

**WEST SOMERSET STEAM RAILWAY
TRUST LIMITED**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**Company Registration Number 1079916
Registered Charity Number 265564**

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Chairman's Report for 2020

This Chairman's Report is in two parts of this occasion reflecting the change in Chairmanship that took place prior to the 2020 AGM.

From Chris Austin

This is my last report as Trust Chairman and covers the first part of the year until my resignation on 23 October 2020 after almost ten years. So, this is a time to reflect on the period during which the Trust has overcome formidable difficulties and gone from strength to strength. The Trust has been a steady influence during a turbulent period in the railway's history and has just got on with the job of restoring and displaying heritage carriages, and creating an exceptional museum at Bishops Lydeard which, with the Blue Anchor Railway Museum, provides museums worthy of a railway of the calibre of the WSR. For the first time, we have been able to provide a proper outreach programme for schools and museum-based events for children and families. We have been able to encourage young volunteers, particularly through the Model Railway Group at the Gauge Museum.

Most importantly, we were able to establish a proper structure and governance for the Trust to restore its finances and play a role in helping the PLC through difficult financial times. Thanks to the efforts of Steve Williams and Don Fraser, we have been able to benefit from several local and UK Government Grants to help us survive and prepare for reopening.

Whilst the Chairman has to provide leadership and direction, the actual work is done by trustees and volunteers. I pay tribute to the excellent group of trustees with whom I have worked over the last ten years, some, sadly, no longer with us. I would thank in particular the team that supported me last year during the abortive attempt to take over the Trust without whom I could not have survived. I am grateful too to volunteers who have done so much to create and sustain the work of the Trust and who, again were wonderfully supportive when the future of the Trust was threatened. Members too have been very generous and supportive during a difficult period and I am grateful for their help and financial support too. Thanks in particular, to everyone who has stuck with us despite the upheavals and our inability to operate for so much of the year.

Indeed, every aspect of our work was held up for months by Covid 19 and the consequent lockdown. Both last year until the summer, and again during the first part of 2021. Not just disappointing, but hugely frustrating, as the museum was within a few days of opening when the first lockdown came on 23 March 2020, and coach 6705 was completed and awaiting its Fitness to Run exam before entering passenger service.

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And then the threatened takeover of the Trust which was roundly defeated at the AGM last November. This was a hostile attack designed to secure control of the Trust's shareholding in the PLC with rancour and threats that were quite unacceptable. However, two good things came out of this period – a significant increase in membership and a clear mandate for the future activities of the Trust. This has meant that we can now get back to delivering on our commitments to the museums, carriage restoration, the education programme and archiving where there is so much to do without being inhibited by the uncertainty of structural alterations to the Trust which would have prevented us from doing this.

The inflow of items for preservation and of book collections has continued at pace, which will allow us in future years to vary the displays in the museums and to offer a reference library service for serious students of railway history related to the line and to the Great Western Railway.

Whilst I was sad to step down as Chairman last October, I am hugely grateful to Steve Williams who stepped into the breach and continued the work of the Trust seamlessly. I am deeply grateful to him both for his support during the dark days and for taking over so quickly and effectively when required.

Whilst my time as Chairman and as a trustee is done, I am enjoying my continuing role as a volunteer both with the museums and carriage restoration and in a number of other project roles where I can make myself useful. My good wishes to all Trust members for the future go with this report.

I now hand over the report to Steve to complete the year's events.

Chris Austin OBE MA FCILT

From Steve Williams

It was with great reluctance that I stepped into the role of Acting Chairman in October 2020. The loss of Chris Austin and David Baker as Trustees was a sad and unnecessary event stemming from the actions of a small number of misguided individuals whose agenda was roundly and effectively defeated by a clear majority of members at the 2020 AGM last November.

Chris has been chairman of the Trust for around 10 years and has served the WSR in a number of different capacities including that of Chair of the PLC for much longer. His contribution to the Trust has been immeasurable and his value to the whole railway is widely recognised by all those who have the best interests of the WSR truly at heart.

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Although David has had to step down from volunteering on health grounds, we were delighted to retain Chris as an active volunteer and contributor to the Trust and long may that continue!

The other big issue of course was the Covid 19 pandemic which effectively stopped most of the on site activities of the Trust around the railway and has continued to do up until May 2021. Nonetheless, it is extremely pleasing to be able to report what has been achieved in during 2020 and like Chris, I pay tribute to both Trustees and our volunteers for enabling this to happen in very different circumstances to those we anticipated the beginning of the year.

We completed the Gauge Museum Project which has seen £60,000 invested over 2 ½ years in a major reinterpretation of our display, artefacts and materials at Bishops Lydeard. The volunteer work gangs under the leadership of Geoff Evens have also made a wonderful job of improving the internal condition of the Goods Shed and that work has continued into 2021.

Matt Jackson became the Manager of the Model Railway Group who have continued to maintain and restore the layout, add to the rolling stock collection and implemented new arrangements for supervising and supporting operatives of all ages.

Although the Learning and Education Programme was forced to cease visits to the Museum from March 2020, Helen Anson has nonetheless been equally effective in supporting the development of policies and procedures that underpinned the way which we will manage the Gauge Museum in future. This has coincided with the further development of our application for accreditation for the Gauge Museum which Geoff Evens has undertaken sterling work on.

Despite being a Heritage Trust, we are not afraid to use new technology when the opportunity presents and the introduction of the new MODES software for archiving, collections management, research and other uses represents a step change in our ability to codify and update all of our assets starting with the Gauge Museum. We have a small team of volunteers dedicated this work which is being coordinated by Ian Coleby and Geoff Evens.

The Trust finances continue to be in a healthy state and are well managed by Don Fraser who has been instrumental in ensuring that we have taken every sensible advantage of Government grants during restriction periods and lockdown. This coupled with the success of the Heritage Recovery Emergency Fund has allowed the Trust to obtain the necessary preventative and precautionary equipment and materials associated with Covid 19 that will allow us to reopen with confidence from May 2021 onwards. This includes a new one way system around the museum and improved pathway and access road at the rear of the Gauge Museum.

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Notwithstanding the unexpected surge in membership associated with the attempted coup in 2020, the Trust has benefited from a significant increase in the number of Members which can only be a good thing in the longer term both in terms of a potential pool of volunteers and a steady uplift in income. There is no doubt in my mind that the contribution of the Heritage Trust to the sustainability of the railway has brought the work of the Trust to a wider range of WSR supporters and stakeholders.

So, with the railway reopening in May 2021, we both have much to be thankful for and to look forward to. The Trust is in a good position to both resume its own programme of work together with supporting the PLC in ensuring the long-term sustainability of the railway.

Steve Williams

16 August 2021

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The Board of Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Charity Details

The full name of the charity was West Somerset Steam Railway Trust Limited. At the Trust AGM on 14th November 2020, Members voted to change this to West Somerset Railway Heritage Trust. The change of name came into effect from 12th January 2021. The Charity number 265564 and the Company number 1079916 remain the same.

The Trust was incorporated on 2 November 1972 as a company limited by guarantee and as a registered charity. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Revised Articles, reflecting the latest model wording published by the Charities Commission, were approved at the General Meeting held on 25 May 2014. Proposals to further amend the Articles were approved by Members at the Trust AGM on 14 November 2020. The revised Articles will be put to Members to approve at an EGM on Thursday, 22 July 2021.

The registered office is The Railway Station, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset TA4 3BX.

Directors and Trustees

The Trustees at the date of this report were as follows:

SV Williams (Vice-Chairman and Company Secretary) Acting Chairman from 23 October 2020

DH Fraser (Treasurer)

HE Anson

I K Coleby

G W Evens

M Jackson

MH Thompson

A Smithers

Changes during the reporting year were as follows:

AR Meade-resigned 20th May 2020

C A Austin-resigned 23rd October 2020

DE Baker-resigned 23rd October 2020

HE Anson-co-opted 22nd October 2020

M Jackson-co-opted 22nd October 2020

MH Thompson-co-opted 22nd October 2020

The election of Trustees, who are Directors of the Charity, takes place at the Annual General Meeting of the Members held each year to consider the annual report and accounts. The Trustees have the ability to co-opt new Trustees

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between Annual General Meetings. At the AGM on 14th November 2020, HE Anson, M Jackson and MH Thompson were all formally elected as Trustees and Directors.

Objectives and Activities

Up to 14th November 2020, the Trust's Objects were "to promote education by furthering interest in and appreciation of railway lines, equipment, buildings, and construction and steam or other traction engines of historical engineering or scientific importance particularly by preserving and displaying the same."

At the Trust AGM on 14 November 2020, Members gave their approval to a revision of the Trust Objects which are now:

- To conserve, manage, codify and display artefacts relating to the WSR and the railways of the West Country and to interpret them effectively for today's visitors in the Trust's Museums or on WSR stations.
- To restore historic carriages and Great Western Railway and other rolling stock for use on the WSR or for display and interpretation of the rail travel experience over time.
- Using its own resources and those of the railway, to engage with school groups, students and family groups to explore its history and current role, linking it where appropriate to the educational needs of the students.

In addition, Members voted to support further changes to the Articles of Association which were put forward at the 2020 AGM to enable the Trust to apply for formal accreditation of the Gauge Museum from the Arts Council. These changes were a condition of accreditation.

Finally in relation to constitutional changes, as previously indicated, the Board of Trustees recommended the change of name to more appropriately reflect the current focus and work of the Trust on the WSR. This was also linked to a closer association with heritage activities on the railway in response to feedback from the Arts Council on accreditation.

In 2020 therefore, the Trust was intending to focus on four main areas of activity:

- preserving and displaying heritage items relating to railways and the West Somerset Railway (WSR) in particular, and interpreting and curating all the heritage assets owned by the Trust;
- restoring the heritage carriages owned by the Trust for display and operation on the railway;
- managing the museums at Bishops Lydeard and Blue Anchor; and
- Development and application of a learning and education programme related to the heritage and history of the West Somerset Railway.

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Members will recall that the Trust's activities on the WSR are carried out in accordance with an agreement with the West Somerset Railway PLC which came into effect on 1 January 2017. This agreement includes sub-leases on the Blue Anchor museum building and the Goods Shed/Gauge Museum at Bishops Lydeard, and provides assurance about future access by the Trust to the railway both for the restoration of heritage carriages and the operation of restored carriages. The agreement with the West Somerset Railway Association for the use of facilities at Williton was terminated on 20th January 2020 and replaced by a new agreement with the PLC initially on a 12 month rolling basis.

However, the arrangements that Trustees and volunteers had put in place to take forward the 2020 work programme were brought to an abrupt halt by the impact of the Covid 19 and its consequences for the WSR. All Trust workplace activities were temporarily suspended in March 2020 as a result of the imposition of the Government programme of restrictions designed to manage the pandemic and to halt the spread of infection.

Throughout 2020 and as Government instruction and PLC guidance has allowed, Trust volunteers have undertaken a limited number of activities at Bishop Lydeard, Williton and Blue Anchor. However these have been of necessity intermittent and often pursued at short notice in line with changes in Government guidance and PLC instructions for working on the railway.

Nonetheless, despite the major reduction in physical workplace opportunities, the Trust has nevertheless continued to make significant progress in other areas in line with the Business Plan and these are summarised below.

Trust Governance

It is now well known across the WSR and more widely that there was an attempt to mount a takeover of the Trust in autumn 2020 with the aim of securing the Trust shareholding in the PLC as a mechanism for undermining and replacing the latter with a new organisation. This unwanted and totally inappropriate action was successfully repelled by the Board of Trustees with the help and support of Members loyal to the Trust and the Board at the 2020 AGM.

However, the resignations of Chris Austin as Chairman and Trustee and David Baker as a Trustee and lead at Blue Anchor Museum were a major loss to the organisation and both long serving and well-respected individuals will be sorely missed. As a result, Steve Williams stepped up to become Acting Chairman and the Board of Trustees were successful in securing the services of Helen Anson, Matt Jackson and Matt Thompson as new Trustees with the portfolio responsibilities in education and learning, Model Railway Group management and communications respectively.

These events led to a review of Trust Articles and membership arrangements by the Board, proposals which are coming to Members in 2021.

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Gauge Museum Project

Covid 19 has inevitably had a major impact on how the Gauge Museum Project was taken forward during 2020 with a finish date of 28 February 2021. The Project Group was forced to take advantage of the "windows of opportunity" to physically work in the Museum both in terms of working with the external consultant on the reinterpretation programme but also undertaking renewal and restoration work with our volunteers. The Project has been completed and the National Heritage Lottery Fund have made available all the funding agreed in July 2018 as part of the original scheme.

What has been delivered by the Trust as a result is as close to the original objectives as could possibly be achieved in the circumstances. The Trust Board is grateful to the Lottery Fund for acknowledging and accepting that some of the objectives of the project were not possible e.g. public engagement and feedback on reinterpretation. Key achievements include:

- Reinterpretation of the Museum including graphic panels, maps, interactive displays and other materials
- Production of the new Museum brochure
- Introduction of new technology to support archiving, research, collections management and care using the MODES software programme
- Establishment of a formal learning and education programme for primary schools and community groups following the appointment of Helen Anson as Learning Officer.
- Recruitment of at least 12 new volunteers for the Trust
- Review of existing policies and procedures such as to generate:
 - a new collections management policy
 - a new collections care policy
 - a new procedure for managing the museum

Developing the Model Railway Group

Following the retirement of Alan Meade in May 2020, the opportunity was taken to review the management and organisation of the Model Railway Group. Following an internal recruitment process, Matt Jackson was appointed as the new Manager. With the support of his team, he has, in addition to regular working sessions to maintain, restore and improve the model railway, reviewed the way the Group works and identified new ways of rostering volunteers, skills development, communications and rolling stock acquisition. The Team has also been able to install new Main and Shunting Yard control panels together with some undertaking major track replacement work. All this placed the Group in a good position to enjoy operating again from May 2021.

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Fundraising

The Trust has had another good fundraising year in 2020 despite the impact of the pandemic. In addition to the ongoing funding of the Gauge Museum Project, the Trust bid for business continuity funds from the National Heritage Lottery and was fortunate in being awarded just under £29,000 in October 2020 which has enabled Trustees and volunteers to make significant progress in establishing precautions and preventative measures in relation to Covid 19 across its three sites on the railway. Included in the programme was the opportunity to create a one-way system in the Gauge Museum and to make significant improvements to the path and roadway at the south-western exit and rear of the building. Together with government grants for operational resilience during lockdown and reflecting loss of donations, total income from these sources in 2020 was in excess of £37,000.

Individual donations and legacies continued to be received. The Trust also received donations specifically related to the WSR wide Covid 19 Appeal. As a consequence, the Trust was able to provide the PLC with a further £62,500 in 2020 toward heritage infrastructure renewal and restoration. Further details are available in the Trust Annual Accounts. Additional donations continue to be received in 2021 with others expected later in the year and these will be reported in the 2021 Annual Report. Going forward into early 2021, the Trust was also successful in bidding for funds (just over £13,000) from the Cultural Heritage Recovery Fund made available by the Department of Media Culture and Sports. These monies are intended to further support the Trust operational activities in light of the inability to secure income from visitors.

WSR wide Activities

The pandemic had an obvious and wide-ranging impact on the scale of developmental activities across the WSR during 2020. Nonetheless, progress has been made in a number of areas where work could be undertaken using home-based technology and in which the Trust has played a full part. These included:

- Re-establishment of the Williton Strategy Group to further explore opportunities for the creation of Williton as a strategic engineering centre for the WSR and to improve the appeal of Williton station as a Brunel country station with appropriate facilities for visitors.
- Creation of a group to look at future needs for covered accommodation for Heritage and operational rolling stock

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Development of Blue Anchor Museum

In 2020, Trustees undertook a review of the content, focus and role of Blue Anchor Museum with the intention of following a similar path to that of the Gauge Museum in developing a plan which would then be subject to a formal bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Although the review was completed and the conclusions approved by Trustees, Covid 19 has prevented any serious additional work in the latter part of 2020 and into 2021 because of the difficulties in accessing the Museum and the need to complete outstanding infrastructure work on the exterior of the building.

Nonetheless, Trustees concluded that:

- the Museum should focus on the story (socio-economic, historical, heritage, tourism and leisure) of the northern part of the line from Williton to Minehead,
- within the limited space available in the current building, look to offer as wide a range of items of interest that can be accommodated including any interactive opportunities for families and children,
- eventually seek to achieve formal Museum accreditation from the Arts Council
- be operated in tandem with the Gauge Museum as “one Museum onto sites”.

How our activities deliver the public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust’s objectives and activities, and will continue to do so in planning the Trust’s future activities.

Factors which will influence the Trustees’ decisions on priority activities include the heritage value of the carriages under restoration and of artefacts acquired for display in the Museums, and the need to ensure that there are sufficient opportunities for the public to view both the Museums and carriages under restoration.

Financial review

The Trust’s main income source of income is from regular donations by members. Any person donating £12 a year or more is eligible to become a member of the Trust and at the time of this report the Trust had 247 members, compared to 83 at the end of 2019. This large increase was due to the large amount of interest generated by the Bailey Report into the future organisation of the WSR Plc and efforts of a number of individuals who sought to gain control of the WSR PLC Shares owned by the Trust and others who wished the Trust to be unaffected by this. This large increase in membership led to a rise in member donations which unfortunately was used in covering legal expenses and other costs generated by these actions.

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As a result of Trust activities being curtailed due to the Covid pandemic and subsequent regulations imposed the 2 museums, carriage restoration and educational activities ceased. Normal operating expenses had to be met and the Trust took advantage of Grants offered and successfully obtained firstly one to prepare for opening after regulations allowed and to protect our Assets from the National Heritage Lottery Fund (£28,700) and another from Somerset West and Taunton Council (£8,500) to cover our operating costs due to enforced closure. It was pleasing to see that we also continued to receive donations in relation to the support of the WSR Infrastructure Appeal which enabled the Trust to provide £62,500 towards work at Blue Anchor. A further amount of Gift Aid was received on donations totaling £10,655 (2019: £9,763). Work continued on the Gauge Museum Project to which the Trust provided £20,000 towards which was part of the amount approved in the Grant Application.

Overall the Trusts Net Assets increased by £1,276 which is an excellent performance given the circumstances of 2020. The Trust's financial reserves remained untouched. No Grants were made during the year (2019: £0).

The Trustees reviewed the policy on reserves during the year, to ensure that the Trust had sufficient funds to cover major cyclical and unanticipated expenditure. For the reporting year, the minimum level of reserves under this policy remained at £5,000 in the General Fund and £10,000 in the Museums Fund. The Trustees are satisfied that plans for future years will be consistent with maintaining appropriate, but not excessive, reserves.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Company and charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By Order of the Board

SV Williams
Secretary

16 August 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WEST SOMERSET STEAM RAILWAY TRUST LIMITED

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 14 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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

Fiona Westwood FCA DChA
MHA Monahans
Chartered Accountants
Rumwell Hall
Rumwell
Taunton, Somerset TA4 1EL

Signed:

Date: 16 August 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Statement of Financial activities					
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds for the 15 month period 2019
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	20,852	41,844	62,696	51,405
Grants		37,200	0	37,200	16,000
Income tax recoverable on donations		2,611	8,044	10,655	9,763
Investments		190	0	190	208
Other trading activities		1,262		1,262	4,471
Total income		62,115	49,888	112,003	81,847
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	16,466	94,261	110,727	45,525
Total expenditure		16,466	94,261	110,727	45,525
Net movement of funds		45,649	(44,373)	1,276	36,322
Brought forward		231,688	165,151	396,839	360,517
Transfers		(22,088)	22,088	0	0
Carried forward		255,249	142,866	398,115	396,839

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Balance sheet				
	Note		2020	2019
		£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		293,231	289,309
Investments	7		5,500	5,750
Current assets				
Stock	8	1,413		194
Debtors	9	157		358
Cash at bank		107,526		112,442
		<u>109,096</u>		<u>112,994</u>
Creditors				
Amount falling due within one year	10	9,712		11,214
		<u></u>		<u></u>
Net current assets			99,384	101,780
Net assets			<u>398,115</u>	<u>396,839</u>
Represented by:				
Capital and reserves				
Unrestricted Funds			255,249	231,688
Restricted Funds			<u>142,866</u>	<u>165,151</u>
Reserve Fund	12		<u>398,115</u>	<u>396,839</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- a. ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of Companies Act 2006 and
- b. preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirement 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

D H Fraser

TRUSTEES

S Williams

Approved by the Board on 16 August 2021

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information and basis of preparation

West Somerset Steam Railway Trust Limited is private company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office and the nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are given in the Trustees' report on pages 1 to 12 of these financial statements.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

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

(b) Fund accounting

The unrestricted general funds represent the accumulation of the charity's income and expenditure that has not been earmarked for specific projects and is not considered by Trustees to be for restricted purposes. To the extent that the fund is represented by readily realisable assets it provides a means of financing the day-to-day operations.

Restricted funds represent the funds received by the charity for particular purpose as directed by the donors. More detail is provided in note 12.

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(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(d) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of costs.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs and governance costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. The analysis of these costs is included in note 4.

(f) Donated heritage assets

It is the policy of the charity not to capitalise donated heritage assets in the collection. The charity considers that financial valuations of heritage assets would be misleading to the value and significance of the material culture involved. In many cases reliable cost information is not available or there are significant costs involved in obtaining a valuation that would outweigh any benefits. However, it is very important for the charity to account to the public and members for the management and care for the heritage assets entrusted to it. High standards are applied in order to preserve and manage these assets on behalf of, and to make them available to, the public. Full records are kept on the assets, their provenance, and donors. These are made available for all enquiries and requests, subject to appropriate security and

data protection guidelines. Conservation expenditure incurred on heritage assets, has been written off to the Statement of Financial Activities.

(g) Purchased heritage assets

Heritage assets purchased by the charity including costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended are recorded at cost. These assets are not depreciated as they are deemed to have indefinite lives and are reviewed annually for impairment. They are intended to be held as permanent additions to the collections

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(h) Investments

Investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value.

(i) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(j) Cash at bank

Cash at bank comprises instant access bank accounts and short term highly liquid investments with a maturity of 12 months or less from the date of opening the deposit account.

(k) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(l) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(m) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019
	£	£	£	£
Grants	37,200	-	37,200	16,000
Donations	19,852	41,844	61,696	32,593
Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	2,812
Total	58,052	41,844	99,896	51,405

Grants included £28,700 (£16,000) from the Heritage lottery.

During the period to 31st December 2019, donations and legacies received totalling £33,348 were restricted.

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3. TRUSTEES AND OTHER EMPLOYEES

No remuneration or expenses have been paid to or for the Trustees or any persons connected with them in the period ended 31 December 2020 (2019: £Nil). The company has no employees (2019: None).

4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2019 £
Activities undertaken directly:				
HLF project	-	25,472	25,472	23,906
Donation to PLC	-	62,500	62,500	-
Investment Write off	250	-	250	-
Support costs:				
Insurance	596	623	1,219	1,790
Rent	4,543	781	5,324	5,105
Salaries	370	-	370	-
Administration -				
- Independent	654	-	654	585
Examiner's fees				
- Other	3,921	-	3,921	4,552
Other	6,132	4,885	11,017	9,587
Total support costs	16,466	6,289	22,755	21,619
Total	16,466	94,261	110,727	45,525

During the period to 31st December 2019, charitable activities included £30,373 of restricted expenditure.

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REMUNERATION

The independent examiners remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £654 (2019 - £585).

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – PURCHASED HERITAGE ASSETS

Cost	£
As at 31 December 2019	289,309
Additions	
6705	1,096
3639	2,826
As at 31 December 2020	<u>293,231</u>
Depreciation	
As at 31 December 2019	-
Provision	-
As at 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2020	<u>293,231</u>
As at 31 December 2019	<u>289,309</u>

7. INVESTMENTS

Cost	£
As at 31 December 2019	<u>118,250</u>
As at 31 December 2020	<u>118,250</u>
Impairment Provision	
As at 31 December 2019	112,500
Charge for the year	250
As at 31 December 2020	<u>112,750</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2019	<u>5,750</u>
As at 31 December 2020	<u>5,500</u>

The Cost of Investments consists of:

Four One Six O Limited	£5,500 £1 ordinary shares.
West Somerset Railway PLC	2,067,317 (2019 1,999,117) 10p ordinary shares.

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Impairment Provision

The shareholding in West Somerset Railway PLC has been acquired over a number of years and consists both of shares subscribed for and shares acquired by bequest and donation. All shares acquired in the period were through bequests and donations.

The Trustees have re-considered the carrying value of the investment and concluded that the Articles of WSR PLC are such that the investment is of negligible material value and therefore full provision has been made.

Whilst WSR PLC and WSSRT Ltd are separate legal entities and each conducts its own activities, the nature of these activities is such that the two entities maintain co-operation. The Trustees consider that continued investment in WSR PLC is of direct benefit to WSSRT Ltd in pursuing its charitable objectives.

No impairment provision has been made in respect of the holdings in Four One Six O Ltd but the Festiniog Railway Ltd investment (£250) has been written off as the Debenture has expired.

8. STOCK

	2020	2019
Goods for resale	<u>£1,413</u>	<u>£194</u>

9. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
Trade Debtors	£21	£210
Gift Aid income due	<u>£136</u>	<u>£148</u>
	<u>£157</u>	<u>£358</u>

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
Other creditors	<u>£9,712</u>	<u>£11,214</u>

11. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a Share Capital. In the event of the company being wound up, each member, or person who has ceased to be a member within twelve months of winding up, undertakes to contribute the sum of £10 to the winding up, if the company is insolvent.

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12. FUND RECONCILIATION

	Balance at 1.10.2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	28,046	62,115	(10,373)	(28,181)	51,607
Heritage Carriages Project (HCP)	32,329	0	(4,713)	4,713	32,329
6705	171,313	0	(1,380)	1,380	171,313
	<u>231,688</u>	<u>62,115</u>	<u>(16,466)</u>	<u>(22,088)</u>	<u>255,249</u>

	Balance at 1.10.2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31.12.2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
3639	15,578	1001	(2826)	1,824	15,577
9038	78,865	0	(189)	189	78,865
Horse Box	2,861	0	0	0	2,861
Signal Box Heritage	465	188	0	0	653
Museums	21,017	195	(3,274)	0	17,938
HLF	12,094	0	(25,472)	20,075	6,697
WSR Support	34,271	48,504	(62,500)	0	20,275
	<u>165,151</u>	<u>49,888</u>	<u>(94,261)</u>	<u>22,088</u>	<u>142,866</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	208,728	90,003	298,731
Current assets	47,821	61,275	109,096
Current liabilities	(1,300)	(8,412)	(9,712)
	<u>255,249</u>	<u>142,866</u>	<u>398,115</u>

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None in the current or prior period.

15. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds for the 15 month period 2019
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	18,057	33,348	51,405
Grants	0	16,000	16,000
Income tax recoverable on donations	2,896	6,867	9,763
Investments	208	0	208
Other trading activities	0	4,471	4,471
Total income	21,161	60,686	81,847
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	15,152	30,373	45,525
Total expenditure	15,152	30,373	45,525
Net movement of funds	6,009	30,313	36,322
Brought forward	225,679	134,838	360,517
Carried forward	231,688	165,151	396,839

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	GENERAL FUND	HCP	6705	Un - restricted Funds
Income From				
Donations and Legacies	20852			20852
Grants	37200			37200
Income Tax Recoverable on Donations	2611			2611
Investments	190			190
Other Trading Activities	1262			1262
Total Income	62115	0	0	62115
Transfers	-28181	4713	1380	-22088
Expenditure On				
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Investment Write-down	250	0	0	250
Grants	0	0	0	0
Acquisitions	0	0	0	0
Insurance	142	170	284	596
Rent		4543		4543
Salaries	370			370
Consultants				0
Administration				
Independent Examiners Fee	654			654
Other	913			913
Other Support Costs	8294			8294
Total Expenditure	10373	4713	284	15370
Net	51742	-4713	-284	46745
Net after transfers	23561	0	1096	24657
Additions to Fixed Assets			1096	1096
Net including CAPEX	23561	0	0	23561
Balances at 31st December 2020				
Fixed Assets	5660	30658	172410	208728
Current Assets	47123	1714	-1016	47821
Current Liabilities	1176	43	81	1300
Total	51607	32329	171313	255249

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ANALYSIS OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (contd)

	3639	9038	Horse Box	SBHF
Income From				
Donations and Legacies	870			150
Grants				
Income Tax Recoverable on Donations	131			38
Investments				
Other Trading Activities				
Total Income	1001	0	0	188
Transfers	1824	189		
Expenditure On				
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Raising Funds				
Grants				
Acquisitions				
Insurance	0	189		
Rent				
Salaries				
Consultants				
Administration				
Independent Examiners Fee				
Other				
Other Support Costs				
Total Expenditure	0	189	0	0
Net	1001	-189	0	188
Net after transfers	0	0	0	0
Additions to Fixed Assets	2826			
Net including CAPEX	0	0	0	188
Balances at 31st December 2020				
Fixed Assets	11567	76843	1593	0
Current Assets	4016	2076	1268	653
Current Liabilities	5	54	0	0
Total	15578	78865	2861	653

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	Museums	----- BA	Comprising BL	----- Mod.Rwy
Income From				
Donations and Legacies	172	0	172	0
Grants				
Income Tax Recoverable on Donations	23	0	23	0
Investments				
Other Trading Activities	0	0	0	
Total Income	195	0	195	0
Transfers				
Expenditure On				
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Raising Funds				
Grants				
Acquisitions				
Insurance	434	154	280	
Rent	781	0	781	
Salaries	0			
Consultants	0			
Administration				
Independent Examiners Fee	0			
Other	0	0	0	
Other Support Costs	2060	1307	174	578
	3274	1461	1235	578
Net	-3079	-1461	-1040	-578
Net after transfers	-3079	-1461	-1040	-578
Additions to Fixed Assets				
Net including CAPEX	-3079	-1461	-1040	-578
Balances at 31st December 2049				
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Current Assets	18615	14517	2158	1940
Current Liabilities	678	602	76	0
Total	17937	13915	2082	1940

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	HLF	WSR	Total Restricted	TOTAL
Income From				
Donations and Legacies		40652	41844	62696
Grants	0		0	37200
Income Tax Recoverable on Donations		7852	8044	10655
Investments			0	190
Other Trading Activities			0	1262
Total Income	0	48504	49888	112003
Transfers	20075		22088	0
Expenditure On				
EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
Investment Write-down			0	250
Grants				
Acquisitions				
Insurance			623	1219
Rent			781	5324
Salaries	6720		6720	7090
Consultants	15000		15000	15000
Administration				
Independent Examiners Fee			0	654
Other			0	4592
Other Support Costs	3752	62500	63278	76598
Total Expenditure	25472	62500	91435	106805
Net	-25472	-13994	-41547	5198
Net after transfers	-5397	0	-19459	5198
Additions to Fixed Assets			2826	3922
Net including CAPEX	-5472	-13996	-22285	1276
Balances at 31st December 2020				
Fixed Assets	0	0	90003	298731
Current Assets	14372	20275	61275	109096
Current Liabilities	7675	0	8412	9712
Total	6697	20275	142866	398115