

THE TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP ORGANISATION

England & Wales · Charity number 518466

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1987-02-09

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ACQUIRE, RESTORE, REPAIR AND HOUSE TRAMCARS AND TRAMCAR BODIES, TRAMCAR TRUCKS AND TRAMWAY EQUIPMENT AND TO TRANSFER THE SAME TO THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY (WHICH EXPRESSION SHALL INCLUDE ANY BODY OR ORGANISATION WHICH FOR THE TIME BEING SHALL BE CARRYING ON SUBSTANTIALLY THE WORK AND HOLDING SUBSTANTIALLY THE ASSETS OF THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY) FOR PRESERVATION AND EXHIBITION.

Activities: The objects of the Organisation are to acquire, restore, repair and house tramcar bodies, tramcar trucks and tramway equipment and to transfer the same to the Tramway Museum Society, Crich for preservation and exhibition. The main function of the Organisation is to build up funds for the restoration etc. of tramcars and enable a continuous sequence of projects in the Workshop at Crich.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£69,405	£62,178	-	-
2023-10-31	£41,692	£17,648	-	-
2022-10-31	£35,262	£39,398	-	-
2021-10-31	£41,857	£65,528	-	-
2020-10-31	£64,239	£118,835	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL BRENT HIGHAM	Chair	2013-07-25
Colin Heaton		2019-10-19
Francis Alfred Bagshaw		2014-07-19
MALCOLM CHARLES WRIGHT		
Peter John Whiteley		2014-07-19
Philip Russel Burgin		2020-12-12

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**Annual Trustees' Report for the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation for the period
1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024**

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Blackpool Railcoach Fund

Independent examiner

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Objectives and Activities

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Achievements and Performance

- Newcastle 102 has entered service and has proved to be popular with visitors. Blackpool Luxury Toastrack 'Boat' Car 236, the restoration of which was funded by the TSO and the Fylde Tramcar Fund (FTF), has remained in service.
- Payments totalling just under £62,000 have been made to the Tramway Museum Society (TMS) towards the restoration of Blackpool 298 during the year. No further payments have been made to the TMS in respect of Newcastle 102.

Financial performance

- There are no outstanding payments to the TMS or any other body. Further payments towards the restoration of Newcastle 102 and Blackpool 298 will be made in the next financial year.
- Other expenditure has been kept low and is entirely associated with production and postage of newsletters and meeting documents.

Management and Governance

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- Public Benefit is expressed through our support for the activities of the TMS (Registered Charity No. 313615). There is no direct interface with the public by the TSO and all the elements of the public benefit expressed by the TMS in their Annual Report are supported. We support the restoration and demonstration of trams which are then on display at The National Tramway Museum.

Plans for the future

- Regular meetings continue between the TMS and the TSO to progress current restorations and identify suitable projects that would benefit from TSO backing.
- Work continues on the restoration of Blackpool 298. The wooden frame of the body has been repaired where necessary and reconstruction of the body on the new underframe continues. Work has begun on the restoration of the trams bogies. Steady progress has been made throughout the year.

Sustainability

- The main source of income for the TSO is through members' contributions. Membership of the TSO is open to everyone. In order to sustain the organisation, there is a need to continually attract members. A leaflet explaining the activities of the TSO and including a membership form is readily available at the National Tramway Museum and on the TSO Facebook page. Some members are recruited by informal means. The number of members is reported twice annually at the AGM and HYM.
- News articles on TSO sponsored trams have appeared in Railway Magazine, a monthly national publication.

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Registered Charity No. 518466
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 October 2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2023 £
Receipts				
Members' Subscriptions	20,922	-	20,922	20,990
Donations	17,034	3,416	20,450	3,961
Interest Received	18,129	4,573	22,702	11,277
Income Tax Recovered	4,624	707	5,331	5,464
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>60,709</u>	<u>8,696</u>	<u>69,405</u>	<u>41,692</u>
Payments				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Tramcar Restoration	0	61,987	61,987	17,372
Other Expenditure				
Management and Administration	191		191	276
Total payments	<u>191</u>	<u>61,987</u>	<u>62,178</u>	<u>17,648</u>
Net receipts	<u>60,518</u>	<u>- 53,291</u>	<u>7,227</u>	<u>24,044</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2023	709,135	178,979	888,114	864,070
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2024	<u>769,653</u>	<u>125,688</u>	<u>895,341</u>	<u>888,114</u>

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st October 2024

Restricted Funds	BRF £	FTF £	Total restricted £
Receipts			
Donations	2,651	765	3,416
Interest Received	4,022	551	4,573
Income Tax Recovered	487	220	707
Total Receipts	<u>7,160</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>8,696</u>
Payments			
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Tramcar Restoration	61,987	-	61,987
Other Expenditure			
Management and Administration	-	-	-
Total payments	<u>61,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,987</u>
Net receipts	<u>- 54,827</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>- 53,291</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2023	156,143	22,836	178,979
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2024	<u>101,316</u>	<u>24,372</u>	<u>125,688</u>

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation
Registered Charity No. 518466
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st October 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society	769,653	125,688	895,341
Other monetary assets			
Income tax recoverable	2,343	360	2,703
Liabilities			
Tramcar restoration	126,000	93,013	219,013
Management and Administration	-	-	-

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

M B Higham

26th March 2025

M B Higham, Chairman & Treasurer

Date

Accounting policies

1.) These accounts are based on receipts and payments in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines CC16

2.) Restricted Funds

a.) The Blackpool Railcoach Fund

This fund comprises subscriptions and donations towards the restoration of Blackpool Railcoach no. 298, which together with related interest and income tax recoverable, may only be used towards the restoration cost of this car. No other of the TSO's restricted funds may be used on this car.

b.) The Fylde Tramcar Fund

In 2003, a fund commenced in conjunction with the Fylde Tramway Society for the restoration of Blackpool tramcars that are part of the Tramway Museum Society's collection. Donations to this fund, together with related interest and income tax recoverable, may only be used towards the restoration costs of nominated Blackpool tramcars. No other of the TSO's restricted funds may be spent on these cars.

3.) Liabilities shown under the heading Tramcar Restoration are estimates for the remaining funds committed to projects that are currently in progress.

**THE TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP ORGANISATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 518466**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the above-named charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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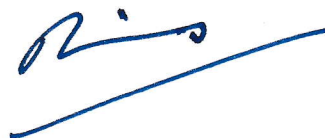
have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

I am a regular subscriber to the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation, but apart from acting as Independent Examiner I have not had any other direct involvement in the financial management of this charity.

A. J. Williams B.Sc.,
55 Bowmans Road,
Dartford,
DA1 3QP.



Dated the 26th day of March 2025

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Achievements and Performance

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Plans for the future

- Quarterly meetings continue between the TMS and the TSO to progress current restorations and identify suitable projects that would benefit from TSO backing.
- Newcastle 102 is now undertaking test running. The launch of this tramcar was delayed by additional work to meet health and safety requirements. It is now anticipated that it will return to service in 2024.
- Work continues on the restoration of Blackpool 298. The wooden frame of the body has been repaired where necessary and reconstruction of the body on the new underframe has commenced. Progress was slow during quarters 1 to 3 of the year but improved in quarter 4.

Sustainability

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 October 2023

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2022 £
Receipts				
Members' Subscriptions	20,990		20,990	21,292
Donations	432	3,529	3,961	3,570
Interest Received	9,280	1,997	11,277	4,590
Income Tax Recovered	4,743	721	5,464	5,810
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>35,445</u>	<u>6,247</u>	<u>41,692</u>	<u>35,262</u>
Payments				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Tramcar Restoration	9,200	8,172	17,372	39,274
Other Expenditure				
Management and Administration	276	-	276	124
Total payments	<u>9,476</u>	<u>8,172</u>	<u>17,648</u>	<u>39,398</u>
Net receipts	<u>25,969</u>	<u>- 1,925</u>	<u>24,044</u>	<u>- 4,136</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2022	683,166	180,904	864,070	868,206
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2023	<u>709,135</u>	<u>178,979</u>	<u>888,114</u>	<u>864,070</u>

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st October 2023

Restricted Funds	BRF £	FTF £	Total restricted £
Receipts			
Donations	2,614	915	3,529
Interest Received	1,845	152	1,997
Income Tax Recovered	485	236	721
Total Receipts	<u>4,944</u>	<u>1,303</u>	<u>6,247</u>
Payments			
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Tramcar Restoration	8,172		8,172
Other Expenditure			
Management and Administration	-	-	-
Total payments	<u>8,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,172</u>
Net receipts	<u>- 3,228</u>	<u>1,303</u>	<u>- 1,925</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2022	159,371	21,533	180,904
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2023	<u>156,143</u>	<u>22,836</u>	<u>178,979</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st October 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society	709,135	178,979	888,114
Other monetary assets			
Income tax recoverable	2,329	357	2,686
Liabilities			
Tramcar restoration	126,000	155,000	281,000
Management and Administration	-	-	-

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

M.B. Higham

M B Higham, Chairman & Treasurer

8th March 2024.

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	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2021 £
Receipts				
Members' Subscriptions	21,292		21,292	21,454
Donations	-	3,570	3,570	4,903
Interest Received	4,219	371	4,590	7,272
Income Tax Recovered	5,036	774	5,810	8,239
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>30,547</u>	<u>4,715</u>	<u>35,262</u>	<u>41,868</u>
Payments				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Tramcar Restoration	-	39,274	39,274	65,172
Other Expenditure				
Management and Administration	124	-	124	356
Total payments	<u>124</u>	<u>39,274</u>	<u>39,398</u>	<u>65,528</u>
Net receipts	<u>30,423</u>	<u>- 34,559</u>	<u>- 4,136</u>	<u>- 23,660</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2021	652,743	215,463	868,206	891,877
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2022	<u>683,166</u>	<u>180,904</u>	<u>864,070</u>	<u>868,206</u>

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st October 2022

Restricted Funds	BRF £	FTF £	Total restricted £
Receipts			
Donations	2,610	960	3,570
Interest Received	357	14	371
Income Tax Recovered	521	253	774
Total Receipts	<u>3,488</u>	<u>1,227</u>	<u>4,715</u>
Payments	-	-	-
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Tramcar Restoration	39,274	-	39,274
Other Expenditure			
Management and Administration	-	-	-
Total payments	<u>39,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,274</u>
Net receipts	<u>- 35,786</u>	<u>1,227</u>	<u>- 34,559</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2021	195,157	20,306	215,463
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2022	<u>159,371</u>	<u>21,533</u>	<u>180,904</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st October 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society	683,166	180,904	864,070
Other monetary assets			
Income tax recoverable	2,441	361	2,802
Liabilities			
Tramcar restoration	133,200	162,000	295,200
Management and Administration	-	-	-

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

M.B. Higham

M B Higham, Chairman & Treasurer

11th Nov 2023

Date

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**THE TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP ORGANISATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 518466**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the above-named charity for the year ended 31 October 2022.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

I am a regular subscriber to the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation, but apart from acting as Independent Examiner I have not had any other direct involvement in the financial management of this charity.



A. J. Williams B.Sc.,
55 Bowmans Road,
Dartford,
DA1 3QP.

Dated the 11th day of March 2023

THE TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP ORGANISATION

England & Wales - Charity number 518466

Accounts

**Annual Trustees' Report for the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation for the period
1st November 2010 to 31st October 2021**

Trustees

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M B Higham (Chairman & Treasurer)
F A Bagshaw (Secretary)
P R Burgin
C Heaton
P J Whiteley
M C Wright

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Objectives and Activities

- The main work of the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation (TSO) this year has been to continue to raise funds towards tramcar restoration projects in the National Collection displayed and operated at The National Tramway Museum.

Achievements and Performance

- Blackpool Luxury Toastrack 'Boat' Car 236, this restoration was funded by the TSO and the Fylde Tramcar Fund (FTF), continued in operation during the restricted opening of the museum due to Covid 19 and continues to be popular with the general public. Sheffield 510 another tram the restoration of which was comparatively recently part funded by the TSO has not operated since it was not suitable for use during the pandemic.
- Payments totalling just under £65,000 have been made to the Tramway Museum Society (TMS) towards the restoration of Blackpool 298 during the year. No further payments have been made to the TMS in respect of Newcastle 102.

Financial performance

- There are no outstanding payments to the TMS or any other body. Further payments towards the restoration of Newcastle 102 and Blackpool 298 will be made in the next financial year.
- Other expenditure has been kept low and is entirely associated with production and postage of newsletters and meeting documents.

Management and Governance

- The charity is governed by 'The Rules of the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation'. It is an unincorporated association.
- The organisation is managed by a committee of not more than six nor less than three trustees who are members of the organisation. Trustees are elected to serve for a period of three years. At each Annual General Meeting the two longest serving trustees, in their current period of service, retire and, if eligible, can offer themselves for re-election.
- The committee meets on at least two occasions a year and normally there are at least two meetings for members to attend, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Half Yearly Meeting. Due to the Covid pandemic it has only been possible to hold the AGM. This meeting and the committee meetings have been held by video conferencing. This approach was agreed with the Charity Commission. Decisions on expenditure on tramcar restoration are made at one of the twice-yearly meetings or occasionally by referendum.

Public Benefit

- Public Benefit is expressed through our support for the activities of the TMS (Registered Charity No. 313615). There is no direct interface with the public by the TSO and all the elements of the public benefit expressed by the TMS in their Annual Report are supported. We support the restoration and demonstration of trams which are then on display at The National Tramway Museum.

Plans for the future

- Quarterly meetings continue between the TMS and the TSO to progress current restorations and identify suitable projects that would benefit from TSO backing.
- Newcastle 102 was ceremonially launched by HRH Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, when he visited the museum on 20th October 2021. The tram will now undertake test running. It is anticipated that it will enter passenger carrying service in the late spring or early summer.
- Work has commenced on the restoration of Blackpool 298. A new underframe has been constructed by the Ffestiniog and West Highland Railway and the body of the tram has been dismantled and repair ready for reconstruction on the new underframe. The motors and compressor have been tested at Dorlec.

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation

Registered Charity No. 518466

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 October 2021

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2020 £
Receipts				
Members' Subscriptions	21,454	-	21,454	22,007
Donations	1,075	3,828	4,903	21,504
Interest Received	5,608	1,653	7,261	9,839
Income Tax Recovered	4,939	3,300	8,239	10,889
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>33,076</u>	<u>8,781</u>	<u>41,857</u>	<u>64,239</u>
Payments				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Tramcar Restoration	250	64,922	65,172	118,654
Other Expenditure				
Management and Administration	356	-	356	181
Total payments	<u>606</u>	<u>64,922</u>	<u>65,528</u>	<u>118,835</u>
Net receipts	<u>32,470</u>	<u>- 56,141</u>	<u>- 23,671</u>	<u>- 54,596</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2020	620,273	271,593	891,866	946,452
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2021	<u>652,743</u>	<u>215,452</u>	<u>868,195</u>	<u>891,866</u>

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation

Registered Charity No. 518466

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st October 2021

Restricted Funds	BRF	FTF	Total restricted
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Donations	2,803	1,025	3,828
Interest Received	1,609	44	1,653
Income Tax Recovered	3,020	280	3,300
Total Receipts	<u>7,432</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>8,781</u>
Payments	-	-	-
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Tramcar Restoration	64,922	-	64,922
Other Expenditure			
Management and Administration	-	-	-
Total payments	<u>64,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,922</u>
Net receipts	<u>(57,490)</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>(56,141)</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2020	252,636	18,957	271,593
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2021	<u>195,146</u>	<u>20,306</u>	<u>215,452</u>

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation
Registered Charity No. 518466
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st October 2021

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Bank and Building Society	652,743	215,452	868,195
Other monetary assets			
Income tax recoverable	2,674	408	3,082
Liabilities			
Tramcar restoration	121,000	202,000	323,000
Management and Administration	11	-	11

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

M B Higham

M B Higham, Chairman & Treasurer

22nd March 2022

Date

Accounting policies

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2.) Restricted Funds

a.) **The Blackpool Railcoach Fund**

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Dated the 22nd day of March 2022

THE TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP ORGANISATION

England & Wales - Charity number 518466

Accounts

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- Payments totalling just over £118,600 have been made to the Tramway Museum Society (TMS) towards the restoration of Newcastle 102 during the year. Total payments towards the restoration of the tramcar now exceed £156,000.

Financial performance

- There are no outstanding payments to the TMS or any other body. Further payments towards the restoration of Newcastle 102 will be made in the next financial year.
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Plans for the future

- Quarterly meetings continue between the TMS and the TSO to progress current restorations and identify suitable projects that would benefit from TSO backing.
- The TSO has again agreed to increase the funding that will be available to the TMS for the refurbishment of Newcastle 102. This increase is to cover the increased costs associated with work on the bogies, wheelsets, gears and pinions. The estimated cost of restoration is circa £174,000. Completion of the tramcar has been delayed by the restrictions enforced by the Covid 19 pandemic.
- Preparatory work has taken place on the restoration of Blackpool 298. It is expected that work on the tramcar will commence in early 2021.

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation

**Registered Charity No. 518466
Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 October 2020**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2019 £
Receipts				
Members' Subscriptions	22,007		22,007	20,182
Donations	7,839	13,665	21,504	336,930
Interest Received	7,668	2,171	9,839	7,662
Income Tax Recovered	5,042	5,847	10,889	9,307
Other Income	-	-	-	
Total Receipts	<u>42,556</u>	<u>21,683</u>	<u>64,239</u>	<u>374,081</u>
Payments				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Tramcar Restoration	118,654	-	118,654	38,572
Other Expenditure				
Management and Administration	181	-	181	253
Total payments	<u>118,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,835</u>	<u>38,825</u>
Net receipts	<u>- 76,279</u>	<u>21,683</u>	<u>- 54,596</u>	<u>335,256</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2019	696,552	249,910	946,462	611,206
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2020	<u>620,273</u>	<u>271,593</u>	<u>891,866</u>	<u>946,462</u>

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation

Registered Charity No. 518466

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st October 2020

Restricted Funds	BRF £	FTF £	Total restricted £
Receipts			
Donations	12,555	1,110	13,665
Interest Received	2,026	145	2,171
Income Tax Recovered	5,567	280	5,847
Total Receipts	<u>20,148</u>	<u>1,535</u>	<u>21,683</u>
Payments	-	-	-
Direct Charitable Expenditure			
Tramcar Restoration	-	-	-
Other Expenditure			
Management and Administration	-	-	-
Total payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net receipts	<u>20,148</u>	<u>1,535</u>	<u>21,683</u>
Balances brought forward at 1st November 2019	232,488	17,422	249,910
Balances carried forward at 31st October 2020	<u>252,636</u>	<u>18,957</u>	<u>271,593</u>

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation
Registered Charity No. 518466
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st October 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank and Building Society	620,273	271,593	891,866
Other monetary assets			
Income tax recoverable	2,777	2,957	5,734
Liabilities			
Tramcar restoration	18,000	179,000	197,000
Management and Administration	62	-	62

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

M.B. Higham

5th February 2021

M B Higham, Chairman & Treasurer

Date

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Dated the 5th day of February 2021