THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 298142

Details

Other names	D&EPG;
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	02193894
Registered	1987-12-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Old Goods Shed Williton Station Williton Somerset TA4 4RQ
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY AND LOCOMOTION BY THE PRESERVATION OF LOCOMOTIVES ROLLING STOCK OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS.

Activities: The principal activity of the company is to advance the education of the public in the history and development of diesel traction on the railways of the West of England by the preservation and operation of diesel locomotives and associated equipment on the West Somerset railway.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£82,237	£70,251	-	-
2023-12-31	£93,737	£75,394	-	-
2022-12-31	£118,029	£320,696	-	-
2021-12-31	£59,542	£44,695	-	-
2020-12-31	£35,000	£39,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Martin Neil Howard	Chair	2018-07-21
Andrew William Royal		2018-07-21
Ian William Robins		2018-07-21
Linda Elisabeth Trott		2025-09-13
Neil McCannon		2020-09-19
PAUL JOHN TUCKER		2019-01-05
Thomas Douglas Courtney-Clark		2022-07-22

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England & Wales - Charity number 298142

Accounts

Charity registration number 298142

Company registration number 02193894 (England and Wales)

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	T D Courtney-Clark M N Howard N McCannon I W Robins A W Royal P J Tucker
Secretary	I W Robins
Charity number	298142
Company number	02193894
Registered office and operational address	The Old Goods Shed Wiiliton Station Williton Somerset United Kingdom TA4 4RQ
Independent examiner	Matthew Webb FCA Azets Audit Services Woodlands Court Truro Business Park Threemilestone Truro United Kingdom TR4 9NH
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THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

The Diesel & Electric Preservation Group Limited ("the Company or Charity"), also known as the D&EPG, is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England & Wales at Companies House (registration number 02193894) and incorporated on 16th November 1987. The Company is also a registered charity (registered with The Charity Commission for England & Wales, registration number 298142), whose principal activity is to advance the education of the public in the history and development of diesel traction on the railways of the West of England by the preservation and operation of diesel traction, particularly as it relates to the West of England.

The Charity's principal office and registered address is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

Objectives and activities

The Company and Charity meets its principal activity by maintaining and operating a Diesel Traction Depot at Williton on the West Somerset Railway, which is home to the Charity's own fleet of seven former British Rail (BR) mainline diesel locomotives dating from the early 1960s. The D&EPG also manages under contract an additional two ex-BR locomotives based at Williton that are in the private ownership of a group member and one former industrial shunting locomotive that is owned by the West Somerset Railway (WSR). The fleet regularly operates both public service and infrastructure trains on The WSR.

The late 1950s / early 1960s represent a very distinct and important period of change on Britain's railways as a result of the post-war Modernisation Plan and the wholesale replacement of steam traction with early diesel locomotives, especially on the former British Railways Western Region where a unique approach was adopted. The D&EPG believes that it is both educationally and historically important that our locomotives from this period are able to be demonstrated to the public in a living, working heritage setting.

The D&EPG fulfils a crucial supporting role to the WSR plc, making locomotives available to them on an as required basis and in support of their operations 365 days a year. Operating our depot and locomotives also enables both current and former railway staff to retain, develop and share their skills with colleagues and the general public and provides an exceptional environment of camaraderie including occasional social events and networking with other heritage railways and operating groups.

The diesel depot is staffed on Tuesdays, Saturdays and occasional other days by a core of some 20 active volunteers, several of whom are currently professional or former professional railway staff and who are drawn from a nationwide membership of over 300 supporting members. The charity's depot is frequently open to the public for viewing as operational considerations and safety permit.

The Charity's income has traditionally been derived primarily from mileage payments for locomotives miles operated (£41,575 during 2024, 2023: £34,480) and from membership dues and donations received including gift aid (£89,871 in 2024, 2023: £70,640).

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

The year in review saw the DEPG taking a step forward with the acquisition of the Class 09 Shunter D4107 (09019) and the establishment of a hire agreement with the West Somerset Railway (WSR) to secure it as the Bishops Lydeard pilot loco. There was good progress with other members of the DEPG fleet with D1661 returning to traffic, although further issues affected her, and D7017 returning to traffic, along with D9526, although D7018 remained out of action. Diesel locomotives running on the WSR continued to see a summer diesel gala and the regular weekend diesel-hauled services, resulting in mileage receipts of £35,555 (2023: £30,700). Our Class 47 D1661 47077 'NORTH STAR' whilst continuing to run on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR), had further issues which the charity had to pay contractors to resolve, and we are grateful to the NYMR for their assistance with the work undertaken. This gave a total locomotive running income of £41,575 (2023: £34,480).

Donations climbed significantly to £81,832 (2023: £65,054) including contributions totalling £55,592 (2023: £25,136) to two targeted fund-raising campaigns that were continued from the previous three years, one for the restoration of Class 14 'Teddy Bear' D9518 (£13,232) and the other for the restoration of Class 52 'WESTERN CAMPAIGNER' D1010 (£42,359). A third restricted fund was created to cover the costs of Class 35 'Hymek' D7017's bodywork repairs and repaint (£7,173). Donations to these three funds are classified as Restricted Funds and can only be applied to the project for which they were donated. After deducting expenditure on parts and materials for each project (D9518: £4,020: D1010: £12,747: D7017: £645), the surplus of £45,352 has been added to the funds carried forward from 2023, resulting in three separately identifiable restricted funds (D9518: £8,445; D1010: £47,470; D7017: £6,528).

The net income from sales of books, DEPG-branded clothing and collectible items via the DEPG online store and through direct sales at events rose to £8,574 (2023: £6,399).

The number of members increased during the year, from 317 in January 2024 to 372 by the end of the year, and this continuing trend is attributed to the raised profile of the charity resulting from regular e-mailings and website updates combined with improved social media coverage. The membership revenue increased to £8,039 (2023: £5,586).

With the continuing improvement in earning potential of the charity, the level of investment in infrastructure at Williton continues to increase, with four new 20-ft shipping containers replacing two life-expired units at Williton and providing additional dry and secure storage space.

Our locomotive fleet dates back to the early 1960s and spare parts are becoming more difficult to obtain as each year passes. The charity is actively seeking to acquire spare parts from other heritage railway groups and from sources abroad, however these opportunities are proving difficult to finalise so costs will be deferred until 2025 or 2026. The charity intends to continue to commit funds to the expansion of the spare parts stock and associated storage facilities - but on an opportunistic basis.

The Old Goods Shed at Williton remains out of use due to deterioration of the roof structure, repairs of which are likely to cost in excess of £150,000. Plans for the restoration and change of use of this 1862 Grade II listed structure are in progress with the aim of attracting support from other organisations, but the future plans and costs have not yet been established so this liability remains contingent. A liability reserve of £250,000 has been allocated to this project to cover the rising costs associated with the work required.

Considering all sources of income and after deducting expenditure, the result was a healthy operating surplus of £57,338 (2023: £16,045) during a year of heavy expenditure. This includes an increase in restricted funds of £45,352 (2023: reduction of £2,298) which was offset against the appropriate reserves for planned projects and major locomotive overhauls.

It is the policy of the D&EPG that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six months of expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant and unexpected drop in income, they will be able to continue the D&EPG's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or expenditure reduced. The recognition of a provision in 2022 for the repair of the Old Goods Shed has resulted in a deficiency of free reserves of £168,256 (2023: £118,668). The trustees continue to explore all possible avenues to fund the repair and reduce this shortfall.

The Trustees have re-assessed the major risks to which the Group is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

At the end of 2024 the Trustees and Officers of the D&EPG identified no doubts that the Group would be able to continue as a viable business. The diversification of income sources, the targeted fund-raising campaigns and the expanding membership have ensured that the D&EPG remains an ongoing concern, with substantial assets and minimal liabilities.

The D&EPG has no subsidiary companies or charities, nor does it hold funds on behalf of any such separate organisation.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a full Memorandum & Articles of Association and as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital, it has no shareholders or persons with significant control.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T D Courtney-Clark
M N Howard
N McCannon
I W Robins
A W Royal
P J Tucker
J D Oswald (Appointed 19 October 2024 and resigned 25 May 2025)

The D&EPG is managed on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the Company's Memorandum & Articles of Association, by a Board of Directors comprising the Company's officers and trustees and other members drawn from the active volunteer membership. The Board, which holds regular minuted meetings, is acutely aware of the nature of the D&EPG's Charitable Purposes to not only maintain our heritage assets in a safe and operational condition (including the undertaking of minor and major overhauls as required); and to operate our depot in a safe, inclusive, welcoming and educational manner regardless or the race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation or disability of the visitor / member. D&EPG actively encourages the recruitment and training of younger people wherever practical and appropriate to do so.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £5 in the event of a winding up.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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;

- make judgements 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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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M N Howard

Dated: 16/09/2025

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (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 Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Matthew Webb

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Dated: 16/09/2025

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	27,107	62,764	89,871	45,504	25,136	70,640
Charitable activities	**4**	41,575	-	41,575	34,480	-	34,480
Other trading activities		11,651	-	11,651	11,360	-	11,360
Investments		1,904	-	1,904	2,393	-	2,393
Total income		82,237	62,764	145,001	93,737	25,136	118,873
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	**5**	70,251	17,412	87,663	75,394	27,434	102,828
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		11,986	45,352	57,338	18,343	(2,298)	16,045
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		123,732	17,091	140,823	105,389	19,389	124,778
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		135,718	62,443	198,161	123,732	17,091	140,823

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		26,073		9,499
Heritage assets	**12**		277,900		232,900
Investments	**13**		1		1
			303,974		242,400
Current assets					
Stocks	**14**	16,899		14,672	
Debtors	**15**	41,239		41,832	
Cash at bank and in hand		94,363		103,798	
		152,501		160,302	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(8,314)		(11,879)	
Net current assets			144,187		148,423
Total assets less current liabilities			448,161		390,823
Provisions for liabilities	**17**		(250,000)		(250,000)
Net assets			198,161		140,823
Income funds					
Restricted funds			62,443		17,091
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		(51,711)		(63,697)	
Revaluation reserve		187,429		187,429	
			135,718		123,732
			198,161		140,823

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 December 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on 16/09/2025

Martin Neil Howa (Sep 16, 2025 15:29:15 GMT+1)

M N Howard
Trustee

Company registration number 02193894

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. 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 heritage assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. There are no material uncertainties which may create significant doubt over the chairty's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

The revaluation reserve represents the net (unrealised) gain arising on the revaluation of the heritage assets.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate. Life membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activites in the year they are received, as no refunds are given for unused portions of membership.

Income received in advance of provision of a sevice is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with he Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged at cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	10 years (straight line)
Oil Store and ISO containers	10 years (straight line)

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 the statement of financial activities.

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000.

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity owns various locomotives and freight vehicles which are held and maintained for their historical and cultural value. Such assets are classified as heritage assets within the financial statements. A full description of the heritage assets is set out in Note 12.

Heritage assets are valued at their most recent valuation, which is currently 2020. Additions between valuations are stated at cost. Heritage assets are not depreciated as the trustees consider that they are artefacts of intrinsic value. Heritage assets are periodically reviewed for impairment, with any necessary impairment losses being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Fixed asset investments

The charitable company holds shares in an unquoted company, West Somerset Railway plc. The shares confer voting rights only and are held primarily to further the Charity's charitable objectives, rather than for financial return. As such, they are classified as programme-related investments on the balance sheet and measured at cost less impairment.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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 extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Stocks

Stock includes spare parts and scrap which have been donated to the charity or acquired over a number of years to provide spare parts for the charity's locomotives and restoration work. Much of the stock is unique and as such there is no readily available market value. Donated stock is valued at an estimate of its fair value.

Stocks purchased by the Charity are measured 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.

1.11 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.

1.12 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts 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 creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.13 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Charity has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Charity will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the members 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. The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities include the inputs and estimates used in determining the valuation of heritage assets and the estimates used in determining the repair provision for the Old Goods Shed.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	**2024**	**2024**	2023	2023	2023
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	19,068	62,764	81,832	39,918	25,136	65,054
Membership fees	8,039	-	8,039	5,586	-	5,586
	27,107	62,764	89,871	45,504	25,136	70,640

4 Charitable activities

	2024	**2023**
	£	**£**
Locomotive hire	41,575	34,480

5 Charitable activities

	Direct costs 2024	Support costs 2024	Governance costs 2024	Total 2024	Direct costs 2023	Support costs 2023	Governance costs 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	-	2,306	-	2,306	-	328	-	328
Maintenance and restoration costs	38,277	-	-	38,277	56,295	-	-	56,295
Rent	9,409	-	-	9,409	8,510	-	-	8,510
Utilities	4,988	-	-	4,988	3,787	-	-	3,787
Property and site maintenance	8,305	-	-	8,305	13,974	-	-	13,974
Purchases	8,455	-	-	8,455	5,343	-	-	5,343
Postage and stationery	-	581	-	581	-	937	-	937
Newsletter and publicity	-	1,052	-	1,052	-	1,149	-	1,149
Telephone	-	552	-	552	-	572	-	572
Insurance	-	6,875	-	6,875	-	5,943	-	5,943
Miscellaneous costs	102	2,502	-	2,604	-	2,185	-	2,185
Legal and professional	-	-	4,259	4,259	-	-	3,805	3,805
	69,536	13,868	4,259	87,663	87,909	11,114	3,805	102,828
	69,536	13,868	4,259	87,663	87,909	11,114	3,805	102,828
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	52,124	13,868	4,259	70,251	60,475	11,114	3,805	75,394
Restricted funds	17,412	-	-	17,412	27,434	-	-	27,434
	69,536	13,868	4,259	87,663	87,909	11,114	3,805	102,828

6 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Accounts preparation fees (Azets)	1,890	1,815
Independent examination fees (Azets)	1,890	1,815
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,306	328

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. A trustee was reimbursed expenses of £233 for vehicle hire (2023- two trustees were reimbursed travel expenses of £1,255).

There were no other trustee expenses incurred in the fulfilling of their duties as trustees (2023: £nil).

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Total	-	-

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

9 Staff and key management personnel

The charitable company does not have any employees (2023: none). Trustees do not receive any remuneration as a result of their office. Total benefits paid to key management personnel were £nil (2023 - £nil).

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Oil Store and ISO containers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	26,309	7,582	33,891
Additions	18,879	-	18,879
At 31 December 2024	45,188	7,582	52,770
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2024	24,138	253	24,391
Depreciation charged in the year	1,548	758	2,306
At 31 December 2024	25,686	1,011	26,697
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	19,502	6,571	26,073
At 31 December 2023	2,170	7,329	9,499

Tangible fixed assets consist of ISO containers used for spare parts, other fixed storage facilities (oil store), maintenance access staging and equipment used in the overhaul and restoration of railway vehicles.

12 Heritage assets

	£
At 1 January 2024	232,900
Additions	45,000
At 31 December 2024	277,900

The valuation of the locomotives was reassessed by the trustees as at 31 December 2024 with regard to recent market sales of similar locomotives and their current condition and are satisfied there is no material change from the prior year.

The historical cost of the heritage assets is £90,471 (2023: £45,471). Heritage assets are not depreciated.

Heritage assets owned by the Charity comprise the following:

Locomotives:
Class 14 0-6-0 D.H. Nos. D9518 & D9526
Class 35 "Hymek" D.H. Nos. D7017 & D7018
Class 47/8 "Brush" D.E. No. D1661 "North Star"
Class 52 "Western" D.H. No. D1010 "Western Campaigner"
Class 09 Shunter D4107 (09019)

Freight vehicles:
Brake van No. B952527
Ferry van No. B787158
Lowmac No. B904146
Open wagon No. GW118904
Vanwide No. B784676

The charitable company also enters into agreements with the owners of diesel locomotives wherein the charitable company becomes the custodian of those locomotives for a specified period. Under the agreements the charitable company is responsible for the administration of the locomotives, their maintenance and operation whilst on West Somerset Railway. The charitable company does not recognise these locomotives as assets on its balance sheet. The agreements in force at 31 December 2024 were:

Clive Burrows: Class 33 x 2 Nos. D6566 & D6575 both for the fifteen years expiring 29th August 2029.
West Somerset Railway: Andrew Barclay 0-4-0DH 578 for ten years expiring on 01st May 2031.

13 Investments

184,000 ordinary shares in West Somerset Railway plc:

	£
Historic costs	14,400
Less: impairment	(14,399)
At 1 January 2024 and at 31 December 2024	1

The shares were purchased in 1995. Since 2002, West Somerset Railway plc has had a nil dividend policy, which has meant that the shares have no readily ascertainable market value. Accordingly the trustees have written the value of the shares down to £1.

14 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Components	1,009	1,009
Spare parts	10,289	6,000
Finished goods and goods for resale	4,690	3,374
	16,899	14,672

15 Debtors

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	1,867	4,506
Other debtors	4,852	4,248
Prepayments and accrued income	34,520	33,078
	41,239	41,832

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,780	7,806
Accruals and deferred income	4,534	4,073
	8,314	11,879

17 Provisions for liabilities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Old Goods Shed repairs	250,000	250,000

The Old Goods Shed at Williton Station was built in 1862 to a Brunel broad gauge design by the Bristol & Exeter Railway. The stone-built slate-roofed building has been the home of the DEPG since 1980 and became a Grade II listed building in 1984 (listing number 1345661). The DEPG entered into a 35-year lease agreement with the West Somerset Railway for the Williton Goods Yard site in 1994 and the Old Goods Shed is included within the boundary of the Goods Yard. The building has since fallen into disrepair but the lease includes obligations for the DEPG to maintain the building, so remedial work will need to take place before the end of the lease term (29th August 2029).

The building was vacated at the end of 2020 due to concerns about the structural safety. The estimated cost of the remedial work depends on the planned future use of the building. The previous use of the building as a locomotive repair bay cannot justify the repair cost, so work is taking place to establish a plan for a community use facility that would be funded by multiple parties. The repair cost for the roof structure is estimated at approximately £150,000 with a further £100,000 needed for additional woodwork.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted general funds 2024 £	**Revaluation reserve 2024 £**	**Restricted funds 2024 £**	**Total 2024 £**	Unrestricted general funds 2023 £	Revaluation reserve 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	26,073	-	-	26,073	9,499	-	-	9,499
Heritage assets	90,471	187,429	-	277,900	45,471	187,429	-	232,900
Investments	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Current assets/(liabilities)	81,744	-	62,443	144,187	131,332	-	17,091	148,423
Provisions	(250,000)	-	-	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-	(250,000)
	(51,711)	187,429	62,443	198,161	(63,697)	187,429	17,091	140,823

Restricted funds relate to funds raised specifically for the restoration of the D1010, D9518 and D7017 locomotives.

19 Operating lease commitments

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	3,356	8,502
Between two and five years	8	2,258
In over five years	-	1
	3,364	10,761

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during either the current or the prior year.

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Dear Sirs

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GENERAL

1. We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
2. We confirm that the charitable company qualifies as small in accordance with the conditions set out in chapter 1 of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.
3. We confirm that the charitable company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 audited. We also confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
4. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as directors / trustees, as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 23 July 2025 under the Companies Act 2006, for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.

5. All the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
6. All the accounting records and related financial information, including minutes of all management and trustees' meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission, have been made available to you for the purpose of your work.
7. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

8. The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable company's assets, except for those that are disclosed as applicable in the notes to the financial statements.
9. All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as applicable.
10. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

11. The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.
12. We have considered the valuations of the heritage assets and confirm that the amounts recorded in the financial statements reflect our best estimate of the valuations as at 31 December 2024.
13. Our current best estimate of the cost to repair the Old Goods Shed is £250,000. We are developing our plans to raise sufficient funding for this work.

LOANS AND ARRANGEMENTS

14. The charitable company has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

LEGAL CLAIMS

15. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for and disclosed as applicable in the financial statements.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

16. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

RELATED PARTIES

17. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed as applicable in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with the requirements of company law or accounting standards.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

18. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed as applicable.

GOING CONCERN

19. We believe that the charitable company's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charitable company's needs. The repairs to the Old Goods Shed do not have to be completed until expiry of the current lease in 2029 and we are in active discussions with the landlord to extend the lease term. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern need to me made in the financial statements.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

20. All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Neil Howa (Sep 16, 2025 15:29:15 GMT+1)

16/09/2025

On behalf of the Board of Trustees
The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Limited

Date

Martin Neil Howa

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THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	T D Courtney-Clark M N Howard N McCannon I W Robins A W Royal P J Tucker
Secretary	I W Robins
Charity number	298142
Company number	02193894
Registered office and operational address	The Old Goods Shed Wiiliton Station Williton Somerset United Kingdom TA4 4RQ
Independent examiner	Matthew Webb FCA Azets Audit Services Woodlands Court Truro Business Park Threemilestone Truro United Kingdom TR4 9NH
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THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

The Diesel & Electric Preservation Group Limited ("the Company or Charity"), also known as the D&EPG, is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England & Wales at Companies House (registration number 02193894) and incorporated on 16th November 1987. The Company is also a registered charity (registered with The Charity Commission for England & Wales, registration number 298142), whose principal activity is to advance the education of the public in the history and development of diesel traction on the railways of the West of England by the preservation and operation of diesel traction, particularly as it relates to the West of England.

The Charity's principal office and registered address is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

Objectives and activities

The Company and Charity meets its principal activity by maintaining and operating a Diesel Traction Depot at Williton on the West Somerset Railway, which is home to the Charity's own fleet of six former British Rail (BR) mainline diesel locomotives dating from the early 1960s. The D&EPG also manages under contract an additional two ex-BR locomotives based at Williton that are in the private ownership of a group member and one former industrial shunting locomotive that is owned by the West Somerset Railway (WSR). The fleet regularly operates both public service and infrastructure trains on The WSR.

The late 1950s / early 1960s represent a very distinct and important period of change on Britain's railways as a result of the post-war Modernisation Plan and the wholesale replacement of steam traction with early diesel locomotives, especially on the former British Railways Western Region where a unique approach was adopted. The D&EPG believes that it is both educationally and historically important that our locomotives from this period are able to be demonstrated to the public in a living, working heritage setting.

The D&EPG fulfils a crucial supporting role to the WSR plc, making locomotives available to them on an as required basis and in support of their operations 365 days a year. Operating our depot and locomotives also enables both current and former railway staff to retain, develop and share their skills with colleagues and the general public and provides an exceptional environment of camaraderie including occasional social events and networking with other heritage railways and operating groups.

The diesel depot is staffed on Tuesdays, Saturdays and occasional other days by a core of some 20 active volunteers, several of whom are currently professional or former professional railway staff and who are drawn from a nationwide membership of over 300 supporting members. The charity's depot is frequently open to the public for viewing as operational considerations and safety permit.

The Charity's income has traditionally been derived primarily from mileage payments for locomotives miles operated (£34,480 during 2023, 2022: £67,337) and from membership dues and donations received (£70,640 including gift aid during 2023, 2022: £41,263).

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

The year in review represented a consolidation with D1661 and both Hymeks out of traffic for the majority of the year, and the return of D9526 back from the hire at the Kent & East Sussex Railway (K&ESR). Diesel locomotive running on the West Somerset Railway (WSR) continued to see a summer diesel gala and the regular weekend diesel-hauled services, resulting in mileage receipts of £30,700 (2022: £30,150). Our Class 14 'Teddy Bear' D9526 completed a long term hire on the K&ESR and our Class 47 D1661 47077 'NORTH STAR' whilst continuing to run on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR), had a lengthy overhaul so was not out earning as much as the previous year, however the overhaul was at minimal cost to the group and we are very grateful to the NYMR for their assistance with the work undertaken. This gave a reduced total locomotive running income of £34,480 (2022: £67,337).

Donations climbed significantly to £65,054 (2022: £33,960) including contributions totalling £25,136 (2022: £22,618) to two targeted fund-raising campaigns that were continued from the previous two years, one for the restoration of Class 14 'Teddy Bear' D9518 (£5,939) and the other for the restoration of D1010 'WESTERN CAMPAIGNER' (£19,197). Donations to these two funds are classified as Restricted Funds and can only be applied to the project for which they were donated. After deducting expenditure on parts and materials for each project (D9518: £7,481: D1010: £19,953), the shortfall of £2,298 has been offset against the funds carried forward from 2022, resulting in two separately identifiable restricted funds (D9518: -£768 : D1010: £17,859).

The net income from sales of books, DEPG-branded clothing and collectible items via the DEPG online store and through direct sales at events declined slightly to £6,399 (2022: £6,833), reflecting the continuing pressure on discretionary purchases.

The number of members increased during the year, from 296 in January 2023 to 317 by the end of the year, and this continuing trend is attributed to the raised profile of the group resulting from regular e-mailings and website updates combined with improved social media coverage. However, membership revenue reduced to £5,586 (2022: £7,303) due to the absence of the 'catch up' effect that had boosted membership income in 2022.

With the improved earning potential of the Group, the level of investment in infrastructure at Williton has increased significantly, with a new Oil Store being constructed, complete with spillage protection, for a total capital cost of £7,582 (£1,466 of which was capitalised in 2022). An opportunity was taken to acquire five 40-ft shipping containers for future use as storage facilities. The cost of moving these containers resulted in an expense of £7,700 which represents good value for the items acquired. Plans to acquire new 20-ft shipping containers to replace life-expired units at Williton were deferred to 2024.

Our locomotive fleet dates back to the early 1960s and spare parts are becoming more difficult to obtain as each year passes. The Group became aware of opportunities to acquire spare parts from other heritage railway groups that were scaling down, the result being that spare parts to the value of £4,289 (2022: NIL) were acquired and added to stock. The Group intends to continue to commit funds to the expansion of the spare parts stock - but on an opportunistic basis.

The Old Goods Shed at Williton remains out of use due to further deterioration of the roof structure, repairs of which are likely to cost in excess of £150,000. Plans for the restoration and change of use of this 1862 Grade II listed structure are in progress with the aim of attracting support from other organisations, but the future plans and costs have not yet been established so this liability remains our best estimate. A provision of £250,000 has been allocated to this project to cover the rising costs associated with the work required.

Considering all sources of income and after deducting expenditure, the result was a healthy operating surplus of £16,045 (2022: £47,333 excluding the £250,000 provision) during a year of heavy expenditure. This includes a reduction in restricted funds of £2,298 (2022: increase of £10,736) which was offset against the appropriate reserves for planned projects and major locomotive overhauls.

It is the policy of the D&EPG that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six months of expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant and unexpected drop in income, they will be able to continue the D&EPG's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or expenditure reduced. The recognition of a provision in 2022 for the repair of the Old Goods Shed has resulted in a deficiency of free reserves of £118,668. The trustees continue to explore all possible avenues to fund the repair and reduce this shortfall.

The Trustees have re-assessed the major risks to which the Group is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

At the end of 2023 the Trustees and Officers of the D&EPG identified no doubts that the Group would be able to continue as a viable business. The diversification of income sources, the targeted fund-raising campaigns and the expanding membership have ensured that the D&EPG remains an ongoing concern.

The D&EPG has no subsidiary companies or charities nor does it hold funds on behalf of any such separate organisation.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a full Memorandum & Articles of Association and as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital, it has no shareholders or persons with significant control.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T D Courtney-Clark
M N Howard
N McCannon
I W Robins
A W Royal
P J Tucker

The D&EPG is managed on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the Company's Memorandum & Articles of Association, by a Board of Directors comprising the Company's officers and trustees and other members drawn from the active volunteer membership. The Board, which holds regular minuted meetings, is acutely aware of the nature of the D&EPG's Charitable Purposes to not only maintain our heritage assets in a safe and operational condition (including the undertaking of minor and major overhauls as required); and to operate our depot in a safe, inclusive, welcoming and educational manner regardless or the race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation or disability of the visitor / member. D&EPG actively encourages the recruitment and training of younger people wherever practical and appropriate to do so.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £5 in the event of a winding up.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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;

- 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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Martin Howard (Sep 16, 2024 18:48 GMT+1)

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M N Howard

Dated: Sep 16, 2024 .....

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (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 Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Matthew Webb

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Dated: Sep 17, 2024

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	45,504	25,136	70,640	18,645	22,618	41,263
Charitable activities	**4**	34,480	-	34,480	67,337	-	67,337
Other trading activities		11,360	-	11,360	9,248	-	9,248
Investments		2,393	-	2,393	181	-	181
Total income		93,737	25,136	118,873	95,411	22,618	118,029
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	**5**	75,394	27,434	102,828	308,814	11,882	320,696
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		18,343	(2,298)	16,045	(213,403)	10,736	(202,667)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		105,389	19,389	124,778	318,792	8,653	327,445
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		123,732	17,091	140,823	105,389	19,389	124,778

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**11**		9,499		1,466
Heritage assets	**12**		232,900		232,900
Investments	**13**		1		1
			242,400		234,367
Current assets					
Stocks	**14**	14,672		10,084	
Debtors	**15**	41,832		40,664	
Cash at bank and in hand		103,798		99,634	
		160,302		150,382	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	(11,879)		(9,971)	
Net current assets			148,423		140,411
Total assets less current liabilities			390,823		374,778
Provisions for liabilities			(250,000)		(250,000)
Net assets			140,823		124,778
Income funds					
Restricted funds			17,091		19,389
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		(63,697)		(82,040)	
Revaluation reserve		187,429		187,429	
			123,732		105,389
			140,823		124,778

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 December 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on Sep 16, 2024

Martin Howard (Sep 16, 2024 18:48 GMT+1)

M N Howard
Trustee

Company registration number 02193894

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. 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 heritage assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. There are no material uncertainties which may create significant doubt over the chairty's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

The revaluation reserve represents the net (unrealised) gain arising on the revaluation of the heritage assets.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate. Life membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activites in the year they are received, as no refunds are given for unused portions of membership.

Income received in advance of provision of a sevice is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with he Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged at cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	10 years (straight line)
Oil Store	10 years (straight line)

Assets under construction are not depreciated.

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 the statement of financial activities.

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000.

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity owns various locomotives and freight vehicles which are held and maintained for their historical and cultural value. Such assets are classified as heritage assets within the financial statements. A full description of the heritage assets is set out in Note 12.

Heritage assets are valued at their most recent valuation, which is currently 2020. Additions between valuations are stated at cost. Heritage assets are not depreciated as the trustees consider that they are artefacts of intrinsic value. Heritage assets are periodically reviewed for impairment, with any necessary impairment losses being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Fixed asset investments

The charitable company holds shares in an unquoted company, West Somerset Railway plc. The shares confer voting rights only and are held primarily to further the Charity's charitable objectives, rather than for financial return. As such, they are classified as programme-related investments on the balance sheet and measured at cost less impairment.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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 extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Stocks

Stock includes spare parts and scrap which have been donated to the charity or acquired over a number of years to provide spare parts for the charity's locomotives and restoration work. Much of the stock is unique and as such there is no readily available market value. Donated stock is valued at an estimate of its fair value.

Stocks purchased by the Charity are measured 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.

1.11 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.

1.12 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts 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 creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.13 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Charity has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Charity will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the members 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. The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities include the inputs and estimates used in determining the valuation of heritage assets and the estimates used in determining the repair provision for the Old Goods Shed.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022	2022	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	39,918	25,136	65,054	11,342	22,618	33,960
Membership fees	5,586	-	5,586	7,303	-	7,303
	45,504	25,136	70,640	18,645	22,618	41,263

4 Charitable activities

	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Locomotive hire	34,480	67,337

5 Charitable activities

	Direct costs 2023	Support costs 2023	Governance costs 2023	Total 2023	Direct costs 2022	Support costs 2022	Governance costs 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	-	328	-	328	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and restoration costs	56,295	-	-	56,295	29,672	-	-	29,672
Rent	8,510	-	-	8,510	6,873	-	-	6,873
Utilities	3,787	-	-	3,787	2,601	-	-	2,601
Property and site maintenance	13,974	-	-	13,974	261,988	-	-	261,988
Purchases	5,343	-	-	5,343	4,297	-	-	4,297
Postage and stationery	-	937	-	937	-	535	-	535
Newsletter and publicity	-	1,149	-	1,149	-	2,596	-	2,596
Telephone	-	572	-	572	-	616	-	616
Insurance	-	5,943	-	5,943	-	5,039	-	5,039
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	260	-	260
Miscellaneous costs	-	2,185	-	2,185	-	2,165	-	2,165
Legal and professional	-	-	3,805	3,805	-	-	4,054	4,054
	87,909	11,114	3,805	102,828	305,431	11,211	4,054	320,696
	87,909	11,114	3,805	102,828	305,431	11,211	4,054	320,696
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	60,475	11,114	3,805	75,394	293,549	11,211	4,054	308,814
Restricted funds	27,434	-	-	27,434	11,882	-	-	11,882
	87,909	11,114	3,805	102,828	305,431	11,211	4,054	320,696

Property and site maintenance expenses for 2022 include £250,000 to recognise a provision for the estimated costs to repair the Old Goods Shed (see note 17).

6 Net movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Accounts preparation fees (Azets)	1,815	1,650
Independent examination fees (Azets)	1,815	1,650
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	328	-

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, but two trustees were reimbursed a total of £1,255 in respect of travelling expenses (2022- £nil).

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Total	-	-

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

9 Staff and key management personnel

The charitable company does not have any employees (2022: none). Trustees do not receive any remuneration as a result of their office. Total benefits paid to key management personnel were £nil (2022 - £nil).

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Plant and equipment	Oil Store	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	1,466	24,063	-	25,529
Additions	6,116	2,245	-	8,361
Transfers	(7,582)	-	7,582	-
At 31 December 2023	-	26,308	7,582	33,890
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2023	-	24,063	-	24,063
Depreciation charged in the year	-	75	253	328
At 31 December 2023	-	24,138	253	24,391
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	-	2,170	7,329	9,499
At 31 December 2022	1,466	-	-	1,466

Tangible fixed assets consist of the Heritage Diesel Visitor Centre displays, models, display equipment, viewing and maintenance access staging, and the members' messroom cabin, together with equipment used in the overhaul and restoration of railway vehicles.

12 Heritage assets

	£
At 1 January 2023 and at 31 December 2023	232,900

The valuation of the locomotives was reassessed by the trustees as at 31 December 2023 with regard to recent market sales of similar locomotives and their current condition and are satisfied there is no material change from the prior year.

Locomotives:
Class 14 0-6-0 D.H. Nos. D9518 & D9526
Class 35 "Hymek" D.H. Nos. D7017 & D7018
Class 47/8 "Brush" D.E. No. D1661 "North Star"
Class 52 "Western" D.H. No. D1010 "Western Campaigner"

Freight vehicles:
Brake van No. B952527
Ferry van No. B787158
Lowmac No. B904146
Open wagon No. GW118904
Vanwide No. B784676

The charitable company enters into agreements with the owners of diesel locomotives wherein the charitable company becomes the custodian of those locomotives for a specified period. Under the agreements the charitable company is responsible for the administration of the locomotives, their maintenance and operation whilst on West Somerset Railway. The charitable company does not recognise these locomotives as assets on its balance sheet. The agreements in force at 31 December 2023 were:

Clive Burrows: Class 33 x 2 Nos. D6566 & D6575 both for the fifteen years expiring 29th August 2029.
West Somerset Railway: Andrew Barclay 0-4-0DH 578 for ten years expiring on 01st May 2031.

13 Investments

184,000 ordinary shares in West Somerset Railway plc:

	£
Historic costs	14,400
Less: impairment	(14,399)
At 1 January 2023 and at 31 December 2023	1

The shares were purchased in 1995. Since 2002, West Somerset Railway plc has had a nil dividend policy, which has meant that the shares have no readily ascertainable market value. Accordingly the trustees have written the value of the shares down to £1.

14 Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Components	1,009	1,009
Spare parts	10,289	6,000
Finished goods and goods for resale	3,374	3,075
	14,672	10,084

15 Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	4,506	5,898
Other debtors	4,248	5,394
Prepayments and accrued income	33,078	29,372
	41,832	40,664

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,806	6,114
Accruals and deferred income	4,073	3,857
	11,879	9,971

17 Provisions for liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Old Goods Shed repairs	250,000	250,000

The Old Goods Shed at Williton Station was built in 1862 to a Brunel broad gauge design by the Bristol & Exeter Railway. The stone-built slate-roofed building has been the home of the DEPG since 1980 and became a Grade II listed building in 1984 (listing number 1345661). The DEPG entered into a 35-year lease agreement with the West Somerset Railway for the Williton Goods Yard site in 1994 and the Old Goods Shed is included within the boundary of the Goods Yard. The building has since fallen into disrepair but the lease includes obligations for the DEPG to maintain the building, so remedial work will need to take place before the end of the lease term (29th August 2029).

The building was vacated at the end of 2020 due to concerns about the structural safety. The estimated cost of the remedial work depends on the planned future use of the building. The previous use of the building as a locomotive repair bay cannot justify the repair cost, so work is taking place to establish a plan for a community use facility that would be funded by multiple parties. The repair cost for the roof structure is estimated at approximately £150,000 with a further £100,000 needed for additional woodwork.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted general funds 2023	**Revaluation reserve 2023**	**Restricted funds 2023**	**Total 2023**	Unrestricted general funds 2022	Revaluation reserve 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	9,499	-	-	9,499	1,466	-	-	1,466
Heritage assets	45,471	187,429	-	232,900	45,471	187,429	-	232,900
Investments	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Current assets/(liabilities)	131,332	-	17,091	148,423	121,022	-	19,389	140,411
Provisions	(250,000)	-	-	(250,000)	(250,000)	-	-	(250,000)
	(63,697)	187,429	17,091	140,823	(82,040)	187,429	19,389	124,778

Restricted funds relate to funds raised specifically for the restoration of the D1010 and D9518 locomotives.

19 Operating lease commitments

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	8,502	8,502
Between two and five years	2,258	10,758
In over five years	1	2
	10,761	19,262

20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during either the current or the prior year.

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	T D Courtney-Clark	(Appointed 22 July 2022)
	M N Howard	
	N McCannon	
	I W Robins	(Appointed 3 September 2022)
	A W Royal	
	P J Tucker	
Secretary	I W Robins	
Charity number	298142	
Company number	02193894	
Registered office and operational address	The Old Goods Shed Wiiliton Station Williton Somerset United Kingdom TA4 4RQ	
Independent examiner	Matthew Webb FCA Azets Audit Services Woodlands Court Truro Business Park Threemilestone Truro United Kingdom TR4 9NH	
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank UK plc 9 Brindley Place Birmingham United Kingdom B1 2HB	
	Santander UK plc Bridle Road Bootle Merseyside L30 4GB	

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THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

The Diesel & Electric Preservation Group Limited ("the Company or Charity"), also known as the D&EPG, is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England & Wales at Companies House (registration number 02193894) and incorporated on 16th November 1987. The Company is also a registered charity (registered with The Charity Commission for England & Wales, registration number 298142), whose principal activity is to advance the education of the public in the history and development of diesel traction on the railways of the West of England by the preservation and operation of diesel traction, particularly as it relates to the West of England.

The Charity's principal office and registered address is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

Objectives and activities

The Company and Charity meets its principal activity by maintaining and operating a Diesel Traction Depot at Williton on the West Somerset Railway, which is home to the Charity's own fleet of six former British Rail (BR) mainline diesel locomotives dating from the early 1960s. The D&EPG also manages under contract an additional two ex-BR locomotives based at Williton that are in the private ownership of a group member and one former industrial shunting locomotive that is owned by the West Somerset Railway (WSR). The fleet regularly operates both public service and infrastructure trains on The WSR.

The late 1950s / early 1960s represent a very distinct and important period of change on Britain's railways as a result of the post-war Modernisation Plan and the wholesale replacement of steam traction with early diesel locomotives, especially on the former British Railways Western Region where a unique approach was adopted. The D&EPG believes that it is both educationally and historically important that our locomotives from this period are able to be demonstrated to the public in a living, working heritage setting.

The D&EPG fulfils a crucial supporting role to the WSR plc, making locomotives available to them on an as required basis and in support of their operations 365 days a year. Operating our depot and locomotives also enables both current and former railway staff to retain, develop and share their skills with colleagues and the general public and provides an exceptional environment of camaraderie including occasional social events and networking with other heritage railways and operating groups.

The diesel depot is staffed on Tuesdays, Saturdays and occasional other days by a core of some 20 active volunteers, several of whom are currently professional or former professional railway staff and who are drawn from a nationwide membership of almost 300 supporting members. The charity's depot is frequently open to the public for viewing as operational considerations and safety permit.

The Charity's income has traditionally been derived primarily from mileage payments for locomotives miles operated (£67,337 during 2022, 2021: £19,591) and from membership dues and donations received (£41,263 including gift aid during 2022, 2021: £35,240).

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

The year in review represented a strong 'bounce back' for the group, as a result of the lifting of restrictions that had impacted the heritage railway sector during the previous two years. Diesel locomotive running on the West Somerset Railway (WSR) improved significantly, with the return of the summer diesel gala and the regular weekend diesel-hauled services being further complimented by the Christmas 'Winterlights' trains, resulting in mileage receipts of £30,150 (2021: £14,596). Our Class 14 'Teddy Bear' D9526 enjoyed a tremendous year on the Kent & East Sussex Railway (K&ESR) and our Class 47 D1661 47077 'NORTH STAR' proved to be very useful to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR), generating additional income which when added to the earnings from the WSR gave a total locomotive running income of £67,337 (2021: £19,591).

Donations improved to £33,960 (2021: £31,173) including contributions totalling £21,618 to two targeted fund-raising campaigns that were continued from 2021, one for the restoration of Class 14 'Teddy Bear' D9518 (£6,503) and the other for the restoration of D1010 'WESTERN CAMPAIGNER' (£15,115). Donations to these two funds are classified as Restricted Funds and can only be applied to the project for which they were donated. After deducting expenditure on parts and materials for each project (D9518: £5,729 : D1010: £5,154), the residual balance of £10,736 has been carried forward to 2023 as two separately identifiable restricted funds (D9518: £774 : D1010: £9,961).

The earnings from the DEPG online store were held back by lower traffic levels, which appeared to be a result of the UK economic situation putting pressure on disposable income. The net income from sales of books, DEPG-branded clothing and collectible items fell slightly to £4,273 (2021:£4,319).

The number of members increased significantly during the year, from a low point of 180 in January 2022 to 296 by the end of the year, and this is attributed to the raised profile of the group resulting from regular e-mailings and website updates combined with improved social media coverage. Also significantly increased was the revenue for renewals of expiring memberships, and this is due to the administrative benefits of the Membermojo online membership service and timely follow-up by the Membership Secretary. The combined result of these two initiatives was a significant increase in receipts to £7,303 in 2022 (2021: 4,067).

The Old Goods Shed at Williton remains out of use due to further deterioration of the roof structure, repairs of which are estimated to cost in excess of £150,000, with a further £100,000 needed for additional woodwork. The financial statements include a provision of £250,000 which reflects the trustees best estimate of the likely costs. Plans for the restoration and change of use of this 1862 Grade II listed structure are in progress with the aim of attracting support from other organisations.

Considering all sources of income and after deducting expenditure, the result was an operating surplus of £47,333 (2021: £23,499) including restricted fund growth of £10,736 (2021: £8,653). After allowing for the Old Goods Shed repair provision the result was a deficit of £202,667.

It is the policy of the D&EPG that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six months of expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant and unexpected drop in income, they will be able to continue the D&EPG's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or expenditure reduced. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. The recognition of a provision for the repair of the Old Goods Shed has resulted in a deficiancy of free reserves of £128,978. The trustees will explore all possible avenues to fund the repair and reduce this shortfall.

The Trustees have re-assessed the major risks to which the Group is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

At the end of 2022 the Trustees and Officers of the D&EPG identified no doubts that the Group would be able to continue as a viable business. The diversification of income sources, the targeted fund-raising campaigns and the expanding membership have ensured that the D&EPG remains an ongoing concern.

The D&EPG has no subsidiary companies or charities nor does it hold funds on behalf of any such separate organisation.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a full Memorandum & Articles of Association and as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital, it has no shareholders or persons with significant control.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T D Courtney-Clark	(Appointed 22 July 2022)
M N Howard	
N McCannon	
I W Robins	(Appointed 3 September 2022)
A W Royal	
P J Tucker	
J G Weston	(Resigned 24 June 2022)

The D&EPG is managed on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the Company's Memorandum & Articles of Association, by a Board of Directors comprising the Company's officers and trustees and other members drawn from the active volunteer membership. The Board, which holds regular minuted meetings, is acutely aware of the nature of the D&EPG's Charitable Purposes to not only maintain our heritage assets in a safe and operational condition (including the undertaking of minor and major overhauls as required); and to operate our depot in a safe, inclusive, welcoming and educational manner regardless or the race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation or disability of the visitor / member. D&EPG actively encourages the recruitment and training of younger people wherever practical and appropriate to do so.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £5 in the event of a winding up.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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;

- make judgements 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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

M Howard

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M N Howard

Dated: Sep 1, 2023 .....

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (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 Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Matthew Webb

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Dated: Sep 1, 2023

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	18,645	22,618	41,263	28,898	15,342	44,240
Charitable activities	**4**	67,337	-	67,337	19,591	-	19,591
Other trading activities		9,248	-	9,248	11,053	-	11,053
Investments		181	-	181	-	-	-
Total income		95,411	22,618	118,029	59,542	15,342	74,884
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	**5**	308,814	11,882	320,696	44,696	6,689	51,385
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(213,403)	10,736	(202,667)	14,846	8,653	23,499
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		318,792	8,653	327,445	303,946	-	303,946
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		105,389	19,389	124,778	318,792	8,653	327,445

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**10**		1,466		-
Heritage assets	**11**		232,900		232,900
Investments	**12**		1		1
			234,367		232,901
Current assets					
Stocks	**13**	10,084		7,270	
Debtors	**14**	40,664		42,947	
Cash at bank and in hand		99,634		68,902	
		150,382		119,119	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(9,971)		(13,825)	
Net current assets			140,411		105,294
Total assets less current liabilities			374,778		338,195
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**16**		-		(10,750)
Provisions for liabilities			(250,000)		-
Net assets			124,778		327,445
Income funds					
Restricted funds			19,389		8,653
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		(82,040)		131,363	
Revaluation reserve		187,429		187,429	
			105,389		318,792
			124,778		327,445

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 December 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on Sep 1, 2023

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M N Howard

Trustee

Company registration number 02193894

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. 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 heritage assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. There are no material uncertainties which may create significant doubt over the chairty's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

The revaluation reserve represents the net (unrealised) gain arising on the revaluation of the heritage assets.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate. Life membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activites in the year they are received, as no refunds are given for unused portions of membership.

Income received in advance of provision of a sevice is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with he Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged at cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	10 years (straight line)

Assets under construction are not depreciated.

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 the statement of financial activities.

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000.

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity owns various locomotives and freight vehicles which are held and maintained for their historical and cultural value. Such assets are classified as heritage assets within the financial statements. A full description of the heritage assets is set out in Note 11.

Heritage assets are valued at their most recent valuation, which is currently 2020. Additions between valuations are stated at cost. Heritage assets are not depreciated as the trustees consider that they are artefacts of intrinsic value. Heritage assets are periodically reviewed for impairment, with any necessary impairment losses being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.8 Fixed asset investments

The charitable company holds shares in an unquoted company, West Somerset Railway plc. The shares confer voting rights only and are held primarily to further the Charity's charitable objectives, rather than for financial return. As such, they are classified as programme-related investments on the balance sheet and measured at cost less impairment.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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 extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Stocks

Stock includes spare parts and scrap which have been donated to the charity or acquired over a number of years to provide spare parts for the charity's locomotives and restoration work. Much of the stock is unique and as such there is no readily available market value. Donated stock is valued at an estimate of its fair value.

Stocks purchased by the Charity are measured 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.

1.11 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.

1.12 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts 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 creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.13 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Charity has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Charity will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

1.14 Government Grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the members 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. The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities include the inputs and estimates used in determining the valuation of heritage assets and the estimates used in determining the repair provision for the Old Goods Shed.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	**2022**	**2022**	2021	2021	2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	11,342	22,618	33,960	15,831	15,342	31,173
Government grants received	-	-	-	9,000	-	9,000
Membership fees	7,303	-	7,303	4,067	-	4,067
	18,645	22,618	41,263	28,898	15,342	44,240

4 Charitable activities

	2022	**2021**
	£	**£**
Locomotive hire	67,337	19,591

5 Charitable activities

	Direct costs 2022	Support costs 2022	Governance costs 2022	Total 2022	Direct costs 2021	Support costs 2021	Governance costs 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	-	-	-	-	473	-	-	473
Maintenance and restoration costs	29,672	-	-	29,672	24,537	-	-	24,537
Rent	6,873	-	-	6,873	3,717	-	-	3,717
Utilities	2,601	-	-	2,601	2,160	-	-	2,160
Property and site maintenance	261,988	-	-	261,988	5,698	-	-	5,698
Purchases	4,297	-	-	4,297	6,734	-	-	6,734
Postage and stationery	-	535	-	535	-	603	-	603
Newsletter and publicity	-	2,596	-	2,596	-	14	-	14
Telephone	-	616	-	616	-	542	-	542
Insurance	-	5,039	-	5,039	-	3,219	-	3,219
Subscriptions	-	260	-	260	-	260	-	260
Miscellaneous costs	-	2,165	-	2,165	-	478	-	478
Legal and professional	-	-	4,054	4,054	-	-	2,950	2,950
	305,431	11,211	4,054	320,696	43,319	5,116	2,950	51,385
	305,431	11,211	4,054	320,696	43,319	5,116	2,950	51,385
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	293,549	11,211	4,054	308,814	36,630	5,116	2,950	44,696
Restricted funds	11,882	-	-	11,882	6,689	-	-	6,689
	305,431	11,211	4,054	320,696	43,319	5,116	2,950	51,385

Property and site maintenance expenses include £250,000 to recognise a provision for the estimated costs to repair the Old Goods Shed (see note 18).

6 Net movement in funds

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Accounts preparation fees (Azets)	1,650	1,450
Independent examination fees (Azets)	1,650	1,500
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	-	473

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

8 Staff and key management personnel

The charitable company does not have any employees. Trustees do not receive any remuneration as a result of their office. Total benefits paid to key management personnel are therefore £nil (2021 - £nil).

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Plant and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	-	24,063	24,063
Additions	1,466	-	1,466
At 31 December 2022	1,466	24,063	25,529
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	-	24,063	24,063
At 31 December 2022	-	24,063	24,063
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	1,466	-	1,466
At 31 December 2021	-	-	-

Tangible fixed assets consist of the Heritage Diesel Visitor Centre displays, models, display equipment, viewing and maintenance access staging, and the members' messroom cabin, together with equipment used in the overhaul and restoration of railway vehicles.

11 Heritage assets

	£
At 1 January 2022 and at 31 December 2022	232,900

The valuation of the locomotives was reassessed by the trustees as at 31 December 2022 with regard to recent market sales of similar locomotives and their current condition and are satisfied there is no material change from the prior year.

Locomotives:
Class 14 0-6-0 D.H. Nos. D9518 & D9526
Class 35 "Hymek" D.H. Nos. D7017 & D7018
Class 47/8 "Brush" D.E. No. D1661 "North Star"
Class 52 "Western" D.H. No. D1010 "Western Campaigner"

Freight vehicles:
Brake van No. B952527
Ferry van No. B787158
Lowmac No. B904146
Open wagon No. GW118904
Vanwide No. B784676

The charitable company enters into agreements with the owners of diesel locomotives wherein the charitable company becomes the custodian of those locomotives for a specified period. Under the agreements the charitable company is responsible for the administration of the locomotives, their maintenance and operation whilst on West Somerset Railway. The charitable company does not recognise these locomotives as assets on its balance sheet. The agreements in force at 31 December 2022 were:

Clive Burrows: Class 33 x 2 Nos. D6566 & D6575 both for the fifteen years expiring 29th August 2029.
West Somerset Railway: Andrew Barclay 0-4-0DH 578 for ten years expiring on 01st May 2031.

12 Investments

184,000 ordinary shares in West Somerset Railway plc:

	£
Historic costs	14,400
Less: impairment	(14,399)
At 1 January 2022 and at 31 December 2022	1

The shares were purchased in 1995. Since 2002, West Somerset Railway plc has had a nil dividend policy, which has meant that the shares have no readily ascertainable market value. Accordingly the trustees have written the value of the shares down to £1.

13 Stocks

	2022	2021
	£	£
Components	1,009	1,009
Spare parts	6,000	6,000
Models		261
Finished goods and goods for resale	3,075	-
	10,084	7,270

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	5,898	24,562
Other debtors	5,394	1,230
Prepayments and accrued income	29,372	17,155
	40,664	42,947

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	17	-	3,000
Trade creditors		6,114	3,901
Accruals and deferred income		3,857	6,924
		9,971	13,825

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	17	-	10,750

17 Loans and overdrafts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	-	13,750
Payable within one year	-	3,000
Payable after one year	-	10,750

18 **Provisions for liabilities**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Old Goods Shed repairs	250,000	-

The Old Goods Shed at Williton Station was built in 1862 to a Brunel broad gauge design by the Bristol & Exeter Railway. The stone-built slate-roofed building has been the home of the DEPG since 1980 and became a Grade II listed building in 1984 (listing number 1345661). The DEPG entered into a 35-year lease agreement with the West Somerset Railway for the Williton Goods Yard site in 1994 and the Old Goods Shed is included within the boundary of the Goods Yard. The building has since fallen into disrepair but the lease includes obligations for the DEPG to maintain the building, so remedial work will need to take place before the end of the lease term (29th August 2029).

The building was vacated at the end of 2020 due to concerns about the structural safety. The estimated cost of the remedial work depends on the planned future use of the building. The previous use of the building as a locomotive repair bay cannot justify the repair cost, so work is taking place to establish a plan for a community use facility that would be funded by multiple parties. The repair cost for the roof structure is estimated at approximately £150,000 with a further £100,000 needed for additional woodwork.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted general funds 2022	**Revaluation reserve 2022**	**Restricted funds 2022**	**Total 2022**	Unrestricted general funds 2021	Revaluation reserve 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	1,466	-	-	1,466	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	45,471	187,429	-	232,900	45,471	187,429	-	232,900
Investments	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Current assets/(liabilities)	121,022	-	19,389	140,411	96,641	-	8,653	105,294
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-	(10,750)	-	-	(10,750)
Provisions	(250,000)	-	-	(250,000)	-	-	-	-
	(82,040)	187,429	19,389	124,778	131,363	187,429	8,653	327,445

Restricted funds relate to funds raised specifically for the restoration of the D1010 and D9518 locomotives.

20 Operating lease commitments

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	8,502	4,002
Between two and five years	10,758	8,008
In over five years	2	4
	19,262	12,014

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during either the current or the prior year.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 298142

Accounts

Charity registration number 298142

Company registration number 02193894 (England and Wales)

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	A W Royal	
	P J Tucker	
	T D Courtney-Clark	(Appointed 22 July 2022)
	N McCannon	
	M N Howard	
	I W Robins	(Appointed 3 September 2022)
Secretary	I W Robins	
Charity number	298142	
Company number	02193894	
Registered office and operational address	The Old Goods Shed Wiiliton Station Williton Somerset United Kingdom TA4 4RQ	
Independent examiner	Matthew Webb FCA Azets Audit Services Woodlands Court Truro Business Park Threemilestone Truro United Kingdom TR4 9NH	
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank UK plc 9 Brindley Place Birmingham United Kingdom B1 2HB	
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THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

The Diesel & Electric Preservation Group Limited ("the Company or Charity"), also known as the D&EPG, is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England & Wales at Companies House (registration number 02193894) and incorporated on 16th November 1987. The Company is also a registered charity (registered with The Charity Commission for England & Wales, registration number 298142), whose principal activity is to advance the education of the public in the history and development of diesel traction on the railways of the West of England by the preservation and operation of diesel traction, particularly as it relates to the West of England.

The Charity's principal office and registered address is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

Objectives and activities

The Company and Charity meets its principal activity by maintaining and operating a Diesel Traction Depot at Williton on the West Somerset Railway, which is home to the Charity's own fleet of six former British Rail mainline diesel locomotives dating from the early 1960s. The D&EPG also manages under contract an additional two ex-BR locomotives based at Williton that are in the private ownership of a group member. The fleet regularly operates both public service and infrastructure trains on The West Somerset Railway (WSR).

The late 1950s / early 1960s represent a very distinct and important period of change on Britain's railways as a result of the post-war Modernisation Plan and the wholesale replacement of steam traction with early diesel locomotives, especially on the former British Railways Western Region where a unique approach was adopted. The D&EPG believes that it is both educationally and historically important that our locomotives from this period are able to be demonstrated to the public in a living, working heritage setting.

The D&EPG fulfils a crucial supporting role to the WSR plc, making locomotives available to them on an as required basis and in support of their operations 365 days a year. Operating our depot and locomotives also enables both current and former railway staff to retain, develop and share their skills with colleagues and the general public and provides an exceptional environment of camaraderie including occasional social events and networking with other heritage railways and operating groups.

The diesel depot is staffed on Tuesdays, Saturdays and occasional other days by a core of some 20 active volunteers, of whom approximately half are currently professional or former professional railway staff and who are drawn from a nationwide membership of well over two hundred supporting members. The charity's depot is frequently open to the public for viewing as operational considerations and safety permit.

The Charity's income has traditionally been derived primarily from mileage payments from the WSR plc for locomotives miles operated (£19,591 during 2021, 2020: £1,057) and from membership dues and donations received (£35,240 including gift aid, 2020: £13,182).

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

The restrictive operating environment of 2020 continued into the first quarter of 2021, but the situation improved as the lockdowns eased, gradually allowing work to resume at our Williton depot. The initial focus was to ensure that at least two of our locomotives were available for hire - but running opportunities on the West Somerset Railway (WSR) were very limited in the first half of 2021, with most workings being for crew refresher training.

By June, discussions were under way with two other heritage railways with a view to placing one locomotive with each of them on long-term hire. This resulted in Class 14 'Teddy Bear' D9526 moving to the Kent & East Sussex Railway (K&ESR) on the 1st of July 2021 and Class 47 D1661 47077 'NORTH STAR' moving to Bishops Lydeard to await road transportation to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR).

The Class 14 went into service on the K&ESR immediately and was in regular use there for the rest of the year, earning £4,995 in second half of 2021 (2020: £nil) but the Class 47 move was delayed due to road transportation restrictions and the loco did not reach the NYMR until January 2022. Diesel locomotive running on the WSR improved from the mid-year with regular earning opportunities including the Christmas 'Winterlights' trains resulting in mileage receipts of £14,596 (2020: £1,057) which when added to the earnings from the K&ESR gave a total locomotive running income of £19,591 (2020: £1,057).

Donations recovered to £31,173 (2020: £9,260) including contributions totalling £15,342 to two targeted fund-raising campaigns that were launched in July 2021, one for the restoration of Class 14 'Teddy Bear' D9518 (£5,687) and the other for the restoration of D1010 'WESTERN CAMPAIGNER' (£9,655). Donations to these two funds are classified as Restricted Funds and can only be applied to the project for which they were donated. After deducting expenditure on parts and materials for each project (D9518: £5,687 : D1010: £1,002), the residual balance of £8,653 has been carried forward to 2022 as a restricted fund (D9518: £0 and D1010: £8,653).

The Company established a new income stream in February 2021 when the DEPG online store went live, offering a range of DEPG-branded merchandise including books, clothing and collectibles. The store included a means to take out or renew memberships and also to make donations to funds, both general and restricted. The turnover of the store reached £11,053 in its first year and delivered a contribution of more than £4,319 net of costs.

The number of members increased during the year, partly due to the increased promotional effort raising the profile of the DEPG with the general public, and partly by encouraging membership through the option to join online. The administration of overdue and expired memberships was not performed as effectively, so overall receipts of £4,067 (2020: £3,922) show only a small increase over the prior year, but action has since been taken to automate this process.

A very welcome consequence of the increase in new members was an influx of new volunteers to attend at our Williton depot and assist in the rate at which restoration projects can be progressed and in some cases, add to our pool of footplate crew trainees. Even more encouraging is the boost in the number of young members and especially younger volunteers, keen to build their knowledge and skills while working with the experienced hands.

The Company has successfully accessed Local Government grants totalling £9,000 through the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme as a partial offset to the impact of lockdowns that affected our principal customer, the West Somerset Railway. The Covid restrictions resulted in fewer running opportunities and the cancellation of the 2021 Diesel Gala. The Company accessed the Bounce Back Loan Scheme in 2020 and continues to hold the £15,000 loan as a contingency, pending a return to normality.

The Old Goods Shed at Williton has been taken out of use due to further deterioration of the roof structure. Plans for the restoration and change of use of this 1862 Grade II listed structure are in progress but quotations and funding sources have not yet been established, so this liability remains contingent (refer note 19).

Considering all sources of income and after deducting expenditure, the result was an operating surplus of £23,499 (2020: deficit of £3,445) including restricted fund growth of £8,653 (2020: £nil) which was allocated to the appropriate reserves for planned projects and major locomotive overhauls upcoming in future years.

It is the policy of the D&EPG that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in income, they will be able to continue the D&EPG's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or expenditure reduced. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees have re-assessed the major risks to which the Group is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

At the end of 2021 the Trustees and Officers of the D&EPG identified no doubts that the Group would be able to continue as a viable business, as it has since 1987. The diversification of income sources, the targeted fund-raising campaigns and the expanding membership have ensured that the D&EPG remains an ongoing concern, with substantial assets and minimal liabilities.

The D&EPG has no subsidiary companies or charities nor does it hold funds on behalf of any such separate organisation.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a full Memorandum & Articles of Association and as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital, it has no shareholders or persons with significant control.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

A W Royal	
P J Tucker	
J G Weston	(Resigned 24 June 2022)
T D Courtney-Clark	(Appointed 22 July 2022)
N McCannon	
M N Howard	
I W Robins	(Appointed 3 September 2022)

The D&EPG is managed on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the Company's original Memorandum & Articles of Association, by a Board of Directors comprising the Company's officers and trustees and other members drawn from the active volunteer membership. The Board, which holds regular minuted meetings, is acutely aware of the nature of the D&EPG's Charitable Purposes to not only maintain our heritage assets in a safe and operational condition (including the undertaking of minor and major overhauls as required); and to operate our depot in a safe, inclusive, welcoming and educational manor regardless or the race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation or disability of the visitor / member. D&EPG actively encourages the recruitment and training of younger people wherever practical and appropriate to do so.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £5 in the event of a winding up.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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;

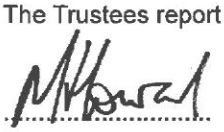
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- 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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M N Howard

Dated: 24th September 2022

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (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 Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Matthew Webb

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Dated: 26 September 2022

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	28,898	15,342	44,240	33,182
Charitable activities	4	19,591	-	19,591	1,057
Other trading activities		11,053	-	11,053	925
Investments		-	-	-	15
Total income		59,542	15,342	74,884	35,179
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	44,696	6,689	51,385	38,624
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		14,846	8,653	23,499	(3,445)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	54,950
Net movement in funds		14,846	8,653	23,499	51,505
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		303,946	-	303,946	252,441
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		318,792	8,653	327,445	303,946

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**10**		-		473
Heritage assets	**11**		232,900		232,900
Investments	**12**		1		1
			232,901		233,374
Current assets					
Stocks	**13**	7,270		7,363	
Debtors	**14**	42,947		17,362	
Cash at bank and in hand		68,902		63,768	
		119,119		88,493	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(13,825)		(4,171)	
Net current assets			105,294		84,322
Total assets less current liabilities			338,195		317,696
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**16**		(10,750)		(13,750)
Net assets			327,445		303,946
Income funds					
Restricted funds			8,653		-
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		131,363		116,517	
Revaluation reserve		187,429		187,429	
			318,792		303,946
			327,445		303,946

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LTD

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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 December 2021.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on 24th September 2022

M N Howard
Trustee

Company registration number 02193894

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. 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 heritage assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. The trustees have considered the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on the charity's current and future financial position. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £318,792, restricted reserves of £8,653 and a cash balance of £68,902. It has accessed government support as detailed in the trustees' report, and had ceased any non-essential expenditure throughout the lockdown period. For this reason, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

The revaluation reserve represents the net (unrealised) gain arising on the revaluation of the heritage assets.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate. Life membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activites in the year they are received, as no refunds are given for unused portions of membership.

Income received in advance of provision of a sevice is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with he Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged at cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	10 years (straight line)

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 the statement of financial activities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000.

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity owns various locomotives and freight vehicles which are held and maintained for their historical and cultural value. Such assets are classified as heritage assets within the financial statements. A full description of the heritage assets is set out in Note 11.

Heritage assets are valued at their most recent valuation, which is currently 2020. Additions between valuations are stated at cost. Heritage assets are not depreciated as the trustees consider that they are artefacts of intrinsic value. Heritage assets are periodically reviewed for impairment, with any necessary impairment losses being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

The charitable company holds shares in an unquoted company, West Somerset Railway plc. The shares confer voting rights only and are held primarily to further the Charity's charitable objectives, rather than for financial return. As such, they are classified as programme-related investments on the balance sheet and measured at cost less impairment.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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 extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Stocks

Stock represents spare parts and scrap which have been donated to the charity or acquired over a number of years to provide spare parts for the charity's locomotives and restoration work. Much of the stock is unique and as such there is no readily available market value. Donated stock is valued at an estimate of its fair value.

Stocks purchased in the Charity are measured at the lower of cost and net realised 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.

1.11 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.

1.12 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts 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 creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.13 Government Grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the members 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. The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities include the inputs and estimates used in determining the valuation of heritage assets.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	**2021**	**2021**	2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Donations and gifts	15,831	15,342	31,173	9,260
Government grants received	9,000	-	9,000	20,000
Membership fees	4,067	-	4,067	3,922
	28,898	15,342	44,240	33,182

4 Charitable activities

	2021	**2020**
	£	**£**
Locomotive hire	19,591	1,057

5 Charitable activities

	Direct costs	Support costs	Governance costs	Total 2021	Direct costs	Support costs	Governance costs	Total 2020
	2021	2021	2021		2020	2020	2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	473	-	-	473	2,406	-	-	2,406
Maintenance and restoration costs	24,537	-	-	24,537	11,223	-	-	11,223
Rent	3,717	-	-	3,717	2,286	-	-	2,286
Utilities	2,160	-	-	2,160	2,676	-	-	2,676
Property and site maintenance	5,698	-	-	5,698	1,001	-	-	1,001
Purchases	6,734	-	-	6,734	-	-	-	-
Postage and stationery	-	603	-	603	-	130	-	130
Newsletter and publicity	-	14	-	14	-	11	-	11
Telephone	-	542	-	542	-	621	-	621
Insurance	-	3,219	-	3,219	-	6,029	-	6,029
Subscriptions	-	260	-	260	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous costs	-	478	-	478	-	698	-	698
Legal and professional	-	-	2,950	2,950	-	-	2,750	2,750
Gift aid not recovered	-	-	-	-	8,793	-	-	8,793
	43,319	5,116	2,950	51,385	28,385	7,489	2,750	38,624
	43,319	5,116	2,950	51,385	28,385	7,489	2,750	38,624
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	36,630	5,116	2,950	44,696	28,385	7,489	2,750	38,624
Restricted funds	6,689	-	-	6,689	-	-	-	-
	43,319	5,116	2,950	51,385	28,385	7,489	2,750	38,624

6 Net movement in funds

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Accounts preperation fees (Azets)	1,200	-
Independent examination fees (Azets)	1,200	-
Independent examination fees (Godfrey Wilson Ltd)	-	1,275
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,406	2,406

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

8 Staff and key management personnel

The charitable company does not have any employees. Trustees do not receive any remuneration as a result of their office. Total benefits paid to key management personnel are therefore £nil (2019 - £nil).

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	24,063
At 31 December 2020	24,063
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2020	21,184
Depreciation charged in the year	2,406
At 31 December 2020	23,590
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	473
At 31 December 2019	2,879

Tangible fixed assets consist of the Heritage Diesel Visitor Centre displays, models, display equipment, viewing and maintenance access staging, and the members' messroom cabin, together with spares and equipment used in the overhaul and restoration of railway vehicles.

11 Heritage assets

	£
At 1 January 2021 and at 31 December 2021	232,900

The valuation of the locomotives was reassessed by the trustees as at 31 December 2020 with regard to recent market sales of similar locomotives and their current condition.

Locomotives:
Class 14 0-6-0 D.H. Nos. D9518 & D9526
Class 35 "Hymek" D.H. Nos. D7017 & D7018
Class 47/8 "Brush" D.E. No. D1661 "North Star"
Class 52 "Western" D.H. No. D1010 "Western Campaigner"

Freight vehicles:
Brake can No. B952527
Ferry van No. B787158
Lowmac No. B904146
Open wagon No. GW118904
Vanwide No. B784676

The charitable company enters into agreements with the owners of diesel locomotives wherein the charitable company becomes the custodian of those locomotives for a specified period. Under the agreements the charitable company is responsible for the administration of the locomotives, their maintenance and operation whilst on West Somerset Railway. The charitable company does not recognise these locomotives as assets on its balance sheet. The agreements in force at 31 December 2021 were:

Clive Burrows: Class 33 x 2 Nos. D6566 & D6575 both for the fifteen years expiring 29th August 2029.

12 Investments

184,000 ordinary shares in West Somerset Railway plc:

	£
Historic costs	14,400
Less: impairment	(14,399)
At 1 January 2021 and at 31 December 2021	1

The shares were purchased in 1995. Since 2002, West Somerset Railway plc has had a nil dividend policy, which has meant that the shares have no readily ascertainable market value. Accordingly the trustees have written the value of the shares down to £1.

13 Stocks

	2021	2020
	£	£
Components	1,009	1,363
Spare parts	6,000	6,000
Models	261	-
	7,270	7,363

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	24,562	827
Other debtors	1,230	4,651
Prepayments and accrued income	17,155	11,884
	42,947	17,362

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	17	3,000	1,250
Trade creditors		3,901	-
Accruals and deferred income		6,924	2,921
		13,825	4,171

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	17	10,750	13,750

17 Loans and overdrafts

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans	13,750	15,000
Payable within one year	3,000	1,250
Payable after one year	10,750	13,750
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:		
Payable by instalments	-	1,750

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted general funds 2021	Revaluation reserve 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021	Unrestricted general funds 2020	Revaluation reserve 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:							
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	473	-	473
Heritage assets	45,471	187,429	-	232,900	45,471	187,429	232,900
Investments	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Current assets/(liabilities)	96,641	-	8,653	105,294	84,322	-	84,322
Long term liabilities	(10,750)	-	-	(10,750)	(13,750)	-	(13,750)
	131,363	187,429	8,653	327,445	116,517	187,429	303,946

Restricted funds relate to funds raised specifically for the restoration of the D1010 locomotive.

19 Contingent liabilities

The Old Goods Shed at Williton Station was built in 1862 to a Brunel broad gauge design by the Bristol & Exeter Railway. The stone-built slate-roofed building has been the home of the DEPG since 1980 and became a Grade II listed building in 1984 (listing number 1345661). The DEPG entered into a 35-year lease agreement with the West Somerset Railway for the Williton Goods Yard site in 1994 and the Old Goods Shed is included within the boundary of the Goods Yard. The building has since fallen into disrepair but the lease includes obligations for the DEPG to maintain the building, so remedial work will need to take place before the end of the lease term (29th August 2029).

The building was vacated at the end of 2020 due to concerns about the structural safety. The likely cost of the remedial work depends on the planned future use of the building. The previous use of the building as a locomotive repair bay cannot justify the likely six-figure repair cost, so work is taking place to establish a plan for a community use facility that would be funded by multiple parties. The DEPG therefore views the Old Goods Shed as a contingent liability which is likely to require a DEPG contribution to funding in the period 2023/24. The amount of the liability has not yet been determined and accordingly a provision has not been included in the financial statements.

20 Operating lease commitments

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	4,002	2,984
Between two and five years	8,008	8
In over five years	4	6
	12,014	2,998

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020: Helmore & Hunt Inc, a company controlled by J G Weston, was paid £200 for the use of accounting software).

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 298142

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 298142

Company Registration No. 02193894 (England and Wales)

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND AMENDED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

These amended accounts replace the version filed with Companies House on 18 October 2021 and are now the statutory accounts. They are prepared as they were at the date of the original accounts.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	A W Royal	
	P J Tucker	
	T D Courtney-Clark	(Appointed 22 July 2022)
	N McCannon	(Appointed 19 September 2020)
	M N Howard	
	I W Robins	(Appointed 3 September 2022)
Secretary	I W Robins	
Charity number	298142	
Company number	02193894	
Registered office and operational address	The Old Goods Shed Wiliton Station Williton Somerset United Kingdom TA4 4RQ	
Independent examiner	Matthew Webb FCA Azets Audit Services Woodlands Court Truro Business Park Threemilestone Truro United Kingdom TR4 9NH	
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank UK plc 9 Brindley Place Birmingham United Kingdom B1 2HB	
	Santander UK plc Bridle Road Bootle Merseyside L30 4GB	

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THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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 Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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)".

The Diesel & Electric Preservation Group Limited ("the Company or Charity"), also known as the D&EPG, is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee registered in England & Wales at Companies House (registration number 02193894) and incorporated on 16th November 1987. The Company is also a registered charity (registered with The Charity Commission for England & Wales, registration number 298142), whose principal activity is to advance the education of the public in the history and development of diesel traction on the railways of the West of England by the preservation and operation of diesel traction, particularly as it relates to the West of England.

The Charity's principal office and registered address is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

Objectives and activities

The Company and Charity meets its principal activity by maintaining and operating a Diesel Traction Depot at Williton on the West Somerset Railway, which is home to the Charity's own fleet of six former British Rail mainline diesel locomotives dating from the early 1960s. The D&EPG also manages under contract an additional two ex-BR locomotives based at Williton that are in the private ownership of a group member. The fleet regularly operates both public service and infrastructure trains on The West Somerset Railway (WSR).

The late 1950s / early 1960s represent a very distinct and important period of change on Britain's railways as a result of the post-war Modernisation Plan and the wholesale replacement of steam traction with early diesel locomotives, especially on the former British Railways Western Region where a unique approach was adopted. The D&EPG believes that it is both educationally and historically important that our locomotives from this period are able to be demonstrated to the public in a living, working heritage setting.

The D&EPG fulfils a crucial supporting role to the WSR plc, making locomotives available to them on an as required basis and in support of their operations 365 days a year. Operating our depot and locomotives also enables both current and former railway staff to retain, develop and share their skills with colleagues and the general public and provides an exceptional environment of camaraderie including occasional social events and networking with other heritage railways and operating groups.

The diesel depot is staffed on Tuesdays, Saturdays and occasional other days by a core of some 20 active volunteers, of whom approximately half are currently professional or former professional railway staff and who are drawn from a nationwide membership of well over two hundred supporting members. The charity's depot is frequently open to the public for viewing as operational considerations and safety permit.

The Charity's income has traditionally been derived primarily from mileage payments from the WSR plc for locomotives miles operated (£1,057 during 2020, 2019: £30,398) and from membership dues and donations received (£13,182 including gift aid, 2019: £29,068).

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

In 2020, the D&EPG, in common with most other organisations in the heritage railway sector, endured a very tough year as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and the related lockdowns and associated disruption. Revenue for 2020 was severely hit with locomotive mileage receipts of only £1,057 (down 97% on 2019: £30,398) although other income (grants and donations) remained buoyant at £33,182 (up 14% on 2019: £29,068). The overall significant loss of income was offset by a major reduction in expenditure to achieve a small operating deficit of £3,445.

The reduction in expenditure in 2020 was achieved by immediately suspending all planned restoration projects and closing the depot. This reduced costs to an absolute minimum of unavoidable overheads. The Company also held a long term £20,000 reserve for the replacement of locomotive D7017's main springs with this work and expenditure planned for 2020 but deferred. This has provided the Company with a further cash buffer, although the Company does not have the intention or need of using this allocated reserve for anything other than its original intended purpose. The Company has successfully accessed Government grants of £20,000 through the Small Business Grant scheme in relation to the occupation of two Roughmoor Enterprise Centre Industrial units at Williton. The Company also successfully accessed the Government's Bounceback Loan scheme as an additional risk mitigation action. The loan of £15,000 was received in July 2020 over a 6-year term and is interest and repayment free for the first 12 months.

It is the policy of the D&EPG that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees' considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in income, they will be able to continue the D&EPG's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

For the year 2020, the D&EPG could not generate any significant income by running locomotives on the WSR or on any other heritage railway. The unexpected interruption to the activities of the WSR had previously been identified as the prime risk to the Group. Last year, this risk was regarded as highly unlikely. Now it has happened, with the complete shutdown of all heritage railways nationwide, resulting in the cancellation of several planned visits of D&EPG locomotives to other heritage railways – a more severe scenario that was not anticipated during risk analysis.

The Trustees' have re-assessed the major risks to which the Group is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

At the end of 2020 the trustees and officers of the D&EPG identified no doubts that the Group would be able to continue as an ongoing concern, as it has since 1987. In 2020, the world presented a completely different scenario with little ability to operate or earn mileage income at all. That said, the D&EPG remains an ongoing concern, with substantial assets and minimal liabilities.

The D&EPG has no subsidiary companies or charities nor does it hold funds on behalf of any such separate organisation.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a full Memorandum & Articles of Association and as a Private Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital, it has no shareholders or persons with significant control.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

A W Royal	
P J Tucker	
J G Weston	(Resigned 24 June 2022)
T D Courtney-Clark	(Appointed 22 July 2022)
N McCannon	(Appointed 19 September 2020)
M N Howard	
G Perry	(Resigned 31 December 2020)
I W Robins	(Appointed 3 September 2022)

The D&EPG is managed on a day-to-day basis in accordance with the Company's original Memorandum & Articles of Association, by a Board of Directors comprising the Company's officers and trustees and other members drawn from the active volunteer membership. The Board, which holds regular minuted meetings, is acutely aware of the nature of the D&EPG's Charitable Purposes to not only maintain our heritage assets in a safe and operational condition (including the undertaking of minor and major overhauls as required); and to operate our depot in a safe, inclusive, welcoming and educational manor regardless or the race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation or disability of the visitor / member. D&EPG actively encourages the recruitment and training of younger people wherever practical and appropriate to do so.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £5 in the event of a winding up.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees, who are also the directors of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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;

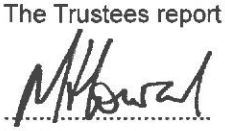
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- 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 Charity 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 Charity 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 Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M N Howard

Dated: 24th September 2022

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Limited (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (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 Charity 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 the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable 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 that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity 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 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Matthew Webb

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Dated: 26 September 2022

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	33,182	29,068
Charitable activities	4	1,057	30,998
Other trading activities		925	1,553
Investments		15	3
Total income		35,179	61,622
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	38,624	57,388
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(3,445)	4,234
Other recognised gains and losses			
Revaluation of heritage assets		54,950	-
Net movement in funds		51,505	4,234
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		252,441	248,207
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		303,946	252,441

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**10**		473		2,879
Heritage assets	**11**		232,900		177,950
Investments	**12**		1		1
			233,374		180,830
Current assets					
Stocks	**13**	7,363		7,363	
Debtors	**14**	17,362		27,934	
Cash at bank and in hand		63,768		50,564	
		88,493		85,861	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(4,171)		(14,250)	
Net current assets			84,322		71,611
Total assets less current liabilities			317,696		252,441
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**16**		(13,750)		-
Net assets			303,946		252,441
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		116,517		119,962	
Revaluation reserve		187,429		132,479	
			303,946		252,441
			303,946		252,441

THE DIESEL AND ELECTRIC PRESERVATION GROUP LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

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 December 2020.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on 24th September 2022

M N Howard
Trustee

Company registration number 02193894

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Diesel and Electric Preservation Group Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Old Goods Shed, Williton Station, Williton, SOMERSET, TA4 4RQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity'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)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. 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 heritage assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. The trustees have considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the charity's current and future financial position. The charity holds unrestricted, general reserves of £303,946 and a cash balance of £63,768. It has accessed government support as detailed in the trustees' report, and has ceased any non-essential expenditure throughout the lockdown period. For this reason, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

The revaluation reserve represents the net (unrealised) gain arising on the revaluation of the heritage assets.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate. Life membership subscriptions are credited to the Statement of Financial Activites in the year they are received, as no refunds are given for unused portions of membership.

Income received in advance of provision of a sevice is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with he Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged at cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	10 years (straight line)

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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 the statement of financial activities.

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000.

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity owns various locomotives and freight vehicles which are held and maintained for their historical and cultural value. Such assets are classified as heritage assets within the financial statements. A full description of the heritage assets is set out in Note 11.

Heritage assets are valued at their most recent valuation, which is currently 2020. Additions between valuations are stated at cost. Heritage assets are not depreciated as the trustees consider that they are artefacts of intrinsic value. Heritage assets are periodically reviewed for impairment, with any necessary impairment losses being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

The charitable company holds shares in an unquoted company, West Somerset Railway plc. The shares confer voting rights only and are held primarily to further the Charity's charitable objectives, rather than for financial return. As such, they are classified as programme-related investments on the balance sheet and measured at cost less impairment.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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 extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Stocks

Stock represents spare parts and scrap which have been donated to the charity or acquired over a number of years to provide spare parts for the charity's locomotives and restoration work. Much of the stock is unique and as such there is no readily available market value. Donated stock is valued at an estimate of its fair value.

Stocks purchased in the Charity are measured at the lower of cost and net realised 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.

1.11 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 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.12 Financial instruments

The Charity 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 in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans 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 payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts 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 creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.13 Government Grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the members 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. The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities include the inputs and estimates used in determining the valuation of heritage assets.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations and gifts	9,260	26,138
Government grants received	20,000	-
Membership fees	3,922	2,930
	33,182	29,068

4 Charitable activities

	2020	**2019**
	£	**£**
Locomotive hire	1,057	30,398
Course fees	-	600
	1,057	30,998

5 Charitable activities

	Direct costs 2020	Support costs 2020	Governance costs 2020	Total 2020	Direct costs 2019	Support costs 2019	Governance costs 2019	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	2,406	-	-	2,406	2,406	-	-	2,406
Maintenance and restoration costs	11,223	-	-	11,223	28,113	-	-	28,113
Rent	2,286	-	-	2,286	6,706	-	-	6,706
Utilities	2,676	-	-	2,676	2,710	-	-	2,710
Property and site maintenance	1,001	-	-	1,001	4,564	-	-	4,564
Postage and stationery	-	130	-	130	-	760	-	760
Newsletter and publicity	-	11	-	11	-	2,580	-	2,580
Telephone	-	621	-	621	-	669	-	669
Insurance	-	6,029	-	6,029	-	6,201	-	6,201
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	200
Miscellaneous costs	-	698	-	698	-	1,204	-	1,204
Legal and professional	-	-	2,750	2,750	-	-	1,275	1,275
Gift aid not recovered	8,793	-	-	8,793	-	-	-	-
	28,385	7,489	2,750	38,624	44,499	11,614	1,275	57,388
	28,385	7,489	2,750	38,624	44,499	11,614	1,275	57,388

6 Net movement in funds

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Accounts preparation fees (Azets)	1,200	-
Independent examination fees (Azets)	1,200	-
Independent examination fees (Godfrey Wilson Ltd)	-	1,275
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,406	2,406

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

8 Staff and key management personnel

The charitable company does not have any employees. Trustees do not receive any remuneration as a result of their office. Total benefits paid to key management personnel are therefore £nil (2019 - £nil).

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	24,063
At 31 December 2020	24,063
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2020	21,184
Depreciation charged in the year	2,406
At 31 December 2020	23,590
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	473
At 31 December 2019	2,879

Tangible fixed assets consist of the Heritage Diesel Visitor Centre displays, models, display equipment, viewing and maintenance access staging, and the members' messroom cabin, together with spares and equipment used in the overhaul and restoration of railway vehicles.

11 Heritage assets

	£
At 1 January 2020	177,950
Revaluation	54,950
At 31 December 2020	232,900

The valuation of the locomotives was reassessed by the trustees as at 31 December 2020 having regard to recent market sales of similar locomotives and their current condition.

Locomotives:
Class 14 0-6-0 D.H. Nos. D9518 & D9526
Class 35 "Hymek" D.H. Nos. D7017 & D7018
Class 47/8 "Brush" D.E. No. D1661 "North Star"
Class 52 "Western" D.H. No. D1010 "Western Campaigner"

Freight vehicles:
Brake can No. B952527
Ferry van No. B787158
Lowmac No. B904146
Open wagon No. GW118904
Vanwide No. B784676

The charitable company enters into agreements with the owners of diesel locomotives wherein the charitable company becomes the custodian of those locomotives for a specified period. Under the agreements the charitable company is responsible for the administration of the locomotives, their maintenance and operation whilst on West Somerset Railway. The charitable company does not recognise these locomotives as assets on its balance sheet. The agreements in force at 31 December 2020 were:

Clive Burrows: Class 33 x 2 Nos. D6566 & D6575 both for the fifteen years expiring 29th August 2029.

12 Investments

184,000 ordinary shares in West Somerset Railway plc:

	£
Cost	14,400
Less: impairment	(14,399)
At 1 January 2020 and at 31 December 2020	1

The shares were purchased in 1995. Since 2002, West Somerset Railway plc has had a nil dividend policy, which has meant that the shares have no readily ascertainable market value. Accordingly the trustees have written the value of the shares down to £1.

13 Stocks

	2020	2019
	£	£
Components	1,363	1,363
Spare parts	6,000	6,000
	7,363	7,363

14 Debtors

	2020	2019
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	827	9,369
Other debtors	4,651	864
Prepayments and accrued income	11,884	17,701
	17,362	27,934

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Bank loans	17	1,250	-
Trade creditors		-	8,475
Accruals and deferred income		2,921	5,775
		4,171	14,250

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Bank loans	17	13,750	-

17 Loans and overdrafts

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank loans	15,000	-
Payable within one year	1,250	-
Payable after one year	13,750	-
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:		
Payable by instalments	1,750	-

18 Contingent liabilities

The Old Goods Shed at Williton Station was built in 1862 to a Brunel broad gauge design by the Bristol & Exeter Railway. The stone-built slate-roofed building has been the home of the DEPG since 1980 and became a Grade II listed building in 1984 (listing number 1345661). The DEPG entered into a 35-year lease agreement with the West Somerset Railway for the Williton Goods Yard site in 1994 and the Old Goods Shed is included within the boundary of the Goods Yard. The building has since fallen into disrepair but the lease includes obligations for the DEPG to maintain the building, so remedial work will need to take place before the end of the lease term (29th August 2029).

The building was vacated at the end of 2020 due to concerns about the structural safety. The likely cost of the remedial work depends on the planned future use of the building. The previous use of the building as a locomotive repair bay cannot justify the likely six-figure repair cost, so work is taking place to establish a plan for a community use facility that would be funded by multiple parties. The DEPG therefore views the Old Goods Shed as a contingent liability which is likely to require a DEPG contribution to funding in the period 2023/24. The amount of the liability has not yet been determined and accordingly a provision has not been included in the financial statements.

19 Operating lease commitments

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Within one year	2,984	3,729
Between two and five years	8	2,990
In over five years	6	8
	2,998	6,727

20 Related party transactions

Helmore & Hunt Inc, a company controlled by J G Weston, was paid £200 for the use of accounting software (2019 - £nil).

There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2019 - £nil).