages	191,782	-	191,782	191,258
Premises costs	40,136	-	40,136	39,865
Promotion costs	23,836	-	23,836	9,157
Auditors remuneration:				
- for audit services	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
- for non audit services	-	2,800	2,800	2,800
Legal and professional	-	11,708	11,708	6,637
	<u>255,754</u>	<u>19,008</u>	<u>274,762</u>	<u>254,217</u>
Analysed between:				
Charitable activities	<u>255,754</u>	<u>19,008</u>	<u>274,762</u>	<u>254,217</u>

#### 12 Taxation

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity. It only applies its funds in accordance with its charitable objectives, and is not trading with a view to making distributable profits, therefore corporation tax is not chargeable.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 13 Employees

##### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administration, shop, catering and cleaning	10	8
Mechanical	6	6
	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>

##### Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	323,582	309,423
Social security costs	24,806	27,674
Other pension costs	10,277	9,893
	<u>358,665</u>	<u>346,990</u>

Included in the above employee costs is a sum of £41,408 (2022: £24,684) which are the wages costs of the trading subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

#### 14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation of investments	(12,178)	2,619
(Loss)/Gain on investments	(2,437)	5,271
	<u>(14,615)</u>	<u>7,890</u>

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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**15 Tangible fixed assets  
Group and Charity**

	Freehold land and buildings £	Property improvements £	Plant and machinery £	Track and ballast £	Rolling stock and locomotives £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 February 2022	1,104,728	206,046	64,081	252,903	955,391	2,583,149
Additions	-	-	11,920	-	1,000	12,920
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,386)	(1,386)
At 31 January 2023	<u>1,104,728</u>	<u>206,046</u>	<u>76,001</u>	<u>252,903</u>	<u>955,005</u>	<u>2,594,683</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 February 2022	-	53,132	39,991	24,126	485,083	602,332
Depreciation charged in the year	-	4,692	13,285	2,288	15,080	35,345
Elimated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	-	(139)	(139)
At 31 January 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>57,824</u>	<u>53,276</u>	<u>26,414</u>	<u>500,024</u>	<u>637,538</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
At 31 January 2023	<u>1,104,728</u>	<u>148,222</u>	<u>22,725</u>	<u>226,489</u>	<u>454,980</u>	<u>1,957,144</u>
At 31 January 2022	<u>1,104,728</u>	<u>152,914</u>	<u>24,090</u>	<u>228,777</u>	<u>470,308</u>	<u>1,980,817</u>

Freehold land and buildings including improvements with a carrying amount of £1,252,950 (2022 - £1,257,642) have been pledged to secure borrowings of the charitable company. The charitable company is not allowed to pledge these assets as security for other borrowings or to sell them to another entity.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at deemed cost, based on a previous revaluation undertaken in 2012 and in accordance with the transitional provisions of FRS102.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
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<b>16 Financial instruments</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	317,227	521,924
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	285,368	296,457
	<u>285,368</u>	<u>296,457</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost	266,671	248,559
	<u>266,671</u>	<u>248,559</u>
<b>17 Fixed asset investments</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	285,368	296,457
	<u>285,368</u>	<u>296,457</u>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments in subsidiaries	100	100
Listed investments	285,368	296,457
	<u>285,468</u>	<u>296,557</u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 17 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Movements in fixed asset investments Group and Charity	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 31 January 2022	296,457
Valuation changes	(14,614)
Investment management fees	(2,465)
Dividends received	5,990
At 31 January 2023	<u>285,368</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 January 2023	<u>285,368</u>
At 31 January 2022	<u>296,457</u>

#### 18 Subsidiaries

The charity owns 100% of the ordinary shares of its subsidiary, Nene Valley Enterprises Limited which is a private company incorporated in England. (Registration number 2883483). The principle activities of the subsidiary are the operation of shop facilities, catering and commercial bar.

The subsidiary's results as extracted from the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2023 are outlined below:

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	178,378	115,174
Expenditure	(173,640)	(137,179)
Net loss	<u>4,738</u>	<u>(22,005)</u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and reserves were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets	16,929	18,212
Current liabilities	(72,182)	(78,203)
Total reserves	<u>(55,253)</u>	<u>(59,991)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
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<b>19 Stocks</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		29,455	29,745
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		18,282	20,053
<b>20 Debtors</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>			
Trade debtors		22,118	19,546
Other debtors		27,567	161,131
		49,686	180,677
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>			
Trade debtors		22,118	19,546
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings		64,884	71,068
Other debtors		27,567	160,216
		114,569	250,830
<b>21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loans and overdrafts	24	71,337	37,245
Other taxation and social security		8,917	10,912
Deferred income	23	43,996	28,147
Trade creditors		34,355	31,794
Other creditors		45,574	32,802
Accruals		6,850	6,850
		211,029	147,750

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**21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)**

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loans and overdrafts	<b>24</b>	71,337	37,245
Other taxation and social security		6,149	9,005
Deferred income	<b>23</b>	43,996	28,147
Trade creditors		33,674	30,216
Other creditors		41,724	29,152
Accruals		6,850	6,850
		<u>203,730</u>	<u>140,615</u>

**22 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year**

<b>Group and Charity</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loans and overdrafts	<b>24</b>	23,177	48,286
Other borrowings	<b>24</b>	29,315	39,373
Other creditors		10,000	20,000
		<u>62,492</u>	<u>107,659</u>

**23 Deferred income**

<b>Group and Charity</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income received in advance	43,996	28,147
	<u>43,996</u>	<u>28,147</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 24 Loans and overdrafts

Group and charity	2023 £	2022 £
Bank overdrafts	33,673	-
Bank loans	60,841	85,531
Other borrowings	29,315	39,373
	<u>123,829</u>	<u>124,904</u>
Payable within one year	71,337	37,245
Payable after one year	<u>52,492</u>	<u>87,659</u>

Amounts payable by instalments after 5 years is £Nil (2022: £Nil).

The long-term loan is secured by fixed charges over the freehold property known as Wansford Station, Peterborough and its associated assets.

The bank loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 4.5 years, the last instalment falling due in 2024. The interest rate in force for the year ended 31 January 2023 was 3.95%.

The bounce-back loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 6.5 years including an 18 month repayment holiday. The interest rate for this loan is 2.5% fixed.

#### 25 Retirement benefit schemes

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund. At the year end a balance of £Nil is included in other creditors (2022 - £Nil).

The charge to profit and loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £10,277 (2022 - £9,893).

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

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#### 26 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
Friends of the Nene Valley Railway	3,892	2,783	(2,758)	-	3,917
Thomas fund	47,234	7,505	(13,932)	-	40,807
Legacy fund	44,220	-	-	(44,220)	-
Track appeal	-	8,057	(1,875)	(1,335)	4,847
Loco 656	13,610	553	(4,704)	-	9,459
Wagon Group	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
Carriage and Wagon	32,646	-	(6,081)	(22,000)	4,565
Restaurant car	665	-	(1,035)	469	100
Signal box	-	-	-	19,998	19,998
	<u>143,267</u>	<u>18,898</u>	<u>(30,384)</u>	<u>(48,088)</u>	<u>83,693</u>

Money raised by the Friends of Nene Valley Railway is utilised on specific projects, as agreed by the charity's finance committee.

The Thomas fund has been set up to cover current repairs and overhaul costs.

The Legacy fund has been set up to earmark one off income to be used on specific projects.

Loco 656 funds have been set up to cover cost of the full overhaul.

The Carriage and Wagon fund is set aside to fund the restoration of carriages.

The Restaurant car fund is set aside to fund the restoration and maintenance of the restaurant car.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 27 Restricted funds

The income funds of the group include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Investments gains/ losses £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
TPO Fund	23,508	13,100	(23,529)	-	-	13,079
Small Engine Fund	2,176	115	(2,279)	-	-	12
Wansford Old Station	60,750	-	-	-	-	60,750
Nene Corridor (Yarwell)	4,431	-	-	-	-	4,431
Museum Fund	3,128	-	-	-	-	3,128
Loco 73050	15,925	10,810	(7,861)	-	-	18,874
Loco 73050 - investment	296,458	5,990	(2,465)	-	(14,615)	285,368
Wagon Group	4,607	14,903	(12,507)	531	-	7,534
Signal box	43,158	3,050	(10,885)	(19,998)	-	15,325
Yarwell	5,719	-	-	-	-	5,719
HLF	1,887	-	(1,143)	-	-	744
D Crouch	1,031	14,131	(6,757)	2,050	-	10,455
Pacer Appeal	3,923	-	(88)	-	-	3,835
Other small funds	14,611	23,303	(18,888)	-	-	19,026
	<b>481,312</b>	<b>85,402</b>	<b>(86,402)</b>	<b>(17,417)</b>	<b>(14,615)</b>	<b>448,280</b>

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

#### 27 Restricted funds (Continued)

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

The Travelling Post Office Fund is to be used for the restoration of the various Travelling Post Office coaches and also includes the funds raised and expended for the Ferry Meadows Night Mail Project, which is to fund a Museum for the Travelling Post Office coaches.

The Wansford Old Station was created to raise funds for the potential improvement and restoration of the old station building.

Loco 73050 fund is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of Loco 73050.

Signal box funds are to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the signal box.

HLF reserves relate to grant funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund in relation to a detailed review of the Charities governance that has been performed. This fund is used to cover costs in relation to training in relation to governance projects as well as the implementation of

The other restricted funds cover a variety of specific donations and appeals relating to specific engines, rolling stock or other projects.

#### 28 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 January 2023 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	1,957,144	-	-	1,957,144	1,980,817
Investments	-	-	285,368	285,368	296,457
Current assets/ (liabilities)	(110,952)	83,693	162,912	135,653	413,659
Long term liabilities	(58,703)	-	-	(58,703)	(107,659)
	<u>1,787,489</u>	<u>83,693</u>	<u>448,280</u>	<u>2,319,462</u>	<u>2,583,274</u>

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#### 29 Control

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

The liability of each member in the event of winding up is £1.

#### 30 Related party transactions

##### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	37,906	64,626

##### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received some donations from trustees.

During the year, income totalling £36 (2022: £Nil) was received from Nene Park Trust, a business in which director Mr A Oates is an employee.

During the year, income totalling £7,311 (2022: £nil) was received from Railworld, a business in which former director Mr P Marshall is a trustee.

#### 31 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	5,869	6,519
Between two and five years	22,010	-
	<u>27,879</u>	<u>6,519</u>

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<b>32 Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(257,860)	269,038
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividend income	(7,058)	(6,220)
Interest paid	29,835	20,789
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of investments	2,437	(5,271)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	12,178	(2,619)
Depreciation and loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	36,592	124,452
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	290	24,634
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	130,991	(164,196)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	19,187	(17,050)
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(33,408)</b>	<b>243,557</b>

**33 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>As at 1</b>		<b>Other non-cash</b>	<b>As at 31</b>
	<b>February 2022</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>movements</b>	<b>January 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash	341,247	(73,706)	-	267,541
Overdraft	-	(33,673)	-	(33,673)
Loans due within one year	(37,245)	(34,092)	-	(71,337)
Loans due after one year	(87,659)	35,167	-	(52,492)
	<b>216,343</b>	<b>(106,304)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,039</b>

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 263617

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration No. 263617**

**Company Registration No. 1038056 (England and Wales)**

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## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Patron of Nene Valley Railway</b>	HRH The Duke of Gloucester
<b>Honorary Vice President</b>	Cllr C Swift O.B.E
<b>Trustees - Elected</b>	K J Parkinson P Marshall S J Bell M A Kerfoot (Chair) S L Derry T J Jennings
<b>Trustees - Appointed</b>	S A Costello <i>(resigned 11 September 2021)</i> R J Dixon <i>(resigned 22 March 2022)</i> E A Walters <i>(appointed 6 May 2021)</i> A L Oates <i>(appointed 13 January 2022)</i> A M Deane <i>(appointed 20 July 2022)</i>
<b>Key management personnel</b>	S Piggott K Shaw
<b>Secretary</b>	N McGregor
<b>Charity number</b>	263617
<b>Company number</b>	1038056
<b>Museum number</b>	1636
<b>Principal address</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR
<b>Registered office</b>	Wansford Station Old Great North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR



## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Auditors</b>	Stephenson Smart & Co 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Lynchwood Peterborough PE2 6LR
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank plc PO Box 15 Cathedral Square Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1HW
<b>Solicitors</b>	Sloan Plumb Wood LLP Apollo House Minerva Business Park Lynch Wood Peterborough PE2 6QR
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Ravenscroft The Singing Men's Chambers 19 Minister Precincts Peterborough PE1 1XX
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.nvr.org.uk">www.nvr.org.uk</a>

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# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022***

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2021-22 was another year that was heavily impacted by the pandemic. Coming out of Christmas 2020 the railway again had to cope with a period of lockdown. Whilst in some ways this was fortunate in that it coincided with our quieter operating period it still meant we lost the revenues from early season activity such as the February half term, easter and mother's day. It also made planning difficult as ongoing uncertainty around the virus and the restrictions it imposed clouded much of the rest of the year.

The pandemic had a ripple effect throughout the railway impacting not only revenues but other areas too. Many volunteers, some of whom are older, were reluctant to return and in common with many organisations we found bringing in new volunteers was more difficult.

Not running trains saved costs but also limited opportunities for the training and development of staff and the succession pipeline for key roles such as guards, station staff and footplate crew was restricted. When we were able to run later in the spring, time and resources had to be deployed to clean trains and initially we only took advanced bookings which soaked up resources to manage the booking process.

As restrictions began to lift we received the very welcome news that we had been awarded £479,765 from the governments culture recovery fund, administered through the arts council. This helped to stabilise our finances and set us up well for a successful summer where we welcomed visiting engine, LMS Jubilee 45596 Bahamas. During August our family focused events proved extremely successful with trains very well loaded. The Autumn brought a well-attended diesel gala featuring the three peak diesel locomotives after which we went into another busy Santa season.

In April we welcomed back our General Manager, Sarah Piggott, from her maternity leave. Thanks must go to Kim Shaw who deputised extremely well through what was a very challenging period. We recruited two appointed Trustees, Lizzie Walters and Adrian Oates who bring legal, fundraising and marketing experience to the board. Adrian, who was previously a Trustee, also works for Nene Park Trust and is able to facilitate stronger links with them. Stuart Costello left the board and my thanks go to him for the support and guidance he was able to give during his time with us.

On the rolling stock front we acquired the two Sentinel shunters from the Iron and Steel Traction Group, brought a Pacer multiple unit to the railway and saw the magnificent Wagon Lits restaurant car enter service. The overhaul shed was busy with a variety of projects.

Notwithstanding the many challenges, 2021-22 was once again a tremendous team effort. We demonstrated incredible resilience in the face of significant headwinds.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022***

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None of this would be possible without the exceptional team of people at the railway. Our small number of paid staff and army of volunteers once again came through for us and continue to provide the extraordinary level of commitment that we must never take for granted. I want to pay tribute to everyone that has contributed to this and record my profound thanks to all those that make what we do so special.

**M Kerfoot**

Dated .....

  
16/9/22

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and '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)' (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Our Mission

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity whose formal charitable purpose is:

'to promote the permanent preservation of railway lines, engines and rolling stock and equipment, and items of general railway interest of actual historic or scientific importance and education value, and to exhibit to members of the public interested in engines owned by the association any such engines, rolling stock, equipment and items as aforesaid by means of temporary or permanent exhibitions and to demonstrate and assist in demonstrating to such persons the working and operations of such engines, rolling stock and items of static or mobile displays'.

#### Status of the Charity

Peterborough Railway Society was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 1972 and subsequently acquired charitable status. The company name was changed to Nene Valley Railway Limited in 1984. The charity has no share capital and the liability of each member, in the event of winding up, is limited to £1. The governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company. Anyone may become a member by payment of the appropriate annual subscription.

The company has a wholly owned subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited which is not a charity and has its own board and accounts. Its profits are gift aided to Nene Valley Railway Limited.

The charity can have up to nine trustees. The articles prescribe that six are elected by the members with up to three additional trustees on the basis that these persons have the skills required to ensure that the trustees as a body have in their opinion adequate financial, legal, business, charity and other professional skills.

#### The trustees serving during 2021 - 2022 and the meetings they attended were:

	Actual	Possible
Michael Kerfoot – <i>Chair</i>	12	12
Stanley Bell	12	12
Stuart Costello ( <i>resigned 11 August 2021</i> )	4	7
Sarah Derry	11	12
Richard Dixon	10	12
Tom Jennings	5	12
Philip Marshall	12	12
Adrian Oates – <i>appointed 13 January 2022</i>	1	1
Keith Parkinson	12	12
Elizabeth Walters – <i>appointed 6 May 2021</i>	8	9

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

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#### **Governance and Management**

The board normally meet every month of the year and subgroups of board members meet from time to time as business requires. The general manager is appointed by the trustees to carry out the policies laid down by the board and to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

The trustees are appointed by the subscribing members of the charitable company at the annual general meeting. All adult members have one vote and should the number of nominations to become trustees exceed the vacancies, a secret ballot is held. All trustees are subscribing members and must be nominated by two people. The initial appointment is for a three year term.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charitable company. All of the trustees are members of the charitable company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

#### **Health and Safety (H&S)**

Covid 19 continued to provide a focus for Health and Safety activity across the year.

Running of trains did not resume until April following another period of lockdown. Strict measures were put in place to ensure the safety of customers, volunteers and staff with procedures for social distancing and general cleaning and hygiene. Booking of seats in advance was required and it wasn't until much later in the year that this requirement was lifted and people could again simply turn up and travel. Mask wearing was still in force through the Santa season as the Omicron variant impacted.

During 2021 we had some turnover of Health and Safety managers and consequential lack of continuity. Our long term H&S manager stepped down and a replacement resigned after only a few months in post. By year end David Jackson had assumed responsibility for 'rail side' operations. Keith Parkinson kindly offered to cover the land side element and he stepped down to make way for Raymond Elgy who is now in post.

A health and safety audit was completed by an external consultant who provided some useful guidance. The anticipated ORR visit did not take place due to the backlog of work driven by Covid. The visit is anticipated during 2022.

There were a couple of incidents that were reportable to the ORR, one involving a wrong side failure of a signal at Orton Mere and the other concerning the splitting of a train in section following a problem with the locomotive. In both cases the ORR were satisfied with our internal investigation and learning points and no further action was necessary.

#### **Financial Review**

A year in which our finances were again significantly influenced by the pandemic which impacted our operations for much of the year. Nevertheless the receipt of the Culture Recovery grant of just over £497k meant that the end of year result was strong with a profit of just under £270k. The grant was specifically awarded to cover the replenishment of reserves and to fund restart costs. We had to provide evidence to the awarding body that we had spent the money in the agreed areas and this had to be verified by an independent auditor.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

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#### **Financial Review (continued)**

Without external funding our trading operations both in the charity and Enterprises made a loss. We could have mitigated some of this during the year by making some different choices especially around expenditure but this was not necessary. We were able to continue with our plans, maintain our staffing establishment and respond when opportunities arose such as the purchase of the Sentinel shunters.

#### **Commercial Operations**

This was a busy year coming out of Covid.

Customers were eager to get out and about, which resulted in an increased footfall on our Summer Family Fun Days, Halloween and Thomas events. There was a definite trend towards family oriented events this past year. This in turn saw the development of some new events, one being the Family Fish and Chip train a daytime event set up along the same basic principles of the very popular evening Jolly Fisherman Services. Taking a trusted format and developing it to work for the trending visitor customer base, worked well for the railway. New ideas such as the Gin train and 1950's event were tried and old favourites such as Thomas's birthday continued to delight.

The loved Santa Trains were again a near sell out it was just a shame that Covid cases rose again, so a number of bookings were cancelled. We tried our best to move customers if we had space on a later date train, not many spaces were available so some bookings eventually ended up in refunds. Not all refunds were Covid related, a large portion of our refunds that were processed were due to the severe weather we experienced one weekend which left us with lighting problems on some of our carriages. These issues were looked at assessed and rectified quickly, so future customers were not impacted. Issues like these are sometimes unavoidable but demanding for the teams to deal with and disappointing for customers. The response to these challenges showed great team work. Credit must be given to the customer facing team worked extremely hard to keep our customers perception of the railway as positive as possible.

During the year the miniature railway opened at Wansford providing a new attraction and compliments the garden and model railway at the same location.

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#### **Infrastructure**

The start of the year saw the railway closed to the public. This has a benefit in that infrastructure work can be progressed without interference from trains and people.

Down the line, the usual vegetation clearance made sure that sighting distances are kept as long as possible. There's a fundamental issue at Yacht Club, where a 15mph limit looks like it might be in place for some time as trees on the lineside prevent the required sighting distance for 25mph running.

The permanent way (track) continues to give concern. Much of it has been in place for more than half a century and inevitably it is wearing out. On the Castor Straight in the autumn, rail-end dips and poor sleeper state necessitated the imposition of a 10 mph temporary speed restriction for around a mile. Remedial work is planned and budgeted for the year ahead. At the end of 2021, the track condition inside Wansford Tunnel forced us to impose a 10mph temporary speed restriction. At the end of the year work commenced to replace some of the rail in the tunnel with a view to this being completed before the running season began in earnest. Drainage in the tunnel is poor and more work will be required at some stage.

A new tool – a stone blower – helps take some of the drudge out of packing chippings below sleepers. Another acquisition kindly donated by Network Rail, was some lengths of serviceable rail equivalent to sixteen 60' lengths.

Bridges were inspected by an external contractor and we were pleased with the generally favourable results. There is be a requirement for remedial work on the horizon within the next 5 – 10 years.

#### **Locomotives and Rolling Stock**

At the start of the year our steam fleet was bolstered by a Great Western Railway pannier tank, 4612 which left us in February. This was replaced by a larger Great western Prairie tank 4144 which remained at the railway until early summer.

Most of the steam haulage thereafter was completed by the home fleet, Bullied Pacific 34081, '92 Squadron' and Polish 0-8-0T, 5485. Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0T 'Thomas' was in service for most of the year before failing with boiler problems in December. Also providing an additional interest was Aveling and Porter traction engine loco 'Blue Circle'.

Peak locomotive 45041 Royal Tank Regiment on loan from the Peak Locomotive Company was a popular diesel locomotive and ran throughout the year and Swedish railcar 1212 continued to be available for quieter days.

The Iron and Steel Traction (ISTG) group ceased operations during the year and disposed of its locomotives, spares and other equipment. This resulted in a class 14 diesel locomotive leaving the railway, however another example of the class, 9529, was bought by a private buyer and remains with us. The railway was also able to purchase two Sentinel diesel shunters from the ISTG which are essential for shunting in our yard at Wansford.

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#### **Locomotives and Rolling Stock (continued)**

Visitors to the railway included Jubilee Class 4-6-0, 5596 Bahamas which was at the railway for a week in the summer. Later in the year we hosted the Three Peaks gala which brought together three Peak diesel locomotives and was a popular event.

In early July a Pacer diesel multiple unit was acquired by the railway but did not enter service.

In the overhaul shed the boiler of Danish locomotive 656 was returned and work on the refurbishment continued as did the overhaul of Hudswell Clarke tank engine, 'Derek Crouch' and diesel shunter Muriel. The longer term project with Standard Class 5, 73050, City of Peterborough progressed steadily.

Work on the carriage roofs of the mark one fleet was completed and in the autumn the Wagon Lits restaurant car entered service, looking magnificent, after an extensive refurbishment.

The wagon group continued to overhaul and maintain the many freight vehicles around the railway.

#### **Passenger Numbers**

Passenger numbers were 23,924 up on around 12,000 in 20-21. In both years the numbers were heavily impacted by Covid and this makes meaningful comparisons with other years difficult.

#### **Operations Department**

The operating department were able to staff all the trains that ran.

On the 1st August 2021, Tim Hobman stepped down from the position of Operating Manager. The railway is very grateful for all the hard work that Tim has put in during his time as Operating Manager, in particular the introducing of a structure for Platform Staff, which has seen many people come forward to help on the Platform.

Doug Thompson took over from the 1st August 2021, and has worked with the platform inspectors to fine tune the training booklet and exams. Margaret Stafford has been appointed as inspector for Platform Staff.

For the 2022 running season the timetables were reviewed and minor adjustments to them, so that where possible the departures from Wansford towards Yarwell are at 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 hours.

The new Operating Manager reports he is extremely impressed with the standard of all the staff in the department, with their uniform and willingness to help beyond their duties where required.

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#### **Signal and Telecoms (S&T)**

The S&T year started off with collecting materials kindly donated by Network Rail from Fletton Junction and replacing a worn-out timber which supported a point operating crank at Orton Mere. We then moved into a bout of point gauge compliance checks at all stations on the railway. After some maintenance and other jobs, we began the process of bringing a new track circuit into use at Wansford. This circuit protects the Yarwell line from the Carriage & Wagon ground frame to the Limit of Shunt board at the tunnel mouth. Initially brought into use on an 'indication only' basis for trial purposes, the full circuit was commissioned to use later in the year.

A key highlight worth mentioning is the complete strip-out, correlation and maintenance of the Wansford lever frame interlocking in June 2021. This was only possible by bringing in a volunteer locking fitter as we do not have the skills in-house. Another skill we had to bring in was when an electric lever lock tappet (operating bar) failed in the late summer and needed replacing. Fortunately, we had a blank replacement bar in stock, and so this technician only had to precisely mark and cut it.

We ended 2021 with preparations to replace a poorly sighted shunt signal at Wansford with a better installation which was completed in very early 2022 giving drivers a better view of the new signals as well as route indication.

#### **Membership**

Membership has risen slightly this year from 739 memberships and 941 actual members in the previous year to 766 memberships and 949 actual members. The difference between memberships and actual members is because a membership may be joint and include more than one member.

After a drop in numbers on the previous year it is pleasing that this has stabilised.

As with many similar organisations we have found it tougher to recruit volunteers since the pandemic. Our very active Volunteer Liaison Group continue to be active in this area.

#### **Stations and Buildings**

In the early part of the year the station and buildings team complete tiling stairs to the public toilets at Wansford and decorated the stairwells.

From the spring they continued the refurbishment of the Barnwell Building on platform 2, replacing cladding boards etc. They stripped back, repainted the Barnwell canopy, dagger boards etc.

In the summer the children's play area was repaired and repainted. Fencing and access gates were installed to the bin area and fencing was repaired around public car parking area.

In October replacement running in boards were fitted at Peterborough Nene Valley station.

From January 2022 the team commenced the installation of a new tiled floor in the Retail Shop.

In addition general repairs and maintenance were completed in many areas.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### Fundraising

We have continued to support the railway through seeking grants and donations from a variety of sources. This included:

- General donations	£	6,213
- Peterborough City Council	£	36,568
- Arts Council	£	479,765

Additional grants were also applied for to support specific projects including the Derek Crouch overhaul and the accessibility coach.

The charity shop is now well established and has been able to support a variety of projects around the railway.

Fundraising remains central to our strategy. We have improved our capability in identifying and securing funding from many different sources and ongoing we continue to seek further opportunities.

#### Summary

A satisfactory outcome to another challenging year that has seen the railway emerge from the pandemic in decent shape and ready to move forward. It was another colossal team effort from all areas of the railway, trustees, managers, paid staff and our huge army of volunteers. Thanks must go to everyone that contributed to this and to those that supported us in whatever way.

#### Audit

Each of the trustees have confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**M Kerfoot**

Chairman of the Trustees

Dated ..... 16/9/22 .....

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

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The trustees who are also the directors of Nene Valley Railway Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Nene Valley Railway Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 January 2022 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group & Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheet's, the Group Cashflow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and Parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2022 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group and Parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustee's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Group and Parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Parent charitable company; or
- the Parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustee's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and Parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

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#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

#### Objectives

To identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to irregularities, including fraud.

To design and implement appropriate processes to respond to fraud or suspected fraud

#### Audit response

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussion with directors and our knowledge of the business.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;
- Assessing whether the judgements made in accounting estimates are indicative of a potential basis;
- Evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- Analytical procedures are performed as well as substantive testing to identify any potential misstatement due to fraud;
- The audit procedures would also involve being aware of any such items from reviewing reports and discussions held with staff and management to obtain an understanding;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- Making enquires of management as to their knowledge of actual and suspected fraud.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

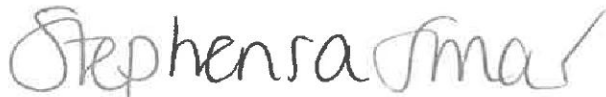
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#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Stephenson Smart & Co  
Statutory Auditor  
36 Tyndall Court  
Commerce Road  
Lynchwood  
Peterborough  
PE2 6LR

Date: 16 September 2022.

Stephenson Smart & Co is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

(including consolidated income and expenditure account)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and other fund raising income	4	67,587	38,664	580,191	-	686,442	174,471
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	574,047	-	-	-	574,047	247,897
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	3	90,174	-	-	-	90,174	51,154
Investments	6	40	-	6,180	-	6,220	8,995
Other income	7	62,132	-	-	-	62,132	251,600
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>793,980</b>	<b>38,664</b>	<b>586,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,419,015</b>	<b>734,117</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
<u>Raising funds</u>							
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	8	84,498	-	-	-	84,498	42,124
Net loss on disposal of fixed assets		89,834				89,834	-
Charitable activities	10	699,763	40,453	243,319	-	983,535	833,910
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>874,095</b>	<b>40,453</b>	<b>243,319</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,157,867</b>	<b>876,034</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	7,890	-	7,890	(23,049)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		(80,115)	(1,789)	350,942	-	269,038	(164,966)
Gross transfers between funds		294,142	22,215	(315,778)	(579)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>214,027</b>	<b>20,426</b>	<b>35,164</b>	<b>(579)</b>	<b>269,038</b>	<b>(164,966)</b>
Fund balances at 1 February 2021		1,734,928	122,841	446,147	579	2,304,495	2,469,461
<b>Fund balances at 31 January 2022</b>		<b>1,948,955</b>	<b>143,267</b>	<b>481,312</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,573,534</b>	<b>2,304,495</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	1,980,817		1,967,816	
Investments	17	296,457		285,084	
		<u>2,277,274</u>		<u>2,252,900</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	29,745		54,379	
Debtors	20	180,677		16,481	
Cash at bank and in hand		341,247		278,476	
		<u>551,669</u>		<u>349,336</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	<u>(147,750)</u>		<u>(175,308)</u>	
Net current assets		403,919		174,028	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,681,193</u>		<u>2,426,928</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22	(107,659)		(122,433)	
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>2,573,534</u>		<u>2,304,495</u>	
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds	26	-		579	
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28	481,312		446,147	
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	27	143,267		122,841	
General unrestricted funds		1,948,955		1,734,928	
		<u>2,573,534</u>		<u>2,304,495</u>	

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 16/9/22 and are signed on its behalf by:



**M Kerfoot**  
**Trustee**

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	1,980,817		1,967,816	
Investments	17	296,557		285,184	
		<u>2,277,374</u>		<u>2,253,000</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	20,053		36,183	
Debtors	20	260,571		69,728	
Cash at bank and in hand		333,641		273,877	
		<u>614,265</u>		<u>379,788</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	(140,615)		(167,774)	
Net current assets			473,650		212,014
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,751,024</u>		<u>2,465,014</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22	(107,659)		(122,433)	
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>2,643,365</u>		<u>2,342,581</u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds	26		-		579
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28	481,312		446,147	
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
Designated funds	27	143,267		122,841	
General unrestricted funds		2,018,786		1,734,928	
			<u>2,643,365</u>		<u>2,304,495</u>

The net movement in funds for the year for the charity only was net surplus of £291,043 (2021: net deficit of £126,880). The charity's income was £1,356,838 (2021: £696,447) less expenditure of £1,073,685 (2021: £800,278) and net gain on investments of £7,890 (2021: net loss on investments of £23,049).

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**


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The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 16/9/22 and are signed on its behalf by:



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**M. Kerfoot**  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>34</b>		243,557		(54,500)
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(137,453)		(56,582)	
Purchase of investments		(52,829)		(92,992)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		49,347		158,538	
Interest received		6,220		8,995	
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>			(134,715)		17,959
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>					
Interest paid		(20,789)		(30,211)	
New borrowings		-		50,000	
Repayment of borrowings		(25,282)		(11,813)	
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>			(46,071)		7,976
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			62,771		(28,565)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			278,476		307,041
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>			<u>341,247</u>		<u>278,476</u>
<b>Relating to:</b>					
Bank balances and short term deposits			341,247		278,476
Bank overdrafts			-		-
			<u>341,247</u>		<u>278,476</u>

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

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#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Charity information**

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales. The registered office is Wansford Station, Old North Road, Stibbington, Peterborough, PE8 6LR.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity and its subsidiary will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have considered a period of at least 12 months in making this assessment.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The details of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are capable of financial measurement.

Legacy income is recognised either by the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Endowment income is restricted.

The charity benefits from many hours and unclaimed out-of-pocket expenses contributed by a number of supporters. It would be impossible to place a value on all these gifts in kind for which the charity is extremely grateful.

Grant income is recognised in the year in which the grant is receivable.

Government grants relating to revenue are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. This includes the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant which is included as 'other income'.

Grants received from non-government sources are recognised under the performance model. Where there are no specific performance requirements the grants are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the proceeds are received or receivable. Where grant is received with specific performance requirements attached, it is recognised as a liability until the performance conditions are met and then it is recognised as turnover.

Income from driving courses is recognised when the income is receivable rather than when the course is booked, this is considered reasonable as the vouchers do not have an expiry date and in some instances have not been utilised.

Life membership subscriptions are released into income on a straight line basis at 8% per annum.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.5 Resources expended

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Recognition of the costs of generating funds is on an accruals basis, excluding VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and included audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Costs are allocated, where possible, directly to the activity. Where the cost is not directly attributable it is allocated by informed management's best estimate of the activities undertaken.

The charity has three main objectives and the premises and promotion costs have been allocated 1/3rd to each of the main objectives.

##### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	Mobile classroom - 10 years straight line Bridge improvements - 20 years straight line
Plant and machinery	Straight line over 5 years
Track and ballast	1% reducing balance
Rolling stock and locomotives	No depreciation is charged on items where the cost of restoration has been charged against income. On restored locomotives where work has been capitalised, the depreciation is written off over 10 years straight line from the date of completion

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The trustees consider that the freehold buildings are maintained in such a state of repair that their residual value is at least equal to their net book value. As a result the corresponding depreciation would not be material and therefore is not charged in the statement of financial activities.

Land at a value of £300,000 has not been depreciated.

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charitable company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

##### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the exact of the impairment loss.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

##### 1.9 Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

##### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### 1.11 Financial instruments

The Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

###### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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#### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **1.11 Financial instruments (continued)**

###### ***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at cost using the effective interest method.

###### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

##### **1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charitable company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

##### **1.13 Retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

##### **1.14 Irrecoverable VAT**

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charges against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

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#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary

	2022	2021
	£	£
Non-charitable trading activities	90,174	51,154

#### 4 Donations and other fund raising income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	31,710	38,664	100,426	170,800	155,824
Legacies receivable	14,500	-	-	14,500	-
Grants receivable	-	-	479,765	479,765	-
Membership fees	21,377	-	-	21,377	18,647
	<u>67,587</u>	<u>38,664</u>	<u>580,191</u>	<u>686,442</u>	<u>174,471</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2021</b>	<u>69,029</u>	<u>37,782</u>	<u>67,660</u>		<u>174,471</u>

#### 5 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Traffic and admission charges	244,729	128,203
Driving course income	11,122	4,737
Santa specials	297,215	97,971
Charitable rental income	12,081	13,534
Photo course and trade stands	-	122
Other income	8,900	3,330
	<u>574,047</u>	<u>247,897</u>

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**6 Investments**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from listed investments	-	-	6,180	-	6,180	8,808
Interest receivable	40	-	-	-	40	187
	40	-	6,180	-	6,220	8,995
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2021</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,808</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>8,995</b>

**7 Other income**

	2022 £	2021 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	21,000
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant	25,564	136,886
Other coronavirus related income	36,568	93,714
	62,132	251,600

**8 Raising funds**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary</b>		
Operating trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	84,498	42,124
	84,498	42,124

**9 Trustees**

No trustees (or any persons connected with them) received remuneration during the year. No trustees received expenses in the year (2021 - No trustees received expenses).

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**10 Charitable activities**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Maintenance staff including NI and pension	153,265	188,589
Depreciation and impairment	34,618	34,279
Fuel and lubricants	61,122	23,801
Insurance	64,639	63,843
Hire and transport of rolling stock	82,393	38,066
Maintenance	120,676	92,390
Santa special purchases	60,514	32,343
Stamp purchases for resale	574	778
Refuse and cleaning	26,659	19,709
Subscriptions	1,822	1,814
Online booking system	5,365	7,893
Publicity and printing costs	5,768	7,743
Special event expenses	14,479	9,138
Bank, interest and credit charges	20,789	30,211
Expenditure from restricted funds	76,635	45,542
	<u>729,318</u>	<u>596,139</u>
Support costs (see note 11)	240,280	218,304
Governance costs (see note 11)	13,937	19,467
	<u>983,535</u>	<u>833,910</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	699,763	740,344
Designated funds	40,453	43,506
Restricted funds	243,319	50,060
	<u>983,535</u>	<u>833,910</u>

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#### 11 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	2021 £
Administration and cleaning wages	191,258	-	191,258	195,458
Premises costs	39,865	-	39,865	14,581
Promotion costs	9,157	-	9,157	8,265
Auditors remuneration:				
- for audit services	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
- for non audit services	-	2,800	2,800	5,301
Legal and professional	-	6,637	6,637	9,666
	<u>240,280</u>	<u>13,937</u>	<u>254,217</u>	<u>237,771</u>
Analysed between:				
Charitable activities	<u>240,280</u>	<u>13,937</u>	<u>254,217</u>	<u>237,771</u>

#### 12 Taxation

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity. It only applies its funds in accordance with its charitable objectives, and is not trading with a view to making distributable profits, therefore corporation tax is not chargeable.

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#### 13 Employees

##### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Administration, shop, catering and cleaning	8	11
Mechanical	6	6
	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>

##### Employment costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	309,423	346,032
Social security costs	27,674	26,684
Other pension costs	9,893	11,331
	<u>346,990</u>	<u>384,047</u>

Included in the above employee costs is a sum of £24,684 (2021: £33,172) which are the wages costs of the trading subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

#### 14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	2,619	(12,528)
(Loss)/Gain on investments	5,271	(10,521)
	<u>7,890</u>	<u>(23,049)</u>

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**15 Tangible fixed assets**

**Group and Charity**

	<b>Freehold land and buildings</b>	<b>Property improvements</b>	<b>Plant and machinery</b>	<b>Track and ballast</b>	<b>Rolling stock and locomotives</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 February 2021	1,104,728	206,046	205,592	252,903	1,180,748	2,950,017
Additions	-	-	1,101	-	136,352	137,453
Disposals	-	-	(142,612)	-	(361,709)	(504,321)
<b>At 31 January 2022</b>	<b>1,104,728</b>	<b>206,046</b>	<b>64,081</b>	<b>252,903</b>	<b>955,391</b>	<b>2,583,149</b>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 February 2021	-	48,428	169,526	21,815	742,432	982,201
Depreciation charged in the year	-	4,704	11,642	2,311	15,961	34,618
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(141,177)	-	(273,310)	(414,487)
<b>At 31 January 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,132</b>	<b>39,991</b>	<b>24,126</b>	<b>485,083</b>	<b>602,332</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
<b>At 31 January 2022</b>	<b>1,104,728</b>	<b>152,914</b>	<b>24,090</b>	<b>228,777</b>	<b>470,308</b>	<b>1,980,817</b>
<b>At 31 January 2021</b>	<b>1,104,728</b>	<b>157,618</b>	<b>36,066</b>	<b>231,088</b>	<b>438,316</b>	<b>1,967,816</b>

Freehold land and buildings including improvements with a carrying amount of £1,257,642 (2021 - £1,262,346) have been pledged to secure borrowings of the charitable company. The charitable company is not allowed to pledge these assets as security for other borrowings or to sell them to another entity.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at deemed cost, based on a previous revaluation undertaken in 2012 and in accordance with the transitional provisions of FRS102.

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<b>16 Financial instruments</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	521,924	294,957
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	296,457	285,084
	<u>248,559</u>	<u>284,941</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost	248,559	284,941
	<u>248,559</u>	<u>284,941</u>
<b>17 Fixed asset investments</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	296,457	285,084
	<u>296,457</u>	<u>285,084</u>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Investments in subsidiaries	100	100
Listed investments	296,457	285,084
	<u>296,557</u>	<u>285,184</u>

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#### 17 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Movements in fixed asset investments Group and Charity	Shares £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 31 January 2021	285,084
Valuation changes	7,890
Investment management fees	(2,698)
Dividends received	6,181
At 31 January 2022	<u>296,457</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 January 2022	<u>296,457</u>
At 31 January 2021	<u>285,084</u>

#### 18 Subsidiaries

The charity owns 100% of the ordinary shares of its subsidiary, Nene Valley Enterprises Limited which is a private company incorporated in England. (Registration number 2883483). The principle activities of the subsidiary are the operation of shop facilities, catering and commercial bar.

The subsidiary's results as extracted from the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2022 are outlined below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	115,174	53,489
Expenditure	(137,179)	(91,575)
Net loss	<u>(22,005)</u>	<u>(38,086)</u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and reserves were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Current Assets	18,212	24,431
Current liabilities	(78,203)	(62,417)
Total reserves	<u>(59,991)</u>	<u>(37,986)</u>

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<b>19 Stocks</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		29,745	54,379
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consumables		20,053	36,183
<b>20 Debtors</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		19,546	-
Other debtors		161,131	16,481
		180,677	16,481
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		19,546	-
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings		71,068	54,883
Other debtors		169,957	14,845
		260,571	69,728
<b>21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loans and overdrafts	24	37,245	27,753
Other taxation and social security		10,912	1,489
Deferred income	23	28,147	63,853
Trade creditors		31,794	54,561
Other creditors		32,802	14,852
Accruals		6,850	12,800
		147,750	175,308

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**21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)**

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Loans and overdrafts	<b>24</b>	37,245	27,753
Other taxation and social security		9,005	1,489
Deferred income	<b>23</b>	28,147	63,853
Trade creditors		30,216	52,727
Other creditors		29,152	9,152
Accruals		6,850	12,800
		<u>140,615</u>	<u>167,774</u>

**22 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year**

<b>Group and Charity</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Loans and overdrafts	<b>24</b>	48,286	72,433
Other borrowings	<b>24</b>	39,373	50,000
Other creditors		20,000	-
		<u>107,659</u>	<u>122,433</u>

**23 Deferred income**

<b>Group and Charity</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Arising from wayleave income	-	3,675
Income received in advance	28,147	60,178
	<u>28,147</u>	<u>63,853</u>

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#### 24 Loans and overdrafts

Group and charity	2022 £	2021 £
Bank overdrafts	-	-
Bank loans	85,531	100,186
Other borrowings	39,373	50,000
	<u>124,904</u>	<u>150,186</u>
Payable within one year	37,245	27,753
Payable after one year	<u>87,659</u>	<u>122,433</u>

Amounts payable by instalments after 5 years is £Nil (2021: £8,986).

The long-term loan is secured by fixed charges over the freehold property known as Wansford Station, Peterborough and its associated assets.

The bank loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 4.5 years, the last instalment falling due in 2024. The interest rate in force for the year ended 31 January 2021 was 3.95%.

A bounce-back loan of £50,000 was received during the prior year. This loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 6.5 years including an 18 month repayment holiday. The interest rate for this loan is 2.5% fixed.

#### 25 Retirement benefit schemes

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund. At the year end a balance of £Nil is included in other creditors (2021 - £Nil).

The charge to profit and loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £9,227 (2021 - £10,436).

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**26 Endowment funds**

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
<b>Expendable endowments</b>			
Movements in the year	579	(579)	-
	579	(579)	-

The Expendable Endowment Fund from the Commission for New Towns was established in 1994 to fund the management of the freehold property of the railway.

**27 Designated funds**

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
Friends of the Nene Valley Railway	2,510	3,044	(1,662)	-	3,892
Thomas fund	-	5,640	(7,437)	49,031	47,234
Legacy fund	44,220	-	-	-	44,220
Track appeal	-	9,729	(13,265)	3,536	-
Loco 656	26,038	17,924	-	(30,352)	13,610
Wagon Group	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Carriage and Wagon	31,042	1,678	(74)	-	32,646
Restaurant car	18,031	649	(18,015)	-	665
	122,841	38,664	(40,453)	22,215	143,267

Money raised by the Friends of Nene Valley Railway is utilised on specific projects, as agreed by the charity's finance committee.

The Thomas fund has been set up to cover current repairs and overhaul costs.

The Legacy fund has been set up to earmark one off income to be used on specific projects.

Loco 656 funds have been set up to cover cost of the full overhaul.

The Carriage and Wagon fund is set aside to fund the restoration of carriages.

The Restaurant car fund is set aside to fund the restoration and maintenance of the restaurant car.

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**28 Restricted funds**

The income funds of the group include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Investments gains/ losses	Balance at 31 January 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
TPO Fund	29,932	5,652	(12,076)	-	-	23,508
Thomas	-	8,559	(8,559)	-	-	-
Small Engine Fund	1,976	200	-	-	-	2,176
Wansford Old Station	62,537	89	(1,876)	-	-	60,750
Nene Corridor (Yarwell)	4,431	-	-	-	-	4,431
Museum Fund	2,517	750	(139)	-	-	3,128
Loco 73050	7,433	16,780	(8,288)	-	-	15,925
Loco 73050 - investment	285,084	6,180	(2,697)	-	7,891	296,458
Wagon Group	1,317	10,465	(7,175)	-	-	4,607
Signal box	15,325	27,833	-	-	-	43,158
Yarwell	3,577	2,382	(240)	-	-	5,719
HLF	14,112	-	(12,225)	-	-	1,887
D Crouch	897	3,674	(3,540)	-	-	1,031
Pacer Appeal	8,822	725	(5,624)	-	-	3,923
Toilet Block Appeal	-	279	(279)	-	-	-
Other small funds	8,187	23,038	(16,614)	-	-	14,611
Arts Council England	-	479,765	(163,987)	(315,778)	-	-
	<b>446,147</b>	<b>586,371</b>	<b>(243,319)</b>	<b>(315,778)</b>	<b>7,891</b>	<b>481,312</b>

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

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#### 28 Restricted funds (Continued)

The Travelling Post Office Fund is to be used for the restoration of the various Travelling Post Office coaches and also includes the funds raised and expended for the Ferry Meadows Night Mail Project, which is to fund a Museum for the Travelling Post Office coaches.

The Wansford Old Station was created to raise funds for the potential improvement and restoration of the old station building.

Loco 73050 fund is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of Loco 73050.

Signal box funds are to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the signal box.

HLF reserves relate to grant funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund in relation to a detailed review of the Charities governance that has been performed. This fund is used to cover costs in relation to training in relation to governance projects as well as the implementation of any related items.

The other restricted funds cover a variety of specific donations and appeals relating to specific engines, rolling stock or other projects.

#### 29 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Designated funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 January 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,980,079	-	738	-	1,980,817	1,967,816
Investments	100	-	296,457	-	296,557	285,084
Current assets/ (liabilities)	66,175	143,267	184,117	-	393,559	174,028
Long term liabilities	(87,659)	-	-	-	(87,659)	(122,433)
	<u>1,958,695</u>	<u>143,267</u>	<u>481,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,583,274</u>	<u>2,304,495</u>

#### 30 Capital commitments

	2022 £	2021 £
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At 31 January 2022 the charitable company had capital commitments as follows:

Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

Acquisition of property, plant and equipment

-	<u>13,039</u>
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## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### 31 Control

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

The liability of each member in the event of winding up is £1.

#### 32 Related party transactions

##### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	64,626	44,794

##### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received some donations from trustees.

During the year, expenditure totalling £380 (2021: £190) was paid to Moore East Midlands, a company in which Mr R Dixon is an employee.

During the year, expenditure totalling £Nil (2021: £275) was paid to Sloan Plumb Wood Solicitors, a company in which Mr P Corrigan is a director.

During the year, expenditure totalling £Nil (2021: £342) was paid to Mick George Limited, a company in which Mr S Costello is a director.

#### 33 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	6,519	7,446
Between two and five years	-	6,519
	<u>6,519</u>	<u>13,965</u>

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<b>34 Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	269,038	(164,966)
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividend income	(6,220)	(8,995)
Interest paid	20,789	30,211
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of investments	(5,271)	10,521
Fair value gains and losses on investments	(2,619)	12,528
Dépreciation and loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	124,452	35,278
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	24,634	(5,359)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(164,196)	64,809
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(17,050)	(28,527)
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	<b>243,557</b>	<b>(54,500)</b>

**35 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>As at 1</b>		<b>Other non-cash</b>	<b>As at 31</b>
	<b>February 2021</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>movements</b>	<b>January 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash	278,476	62,771	-	341,247
Overdraft	-	-	-	-
Loans due within one year	(27,753)	(9,492)	-	(37,245)
Loans due after one year	(122,433)	34,774	-	(87,659)
	<b>128,290</b>	<b>88,053</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>216,343</b>



**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 263617

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration No. 263617**

**Company Registration No. 1038056 (England and Wales)**

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED  
AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Patron of Nene Valley Railway</b>	HRH The Duke of Gloucester
<b>Honorary President</b>	Lord B S Mawhinney Kt. (deceased)
<b>Honorary Vice President</b>	Cllr C Swift O.B.E
<b>Trustees - Elected</b>	K J Parkinson P Marshall S J Bell M A Kerfoot (Chair) S L Derry T J Jennings
<b>Trustees - Appointed</b>	A L Oates <i>(resigned 10 December 2020)</i> P Corrigan <i>(resigned 18 October 2020)</i> S A Costello R J Dixon <i>(appointed 5 November 2020)</i> E A Walters <i>(appointed 6 May 2021)</i>
<b>Key management personnel</b>	S Piggott K Shaw
<b>Secretary</b>	N McGregor
<b>Charity number</b>	263617
<b>Company number</b>	1038056
<b>Museum number</b>	1636
<b>Principal address</b>	Wansford Station Old North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR
<b>Registered office</b>	Wansford Station Old North Road Stibbington Peterborough PE8 6LR

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Auditors</b>	Stephenson Smart & Co 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Lynchwood Peterborough PE2 6LR
<b>Bankers</b>	National Westminster Bank plc PO Box 15 Cathedral Square Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1HW
<b>Solicitors</b>	In the process of appointment
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Ravenscroft The Singing Men's Chambers 19 Minister Precincts Peterborough PE1 1XX
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.nvr.org.uk">www.nvr.org.uk</a>

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# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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2020/21 is likely to go down as one of the most challenging years in modern times across all sectors in society and of course it was no different for the railway. We set out with ambitious plans for the coming 12 months with the aim of running some significant events and developing the railway commercially. As spring approached we started hearing news stories about a virus in the far east and like most people we didn't really think anything of it. By the time we got to March however things began to change rapidly. Then in March the Prime Minister spoke to the nation and gave us all a very simple instruction – we must stay at home.

The railway responded immediately convening an emergency board meeting to consider our options. News of the governments furlough scheme was announced, and this gave us a lifeline enabling us to place virtually all of the paid staff on furlough, retaining only the Acting General Manager and Finance Manager to stay at the helm. The board released some money from the railways reserves and cash flows and funding sources were placed under constant review. All other activity ceased as we entered the first lockdown. Later in the year we made the difficult but necessary decision to make some roles redundant as we looked to reduce our fixed costs.

It was some months before we were able to run trains again and when we could return we had to operate under tight covid restrictions. This meant implementing social distancing measures limiting capacity on the trains and requiring tickets to be pre-booked. A rigorous process to ensure trains were cleaned between services was implemented and PPE provided for all volunteers.

As winter approached, we looked forward to a successful Santa Steam season to help us get back on our feet. We began optimistically and as Wansford is in Huntingdonshire we avoided some of the tighter COVID-19 restrictions that applied in other areas including Peterborough. Sadly this offered only brief respite and as COVID-19 infections soared again we had to cancel the Santa programme in mid-December and once again go into lockdown.

Throughout this year, despite these huge challenges, the railway has shown extraordinary resilience. I want to pay tribute to everyone that has contributed to this, it has been an incredible team effort. We rely on a small number of paid staff and a large number of volunteers. Of course some volunteers have chosen not to return to the railway, this is to be expected and it will take time to fully recover our numbers but notwithstanding this it has been little short of astonishing to see so many people coming back to support us.

We left the year bloodied but unbowed. The measures we took to protect the railway and ensure our future have been successful and provide us with a platform to start to build again. As I write we are still not free of the virus, and it may be some time before we return to something like normality. The passion and dedication from so many that have seen us through the last year give me every confidence however that we have what we need to weather future storms.

M Kerfoot

Dated .....



8/10/21

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and '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)' (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Our Mission

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity whose formal charitable purpose is:

'to promote the permanent preservation of railway lines, engines and rolling stock and equipment, and items of general railway interest of actual historic or scientific importance and education value, and to exhibit to members of the public interested in engines owned by the association any such engines, rolling stock, equipment and items as aforesaid by means of temporary or permanent exhibitions and to demonstrate and assist in demonstrating to such persons the working and operations of such engines, rolling stock and items of static or mobile displays'.

#### Status of the Charity

Peterborough Railway Society was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 1972 and subsequently acquired charitable status. The company name was changed to Nene Valley Railway Limited in 1984. The charity has no share capital and the liability of each member, in the event of winding up, is limited to £1. The governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company. Anyone may become a member by payment of the appropriate annual subscription.

The company has a wholly owned subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited which is not a charity and has its own board and accounts. Its profits are gift aided to Nene Valley Railway Limited.

The charity can have up to nine trustees. The articles prescribe that six are elected by the members with up to three additional trustees on the basis that these persons have the skills required to ensure that the trustees as a body have in their opinion adequate financial, legal, business, charity and other professional skills.

#### The trustees serving during 2020 - 2021 and the meetings they attended were:

	Actual	Possible
Keith Parkinson ( <i>Chair to 10 December 2020</i> )	12	12
Mike Kerfoot ( <i>Chair from 10 December 2020</i> )	12	12
Sarah Derry	10	12
Tom Jennings	11	12
Stan Bell	12	12
Philip Marshall	11	12
Richard Dixon ( <i>appointed 5 November 2020</i> )	2	2
Stuart Costello	9	12
Peter Corrigan ( <i>resigned 18 October 2020</i> )	1	9
Adrian Oates ( <i>resigned 10 December 2020</i> )	6	10

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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#### **Governance and Management**

The board normally meet every month of the year and subgroups of board members meet from time to time as business requires. The general manager is appointed by the trustees to carry out the policies laid down by the board and to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

The trustees are appointed by the subscribing members of the charitable company at the annual general meeting. All adult members have one vote and should the number of nominations to become trustees exceed the vacancies, a secret ballot is held. All trustees are subscribing members and must be nominated by two people. The initial appointment is for a three year term.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charitable company. All of the trustees are members of the charitable company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

#### **Health and Safety (H&S)**

Although the operating year was condensed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the enforced closures of the railway, both staff and volunteers continued to follow the established yellow form incident reporting procedure when needed. Understandably much focus was on developing specific COVID-19 risk assessments and updating them as needed and all volunteers signed a COVID-19 return-to-work form as the railway reopened in the summer. We recognise the efforts of Acting General Manager Kim Shaw who both managed and monitored COVID-19 compliance throughout the year.

As the railway re-opened we followed the ORR and Heritage Railway Association guidance with infrastructure and rolling stock condition assessments supported by volunteer competence reassessments where needed.

No serious accidents were reported during the year in review however there was one operational incident which required formal investigation as well as some lesser incidents. Due to house relocation, our H&S Advisor Peter How stepped down from his role as the calendar year ended and we remain grateful to Peter for the improvements to our safety systems during his term especially with regard to the introduction and adoption of HOPS.

#### **Financial Review**

A year that was dominated by the pandemic, this had a significant impact on the railways business. Charitable Activity income was down from just over £1.2m the previous year to just under £250k and a total income of £734k. The railway responded to this with a significant reduction in costs from just over £1.5m the previous year to a little over £800k. In addition, alternative sources of income were identified including the government's furlough scheme alongside various fundraising workstreams that contributed additional income. A significant grant administered by the Arts Council was disappointingly not secured in the Autumn, however a second opportunity to apply for this fund arose after Christmas and we were pleased to be awarded a substantial sum in the spring. This will be recorded in next year's accounts.

As a result of all of this, the railway made a loss across the year which was to be expected given the headwinds we faced. Losses however were mitigated and the charity is well positioned to move forward once we begin to emerge from the pandemic.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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#### **Infrastructure**

As in most areas, the year was severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Infrastructure paid staff were furloughed between April and July 2020 and only returned to work under a strict risk assessment to minimise infection risk that applied to both volunteers and employees.

On return to work the focus of the track and bridges department was to undertake a full assessment of the track and lineside condition after some 6 months in which no trains had run and no regular inspections had been carried out. Fortunately, most parts of the line were found to be in a serviceable state, with the application of temporary speed limits in two places. A major issue was the incursion of lineside vegetation, affecting sighting distances in many places and encroaching so far as to be scratching passing trains. This is simply dealt with but is time consuming and the re-establishment of a specialist lineside team will be a focus once the pandemic crisis permits. Throughout the year the regular maintenance chore of minor fixes applied to ballast, sleepers, rail and fishplates as needed to maintain the track suitable for the general 25mph running has continued. This included work in the tunnel, where several instances of damp-induced pumping sleepers were packed using new stone-blowing equipment. The TASC machine returned to service in September and had proved its value as a lifting and transport vehicle.

In the car park at Wansford, containers and portacabins have been deployed to accommodate shops, both NVR-owned and third-party. It is hoped that these will provide additional revenue for the NVR by direct and indirect means – the increased time spent by visitors at Wansford will encourage custom for NVR Enterprises (shop & café). Of course, the loss of parking space is regretted and will undoubtedly cause problems at busy times - but that is part of a larger problem and means of increasing space at Wansford are under consideration.

The construction of the miniature railway at Wansford has continued, a small team taking advantage of the closed site to lay out the track bed and clear space for and install a loco shed at the west end.

#### **Locomotives and Rolling Stock**

There was less activity than we would normally see due to the pandemic. Visits from guest locomotives had to be cancelled due to the lockdown and this included both Royal Scot and Tornado.

We started the year by saying goodbye to Ian Riley owned Black 5 44871 that had been with us to support the previous year's Santa season. Pannier Tank 4612 joined us for a period in the spring before returning to the Bodmin and Wenford railway in Cornwall.

Popular attraction, Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0T 'Thomas' was in service all year and Bullied Pacific 34081, '92 Squadron' completed a significant number of running days before failing in December. We welcomed into traffic Polish 0-8-0T loco following its extensive overhaul and the locomotive was deployed on our Santa services. Also providing an additional interest was Aveling and Porter traction engine loco 'Blue Circle'.

Diesel traction was provided by the two class 14 locomotives owned by the Iron and Steel Traction Group and this group also provided the two operational sentinel diesel shunters at Wansford. In addition we had Peak locomotive 45041 Royal Tank Regiment on loan from the Peak Locomotive Company for the whole year. Privately owned Swedish railcar 1212 continued to be available for quieter days and in the autumn we had a visiting Class 66 off the network which provided a busy day for fans of modern traction.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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#### **Locomotives and Rolling Stock (continued)**

Work on carriages and wagons was curtailed however towards the end of the year progress was made on the repainting of the roofs of the Mark 1 carriage stock. Work was also started on the extensive refurbishment of the continental restaurant car at Overton. The wagon group continued their restorations when able to, completing the Civil Engineering brakevan and continuing to work on a number of vans.

#### **Passenger Numbers**

Not unexpectedly overall passenger numbers were down significantly this year from 68,000 in the previous year to around 12,000 in 2020/21.

#### **Operations Department**

Again a quieter year and the opportunity to complete recruitment, training and progression of operations staff was limited.

Notwithstanding this some training sessions were completed remotely over Zoom including for signallers. In addition all Operations staff were reassessed when the railway re-commenced running in the late summer.

Behind the scenes the Operations SMS was uploaded into the HOPS platform and a large number of Operations instructions were rewritten and issued. This involved a significant workload and brought up to date many documents that dated back over a number of years.

Work commenced on the update of the rule book with a team representing different areas of the railway collaborating remotely to ensure all areas are covered. The work is ongoing into the current year.

#### **Signal and Telecoms (S&T)**

Although the year started with starting the reconnection and then snagging of the bracket signals at Wansford following their overhaul by Collis Engineering, in March much of the signalling system was switched off or disconnected as the railway was closed. Essential systems were left energised and monitored as part of the security patrols which took place during the lockdown period in the first half of the year.

As we became aware of the opportunities to begin to prepare the railway for re-opening, the S&T took the opportunity to replace defective signalling cables in Wansford cutting which has vastly improved reliability of some circuits since. All signalling was inspected and checked for safe operation before passenger services re-commenced. Some examples of vandalism were found and corrected.

Before the Christmas lockdown closed the railway again, we joined forces with the Permanent Way department to support track and point repairs at Orton Mere.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

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#### Membership, staff and volunteering

Membership has fallen this year from 989 memberships and 1,111 actual members in the previous year to 739 memberships and 941 actual members. The difference between memberships and actual members is because a membership may be joint and include more than one member.

Whilst it is disappointing that membership has fallen it was not completely unexpected given the circumstances around the pandemic.

The process for renewing membership was improved this year when for the first time it became possible to renew online rather than by sending a cheque.

All members receive a copy of the quarterly Nene Steam magazine and after many years of outstanding service Brian White stepped down as editor. He was replaced by Iain McCall who has freshened up the look and presentation of the magazine.

#### Fundraising

With the loss of income that we suffered as a result of the pandemic the railway sought to support its finances through fundraising. An appeal was launched which asked for individuals to make donations to us either directly through the website or using a Virgin Money donation website. Gift aid was claimed on these contributions where applicable. This raised a significant sum of money and the railway is extremely grateful to all of those who contributed. Details are;

- Direct donation to the Nene Valley Railway appeal	£ 39,646
- Donations received via Virgin Money	£ 358
- Other local fundraising	£ 448

An appeal was launched to purchase and install a toilet block to provide a COVID-19 safe facility as the existing toilets at Wansford could not be made safe in light of the COVID-19 restrictions. Again we asked for individual donations and were also pleased to receive a grant from BGL group. Details are;

- Toilet appeal	£ 6,145
- BGL Grant	£ 3,750

In addition we applied to various schemes that were offering support to businesses and organisations during the pandemic and were pleased to receive the following;

- Heritage Lottery fund	£ 56,500
- Peterborough city council	£ 37,214

Fundraising remains central to our strategy in particular in the way we respond to the pandemic and ongoing we continue to seek further opportunities.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

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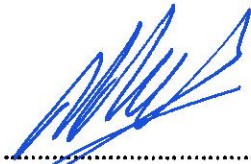
**Summary**

2020/21 was an extremely challenging year driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, perhaps the most challenging in over 40-years of our existence. Despite this, it is a testament to the resilience of the organisation that we have weathered the storm and are in a good position to face the challenge of the year ahead. To achieve this required a huge team effort from all areas of the railway, trustees, managers, paid staff and our huge army of volunteers. I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone that contributed to this effort or supported us in whatever way.

**Audit**

Each of the trustees have confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**M Kerfoot**

Chairman of the Trustees

Dated .....

8/10/21

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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The trustees who are also the directors of Nene Valley Railway Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Nene Valley Railway Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 January 2021 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group & Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheet's, the Group Cashflow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and Parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2021 and of the Group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group and Parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustee's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Group and Parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Parent charitable company; or
- the Parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustee's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and Parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED**

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#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;
- Assessing whether the judgements made in accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias;
- Evaluating the rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business;
- Analytical procedures are performed as well as substantive testing to identify any potential misstatement due to fraud; and
- The audit procedures would also involve being aware of any such items from reviewing minutes and third party communications and reports and discussions held with staff and management to obtain an understanding.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED

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#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



#### Stephenson Smart & Co

Statutory Auditor

36 Tyndall Court

Commerce Road

Lynchwood

Peterborough

PE2 6LR

Date: 14 October 2021

Stephenson Smart & Co is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including consolidated income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and other fund raising income	4	69,029	37,782	67,660	-	174,471	164,645
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	247,897	-	-	-	247,897	1,200,286
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	3	51,154	-	-	-	51,154	286,055
Investments	6	187	-	8,808	-	8,995	11,902
Other income	7	251,600	-	-	-	251,600	-
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>619,867</b>	<b>37,782</b>	<b>76,468</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>734,117</b>	<b>1,662,888</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
<u>Raising funds</u>							
Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary	8	42,124	-	-	-	42,124	216,310
Charitable activities	10	740,344	43,506	50,060	-	833,910	1,506,215
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>782,468</b>	<b>43,506</b>	<b>50,060</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>876,034</b>	<b>1,722,525</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	14	-	-	(23,049)	-	(23,049)	27,938
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		(162,601)	(5,724)	3,359	-	(164,966)	(31,699)
Gross transfers between funds		171,868	(92,853)	(79,015)	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>9,267</b>	<b>(98,577)</b>	<b>(75,656)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(164,966)</b>	<b>(31,699)</b>
Fund balances at 1 February 2020		1,725,661	221,418	521,803	579	2,469,461	2,501,160
<b>Fund balances at 31 January 2021</b>		<b>1,734,928</b>	<b>122,841</b>	<b>446,147</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>2,304,495</b>	<b>2,469,461</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	1,967,816		1,946,512	
Investments	17	285,084		373,679	
		<u>2,252,900</u>		<u>2,320,191</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	54,379		49,020	
Debtors	20	16,481		81,290	
Cash at bank and in hand		278,476		307,078	
		<u>349,336</u>		<u>437,388</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	<u>(175,308)</u>		<u>(178,920)</u>	
Net current assets			174,028		258,468
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,426,928</u>		<u>2,578,659</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22		(122,433)		(109,198)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>2,304,495</u>		<u>2,469,461</u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds	26		579		579
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28		446,147		521,803
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	27		122,841		221,418
General unrestricted funds			1,734,928		1,725,661
			<u>2,304,495</u>		<u>2,469,461</u>

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2021, although an audit has been carried out under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on .....8/10/21  
and are signed on its behalf by:



.....  
**M Kerfoot**  
**Trustee**

**Company Registration No. 1038056**

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	15	1,967,816		1,946,512	
Investments	17	285,184		373,779	
		<u>2,253,000</u>		<u>2,320,291</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	36,183		18,838	
Debtors	20	69,728		96,268	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>273,877</u>		<u>298,616</u>	
		379,788		413,722	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	<u>(167,774)</u>		<u>(155,354)</u>	
Net current assets			212,014		258,368
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,465,014</u>		<u>2,578,659</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22		(122,433)		(109,198)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>2,342,581</u></u>		<u><u>2,469,461</u></u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds	26		579		579
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	28		446,147		521,803
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
Designated funds	27		122,841		221,418
General unrestricted funds			1,773,014		1,725,661
			<u><u>2,342,581</u></u>		<u><u>2,469,461</u></u>

The net movement in funds for the year for the charity only was net deficit of £126,880 (2020: net deficit of £31,699). The charity's income was £696,447 (2020: £1,436,628) less expenditure of £800,278 (2020: £1,496,265) and net loss on investments of £23,049 (2020: net gain on investments £27,938).

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

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M Kerfoot  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 1038056

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>34</b>		(54,500)		(3,035)
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(56,582)		(56,805)	
Purchase of investments		(92,992)		(87,841)	
Proceeds on disposal of investments		158,538		86,845	
Interest received		8,995		11,902	
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>			17,959		(45,899)
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>					
Interest paid		(30,211)		(31,642)	
New borrowings		50,000		112,000	
Repayment of borrowings		(11,813)		(43,061)	
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>			7,976		37,297
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(28,565)		(11,637)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			307,041		318,678
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>			<u>278,476</u>		<u>307,041</u>
<b>Relating to:</b>					
Bank balances and short term deposits			278,476		307,078
Bank overdrafts			-		(37)
			<u>278,476</u>		<u>307,041</u>

# **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales. The registered office is Wansford Station, Old North Road, Stibbington, Peterborough, PE8 6LR.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity and its subsidiary will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have considered a period of at least 12 months in making this assessment.

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the activities of the charity and its subsidiary were forced to be put on hold from Spring 2020. The trustees took steps to monitor and reduce costs where appropriate and received significant grant funding to manage the impact of the pandemic as well as taking advantage of the coronavirus job retention scheme.

Following the year end, the charity received a significant grant of approximately £480,000 that restored the reserves utilised to manage the impact of the pandemic as well as covering some of the costs in relation to re-opening the railway as restrictions eased. Work done through the pandemic to control costs has put the charity in a position where this grant has returned the finances to a level of stability that provides security in the short term to build activities to the previous level enjoyed before the pandemic but also provides confidence that further short term restrictions could be managed without creating significant doubt over the going concern assumption.

On this basis, no immediate concerns in relation to the charity or its subsidiary's long term future have been identified but this area continues to be monitored. The trustees are satisfied that the steps they have taken in the short term are appropriate and effective.

## **NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

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#### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

##### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The details of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

##### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are capable of financial measurement.

Legacy income is recognised either by the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Endowment income is restricted.

The charity benefits from many hours and unclaimed out-of-pocket expenses contributed by a number of supporters. It would be impossible to place a value on all these gifts in kind for which the charity is extremely grateful.

Grant income is recognised in the year in which the grant is receivable.

Government grants relating to revenue are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. This includes the Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grant which is included as 'other income'.

Grants received from non-government sources are recognised under the performance model. Where there are no specific performance requirements the grants are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the proceeds are received or receivable. Where grant is received with specific performance requirements attached, it is recognised as a liability until the performance conditions are met and then it is recognised as turnover.

Income from driving courses is recognised when the income is receivable rather than when the course is booked, this is considered reasonable as the vouchers do not have an expiry date and in some instances have not been utilised.

Life membership subscriptions are released into income on a straight line basis at 8% per annum.

# NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Recognition of the costs of generating funds is on an accruals basis, excluding VAT.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and included audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Costs are allocated, where possible, directly to the activity. Where the cost is not directly attributable it is allocated by informed management's best estimate of the activities undertaken.

The charity has three main objectives and the premises and promotion costs have been allocated 1/3rd to each of the main objectives.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	Mobile classroom - 10 years straight line Bridge improvements - 20 years straight line
Plant and machinery	Straight line over 5 years
Track and ballast	1% reducing balance
Rolling stock and locomotives	No depreciation is charged on items where the cost of restoration has been charged against income. On restored locomotives where work has been capitalised, the depreciation is written off over 10 years straight line from the date of completion

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The trustees consider that the freehold buildings are maintained in such a state of repair that their residual value is at least equal to their net book value. As a result the corresponding depreciation would not be material and therefore is not charged in the statement of financial activities.

Land at a value of £300,000 has not been depreciated.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

##### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the exact of the impairment loss.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

##### 1.9 Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

##### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### 1.11 Financial instruments

The Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

##### *Basic financial assets*

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effect interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.11 Financial instruments (continued)

###### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at cost using the effective interest method.

###### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charitable company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

##### 1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charitable company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

##### 1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

##### 1.14 Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charges against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

##### 1.15 Pensions

The charitable company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

## NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary

	2021	2020
	£	£
Non-charitable trading activities	51,154	286,055

#### 4 Donations and other fund raising income

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	50,382	37,782	67,660	155,824	103,175
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	-	18,221
Grants receivable	-	-	-	-	25,747
Membership fees	18,647	-	-	18,647	17,502
	<u>69,029</u>	<u>37,782</u>	<u>67,660</u>	<u>174,471</u>	<u>164,645</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2020</b>	<u>58,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,735</u>		<u>164,645</u>

#### 5 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Traffic and admission charges	128,203	680,022
Driving course income	4,737	38,677
Santa specials	97,971	458,620
Charitable rental income	13,534	12,051
Photo course and trade stands	122	963
Other income	3,330	9,953
	<u>247,897</u>	<u>1,200,286</u>

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

**6 Investments**

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income from listed investments	-	-	8,808	-	8,808	11,105
Interest receivable	187	-	-	-	187	797
	187	-	8,808	-	8,995	11,902
<b>For the year ended 31 January 2020</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11,105</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>11,902</b>

**7 Other income**

	2021 £	2020 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	21,000	-
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant	136,886	-
Other coronavirus related income	93,714	-
	251,600	-

**8 Raising funds**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Commercial trading operations and investment in trading subsidiary</b>		
Operating trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	42,124	216,310
	42,124	216,310

**9 Trustees**

No trustees (or any persons connected with them) received remuneration during the year. No trustees received expenses in the year (2020 - No trustees received expenses).

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

**10 Charitable activities**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Maintenance staff including NI and pension	188,589	174,300
Depreciation and impairment	34,279	38,280
Fuel and lubricants	23,801	76,892
Insurance	63,843	65,174
Hire and transport of rolling stock	38,066	155,844
Maintenance	92,390	147,446
Santa special purchases	32,343	79,256
Stamp purchases for resale	778	6,456
Refuse and cleaning	19,709	27,090
Repairs and renewals	-	625
Subscriptions	1,814	3,604
Online booking system	7,893	9,771
Publicity and printing costs	7,743	51,676
Special event expenses	9,138	201,930
Bank, interest and credit charges	30,211	31,642
Bad debt provision	-	(1,808)
Expenditure from restricted funds	45,542	125,924
	<u>596,139</u>	<u>1,194,102</u>
Support costs (see note 11)	218,304	291,375
Governance costs (see note 11)	19,467	20,738
	<u>833,910</u>	<u>1,506,215</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	740,344	1,345,948
Designated funds	43,506	29,032
Restricted funds	50,060	131,235
	<u>833,910</u>	<u>1,506,215</u>

**NENE VALLEY RAILWAY LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

**11 Support costs**

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	2020 £
Administration and cleaning wages	195,458		195,458	252,223
Premises costs	14,581		14,581	19,625
Promotion costs	8,265		8,265	19,527
Auditors remuneration:				
- for audit services	-	4,500	4,500	5,370
- for non audit services	-	5,301	5,301	3,497
Legal and professional	-	9,666	9,666	11,871
	<u>218,304</u>	<u>19,467</u>	<u>237,771</u>	<u>312,113</u>
Analysed between:				
Charitable activities	<u>218,304</u>	<u>19,467</u>	<u>237,771</u>	<u>312,113</u>

**12 Taxation**

Nene Valley Railway Limited is a registered charity. It only applies its funds in accordance with its charitable objectives, and is not trading with a view to making distributable profits, therefore corporation tax is not chargeable.

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#### 13 Employees

##### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Administration, shop, catering and cleaning	11	15
Mechanical	6	6
	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>

##### Employment costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	346,032	384,961
Social security costs	26,684	31,919
Other pension costs	11,331	9,643
	<u>384,047</u>	<u>426,523</u>

Included in the above employee costs is a sum of £33,172 (2020: £99,545) which are the wages costs of the trading subsidiary Nene Valley Railway Enterprises Limited.

Total payments made during this year in relation to redundancy pay were £7,872 (2020: £Nil). This is included in the employment costs.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

#### 14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Revaluation of investments	(12,528)	14,060
(Loss)/Gain on sale of investments	(10,521)	13,878
	<u>(23,049)</u>	<u>27,938</u>

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**15 Tangible fixed assets**

**Group and Charity**

	<b>Freehold land and buildings</b>	<b>Property improvements</b>	<b>Plant and machinery</b>	<b>Track and ballast</b>	<b>Rolling stock and locomotives</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 February 2020	1,104,728	206,046	195,961	252,903	1,134,797	2,894,435
Additions	-	-	9,631	-	46,951	56,582
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>At 31 January 2021</b>	<b>1,104,728</b>	<b>206,046</b>	<b>205,592</b>	<b>252,903</b>	<b>1,180,748</b>	<b>2,950,017</b>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 February 2020	-	42,719	157,153	19,481	728,570	947,923
Depreciation charged in the year	-	5,709	12,373	2,334	13,862	34,278
<b>At 31 January 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,428</b>	<b>169,526</b>	<b>21,815</b>	<b>742,432</b>	<b>982,201</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
<b>At 31 January 2021</b>	<b>1,104,728</b>	<b>157,618</b>	<b>36,066</b>	<b>231,088</b>	<b>438,316</b>	<b>1,967,816</b>
<b>At 31 January 2020</b>	<b>1,104,728</b>	<b>163,327</b>	<b>38,808</b>	<b>233,422</b>	<b>406,227</b>	<b>1,946,512</b>

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#### 15 Tangible fixed assets (Continued)

Freehold land and buildings including improvements with a carrying amount of £1,262,346 (2020 - £1,268,055) have been pledged to secure borrowings of the charitable company. The charitable company is not allowed to pledge these assets as security for other borrowings or to sell them to another entity.

The freehold and leasehold land and buildings were professionally valued at 31 January 2012 by John Martin & Associates, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The valuation of each property was on the basis and assumptions for owner occupied properties being valued to Existing Use Value.

The valuation at 31 January 2012 has been included in the current year together with additions at cost.

The Trustees have reviewed the valuation at the year end and consider it to remain accurate.

<b>16 Financial instruments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	294,957	388,368
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	285,084	373,679
	<u>284,941</u>	<u>251,012</u>
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost	284,941	251,012
	<u>284,941</u>	<u>251,012</u>
<b>17 Fixed asset investments</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Listed investments	285,084	373,679
	<u>285,084</u>	<u>373,679</u>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	£	£
Investments in subsidiaries	100	100
Listed investments	285,084	373,679
	<u>285,184</u>	<u>373,779</u>

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**17 Fixed asset investments (Continued)**

<b>Movements in fixed asset investments Group and Charity</b>	<b>Shares £</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 31 January 2020	373,679
Valuation changes	(23,049)
Investment management fees	(2,794)
Dividends received	8,808
Withdrawals	(71,560)
At 31 January 2021	<u>285,084</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 January 2021	<u>285,084</u>
At 31 January 2020	<u>373,679</u>

**18 Subsidiaries**

The charity owns 100% of the ordinary shares of its subsidiary, Nene Valley Enterprises Limited which is a private company incorporated in England. (Registration number 2883483). The principle activities of the subsidiary are the operation of shop facilities, catering and commercial bar.

The subsidiary's results as extracted from the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2021 are outlined below:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	53,489	378,850
Expenditure	(91,575)	(331,182)
Net profit	<u>(38,086)</u>	<u>47,668</u>

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and reserves were:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Assets	24,431	57,670
Current liabilities	(62,417)	(57,570)
Total reserves	<u>(37,986)</u>	<u>100</u>

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<b>19 Stocks</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Raw materials and consumables		54,379	49,020
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Raw materials and consumables		36,183	18,838
<b>20 Debtors</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		-	5,615
Other debtors		16,481	75,675
		16,481	81,290
<b>Charity</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors		-	5,615
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings		54,883	26,222
Other debtors		14,845	64,431
		69,728	96,268
<b>21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
<b>Group</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loans and overdrafts	24	27,753	9,446
Other taxation and social security		1,489	-
Deferred income	23	63,853	31,831
Trade creditors		54,561	84,783
Other creditors		14,852	15,754
Accruals		12,800	37,106
		175,308	178,920

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**21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (continued)**

Charity	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Loans and overdrafts	24	27,753	9,446
Other taxation and social security		1,489	7,782
Deferred income	23	63,853	31,831
Trade creditors		52,727	57,884
Other creditors		9,152	15,754
Accruals		12,800	32,657
		<u>167,774</u>	<u>155,354</u>

**22 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year**

Group and Charity	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Loans and overdrafts	24	72,433	102,590
Other borrowings		50,000	-
Other creditors		-	6,608
		<u>122,433</u>	<u>109,198</u>

**23 Deferred income**

Group and Charity	2021 £	2020 £
Arising from wayleave income	3,675	3,675
Income received in advance	60,178	28,156
	<u>63,853</u>	<u>31,831</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Current liabilities	63,853	31,831
	<u>63,853</u>	<u>31,831</u>

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#### 24 Loans and overdrafts

Group and charity	2021 £	2020 £
Bank overdrafts	-	37
Bank loans	100,186	111,999
Other borrowings	50,000	-
	<u>150,186</u>	<u>112,036</u>
Payable within one year	27,753	9,446
Payable after one year	<u>122,433</u>	<u>102,590</u>

Amounts payable by instalments after 5 years is £8,986 (2020: £Nil).

The long-term loan is secured by fixed charges over the freehold property known as Wansford Station, Peterborough and its associated assets.

The bank loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 4.5 years, the last instalment falling due in 2024. The interest rate in force for the year ended 31 January 2021 was 3.95%.

A bounce-back loan of £50,000 was received during the year. This loan is repayable by monthly instalments over 6.5 years including an 18 month repayment holiday. The interest rate for this loan is 2.5% fixed.

#### 25 Retirement benefit schemes

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund. At the year end a balance of £nil is included in other creditors (2020 - £3,210).

The charge to profit and loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £10,436 (2020 - £9,545).

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**26 Endowment funds**

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
<b>Expendable endowments</b>		
Movements in the year	579	579
	579	579

The Expendable Endowment Fund from the Commission for New Towns was established in 1994 to fund the management of the freehold property of the railway.

**27 Designated funds**

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
Friends of the Nene Valley Railway	5,035	-	-	(2,525)	2,510
Thomas fund	41,568	-	-	(41,568)	-
Legacy fund	44,220	-	-	-	44,220
Track appeal	2,331	1,500	(2,023)	(1,808)	-
Loco 656	43,748	29,242	-	(46,952)	26,038
Wagon Group	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Carriage and Wagon	32,547	7,040	(8,545)	-	31,042
Restaurant car	50,969	-	(32,938)	-	18,031
	221,418	37,782	(43,506)	(92,853)	122,841

Money raised by the Friends of Nene Valley Railway is utilised on specific projects, as agreed by the charity's finance committee.

The Thomas fund has been set up to cover current repairs and overhaul costs.

The Legacy fund has been set up to earmark one off income to be used on specific projects.

Loco 656 funds have been set up to cover cost of the full overhaul.

The Carriage and Wagon fund is set aside to fund the restoration of carriages.

The Restaurant car fund is set aside to fund the restoration and maintenance of the restaurant car.

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#### 28 Restricted funds

The income funds of the group include restricted funds comprising the following balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 February 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Investments gains/ losses	Balance at 31 January 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
TPO Fund - Cash	32,359	768	(3,933)	-	-	29,194
TPO Fund - Assets	2,462	-	(1,724)	-	-	738
Thomas	3,274	4,189	-	(7,463)	-	-
Small Engine Fund	1,932	361	(317)	-	-	1,976
Wansford Old Station	62,611	431	(505)	-	-	62,537
Nene Corridor (Yarwell)	4,431	-	-	-	-	4,431
Museum Fund	4,360	14	(622)	(1,235)	-	2,517
Loco 73050	5,957	146	(8,670)	10,000	-	7,433
Loco 73050 - investment	373,679	8,808	(2,794)	(71,560)	(23,049)	285,084
Wagon Group	3,810	-	(2,493)	-	-	1,317
Signal box	15,276	49	-	-	-	15,325
N McGregor's rolling stock	925	-	(228)	-	-	697
Education Fund	1,778	120	-	(1,235)	-	663
Loco crew	733	-	(574)	-	-	159
Pit fund	495	-	-	-	-	495
Barnwell Building	-	1,472	(2,656)	1,184	-	-
Yarwell	927	2,000	-	-	-	2,927
Yarwell Grantscape	650	11,296	(11,296)	-	-	650
HLF	3,032	20,000	(6,518)	(2,402)	-	14,112
Operations Department	1,584	-	(794)	-	-	790
LNER	-	5,340	(4,459)	(881)	-	-
D Crouch	1,528	1,360	(1,991)	-	-	897
Pacer Appeal	-	8,822	-	-	-	8,822
Toilet Block Appeal	-	6,145	-	(6,145)	-	-
Other small funds	-	5,147	(486)	722	-	5,383
	<b>521,803</b>	<b>76,468</b>	<b>(50,060)</b>	<b>(79,015)</b>	<b>(23,049)</b>	<b>446,147</b>

Restricted funds represent specific appeals and donations.

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#### 28 Restricted funds (Continued)

The balance of £29,932 on the Travelling Post Office Fund is represented by £738 of fixed assets and an unexpended balance of £29,194. This fund is to be used for the restoration of the various Travelling Post Office coaches and also includes the funds raised and expended for the Ferry Meadows Night Mail Project, which is to fund a Museum for the Travelling Post Office coaches.

The Wansford Old Station was created to raise funds for the potential improvement and restoration of the old station building.

Loco 73050 fund is to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of Loco 73050.

Signal box funds are to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the signal box.

HLF reserves relate to grant funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund in relation to a detailed review of the Charities governance that has been performed. This fund is used to cover costs in relation to training in relation to governance projects as well as the implementation of any related items.

The other restricted funds cover a variety of specific donations and appeals relating to specific engines, rolling stock or other projects.

#### 29 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 January 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,967,078	-	738	-	1,967,816	1,946,512
Investments	-	-	285,084	-	285,084	373,679
Current assets/ (liabilities)	(109,717)	122,841	160,325	579	174,028	258,468
Long term liabilities	(122,433)	-	-	-	(122,433)	(109,198)
	<u>1,734,928</u>	<u>122,841</u>	<u>446,147</u>	<u>579</u>	<u>2,304,495</u>	<u>2,469,461</u>

#### 30 Capital commitments

2021  
£

2020  
£

At 31 January 2020 the charitable company had capital commitments as follows:

Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

Acquisition of property, plant and equipment

13,039      29,000

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#### 31 Control

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

The liability of each member in the event of winding up is £1.

#### 32 Related party transactions

##### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	44,794	38,330

##### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity received some donations from trustees.

During the year, expenditure totalling £275 (2020: £Nil) was paid to Sloan Plumb Wood Solicitors, a company in which Mr P Corrigan is a director.

During the year, expenditure totalling £342 (2020: £Nil) was paid to Mike George Limited, a company in which Mr S Costello is a director.

During the year the charity received a loan from a trustee of £10,000 (2020: £Nil). No interest was charged or conditions attached to the loan. The full amount was outstanding at the year end.

#### 33 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charitable company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	7,446	7,446
Between two and five years	6,519	13,039
	<u>13,965</u>	<u>20,485</u>

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<b>34 Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(164,966)	(31,699)
Adjustments for:		
Interest and dividend income	(8,995)	(11,902)
Interest paid	30,211	31,642
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of investments	10,521	(13,878)
Fair value gains and losses on investments	12,528	(14,060)
Depreciation and loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	35,278	38,280
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	(5,359)	(7,683)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	64,809	(55,302)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(28,527)	61,567
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(54,500)</b>	<b>(3,035)</b>

**35 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>As at 1 February 2020</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>Other non-cash movements</b>	<b>As at 31 January 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash	307,078	(28,602)	-	278,476
Overdraft	(37)	37	-	-
Loans due within one year	(9,446)	(18,307)	-	(27,753)
Loans due after one year	(102,590)	(19,843)	-	(122,433)
	<b>195,005</b>	<b>(66,715)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,290</b>