

THE EXETER WEST GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 514548

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1983-11-24

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

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Activities

Objects: TO SECURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS EXETER WEST SIGNAL BOX AND SIMILAR BUILDING OF HISTORIAL INTEREST AND TO USE THE SAID SIGNAL BOX AS A WORKING MUSEUM EXHIBITING ITEMS OF GENERAL RAILWAY INTEREST AND MORE PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SIGNALLING HISTORY AND PRACTICE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CONSTITUTION.

Activities: The group owns and maintains a large mechanical signal box from Exeter St. David's station. Fully restored to working order, the signal box is open to the public on a regular basis at the Crewe Heritage Centre.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£4,568	£3,802	-	-
2024-04-05	£4,837	£1,557	-	-
2023-04-05	£2,706	£4,758	-	-
2022-04-05	£29,698	£4,420	-	-
2021-04-05	£4,666	£1,179	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL RATCLIFF	Chair	
Andy Law		2018-10-20
DAVE EVANS		
David Thomas		2014-11-08
RAOUL BEAMAN		2013-11-21
Rupert Simon Nicholas Dyer		2022-06-10
SIMON BARBER		2013-11-21
STEVE TULL		
Tony Thurgar		2009-08-29

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6 April 2021 to 5 April 2022

Charity name: The Exeter West Group

Charity registration number: 514548

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To preserve and maintain Exeter West Signal Box and to make it available to the public as a working museum of railway signalling and practice
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During the year under review the signal box was maintained in working order and demonstrated to visitors to the Crewe Heritage Centre throughout the period for which the Centre was open
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees follow the law regarding public benefit and have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the year under review the signal box was maintained in working order and demonstrated to visitors to the Crewe Heritage Centre throughout the period for which the Centre was open. This has provided a public benefit by preserving an historic building and educating the public in relation to the history and practice of railway signalling in the United Kingdom in general and the Exeter area in particular.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity was in a strong financial position at the year end with cash reserves that were sufficient to maintain the signal box in good condition for the foreseeable future
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cash reserves are held to fund the maintenance and running of the signal box
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50,616.85 as at 5 April 2022
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		To preserve and maintain Exeter West Signal Box and to make it available to the public as a working museum of railway signalling and practice
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Written constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a written constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected from within the charity's membership at the charity's annual general meeting

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Exeter West Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	514548

Charity's principal address	Crewe Heritage Centre, Vernon Way, Crewe CW1 2DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael Ratcliff	Chairman		
2	David Thomas			
3	Simon Barber	Treasurer		
4	Tony Thurgar	Membership Secretary		
5	Raoul Beaman			
6	Steve Tull			
7	Dave Evans			
8	Andrew Law			
9	Bob Young		6.11.21 to 5.4.22	
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

M Ratcliff

Full name(s)

Michael Ratcliff

**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chairman

Date

21 January 2023

**The Exeter West Group
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ending 5th April 2022**

**The Exeter West Group
Statement of Source and Application of Funds
For the year ending 5th April 2022**

**The Exeter West Group
Summary of Balances
For the year ending 5th April 2022**

Notes to the Accounts

1. All items of income and expenditure are respectively credited or debited to the accounts when credited or debited to the Group's bank account.

2. The Cost of Sales in 2021-22 is zero as we planned for (and made) few sales during the forced closure of the Heritage Centre for much of the season, ~~and so~~ purchased no new stock.

3. Subscriptions include one new life member, G.Wilson, to whom the group is most grateful.

4. The Group has been fortunate this year to receive a legacy of £25,000 from the estate of our founder and president, P.Jordan, which makes the Group financially secure and protects us against further expenditure that is likely to be needed on our signal box to cope with the inevitable deterioration of the building over time. The Group also wishes to acknowledge all the members and visitors who have made donations this year, including generous gifts from M.B.Handscomb, M.Ratcliff and I.Wannell, and a further donation from Crewe Heritage Trust towards our cost of insurance. The Group also thanks all those members who habitually top up their annual subscription with a donation.

5. Maintenance of the signal box has re-started after none could be undertaken last year, when the Heritage Centre was closed by Covid restrictions. The principal maintenance job undertaken this year has been the painting of the signal box exterior, the adjoining hut, and part of the GUV.

6. 'Other' costs are the general costs of opening the box to visitors, the largest of which is usually fuel for the stoves, and with the Centre closed for most of the season, there were no such costs this year or last.

7. Stock is valued at nil. Exeter West Signal Box and all associated fixtures and fittings are valued at nil.

M Ratcliff
Chairman

S J Barber
Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Exeter West
Group on the Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2022**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5th April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act, or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:



Date: 26th January 2023

Name: Philip. M. Jolly

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