

Portadown Armagh Railway Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101159

Details

Known as	PARS
Status	Received
Registered	2015-02-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	Killylea 22 Ballymacully Road Killylea Armagh Killylea BT60 4ns BT60 4NS
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Website	22 ballymacully road, killylea

Activities

Purposes: The aims of the group will be: a. To advance the education of the public in the history and development of railways in the Portadown and Armagh area. b. To collect and preserve railway artifacts and heritage to the benefit of the local community. c. To bring together current & former railway personnel and those interested in railways to develop a community of interest

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Heritage/historical, Research/evaluation

Who the charity helps: Men, Older people, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2025-03-31		£0	£410	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Derek Smyth		
Mr Leslie Cooper		
Mr Will Glendinning Bsc		
Mr William Hutchinson		
Mrs Daphne Weir		
Ms Jackie Coad		

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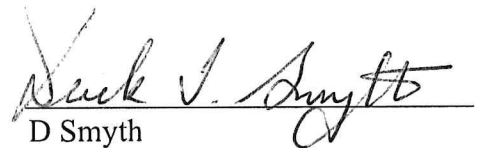
Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Donations and Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Payments					
Governance Costs	-	-	399	399	1,420
Bank Fees	-	-	11	11	29
Total payments	-	-	410	410	1,449
Net receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-	-	-
Deficit / Surplus for the year	-	-	(410)	(410)	(1,449)

Approved by the trustees on 22.01.2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Wm Hutchinson
Trustee



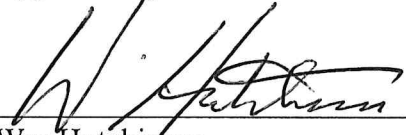
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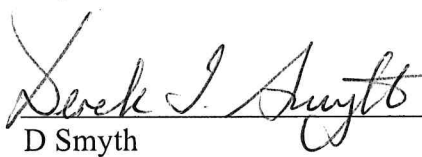
Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Year Ended 31 March 2025

Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.24	432	-	-	432	1,881
Deficit for the year	(410)	-	-	(410)	(1,449)
Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.25	22	-	-	22	432
 Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Current Account				22	432

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PORTADOWN ARMAGH RAILWAY SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Portadown Armagh Railway Society

Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts					
Donations and Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total Receipts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1000</u>
Payments					
Governance Costs	-	-	-	1,420	-
Bank Fees				29	
Total payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,449</u>	<u>-</u>
Net receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-	-	-
Deficit / Surplus for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,449)</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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Funds Reconciliation	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.23	1,881	-	-	1,881	1,881
Deficit for the year	(1,449)	-	-	(1,449)	-
Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.24	432	-	-	432	1,881
 Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Current Account				432	1,881

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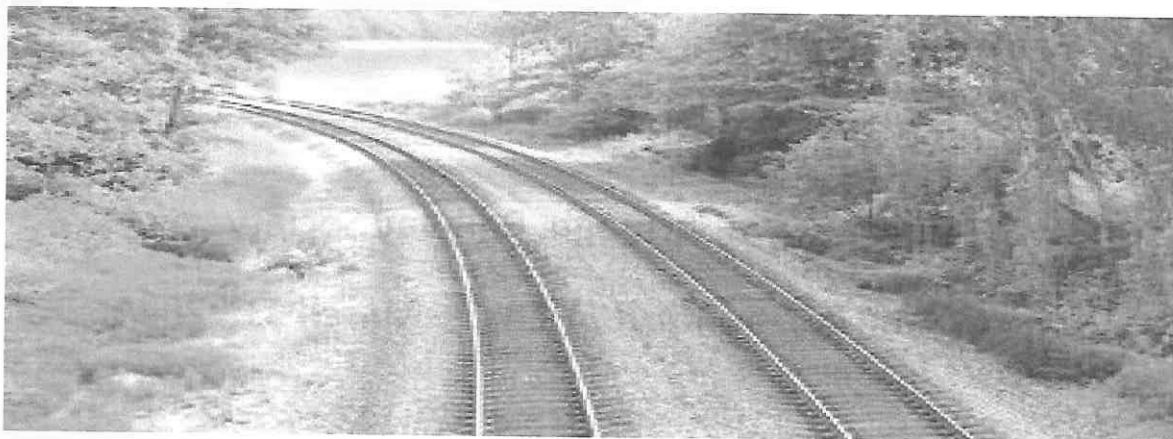


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Portadown, Armagh, Railway Society

CCNI No. 101159

Annual Report

31st March 2024

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Portadown, Armagh, Railway Society
Reporting Period April 1st 2023– March 31st 2024

Members

Jackie Coade

Leslie Cooper

Will Glendinning

William Hutchinson

Derek Smyth

Daphne Weir

Great emphasis is now being placed on the All Island rail review a high level study which will look at rail infrastructure in both jurisdictions. PARS believes Armagh will feature within this study as Armagh stands out as an important tourist destination for people throughout the island and further afield.

PARS believes this has been another year of advancement and as a group feels empowered to continue with the campaign to have the railway restored to Armagh.

William Hutchinson (Chairman PARS)

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Derek Smyth (Acting Secretary)

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Portadown, Armagh, Railway Society Committee

March 31st 2024

Annual Report.

The committee of the Portadown, Armagh, Railway Society met during the reporting period via Zoom and in person at Woodford Hall in Armagh.

During the year the PARS committee members met with Aldermen and Councillors and relevant council officials facilitating the needs of the ACBC Council Railway Working Group. During this period a feasibility study was released which indicated many positive outcomes if the railway was once again reconnected to the City of Armagh. There are indications further studies will now take place.

Communication and discussions continue between committee members MLA's, MP's, DfI and those responsible for railway planning and operation within the Province.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of Portadown Armagh Railway Society

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner:

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for Independent Examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report:

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.


My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Andrew Gilpin, FCCA
WHR Accountants Ltd
Independent Examiner
56 English Street
Armagh
BT61 7LG

21/1/2025
Date

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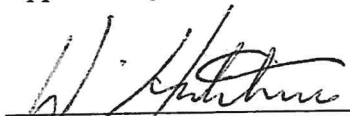
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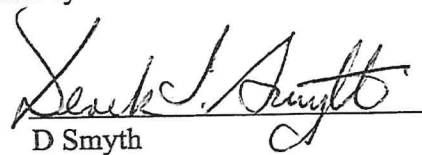
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Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
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Net receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to/(from) funds	-	-	-	-	-
Surplus for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>-</u>

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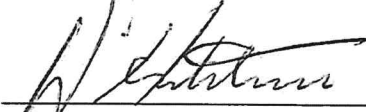
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	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.22	881	-	-	881	881
Surplus for the year	1000	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand 31.03.23	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1881</u>	<u>881</u>
Bank and Cash Balances					
Bank Current Account				<u>1881</u>	<u>881</u>

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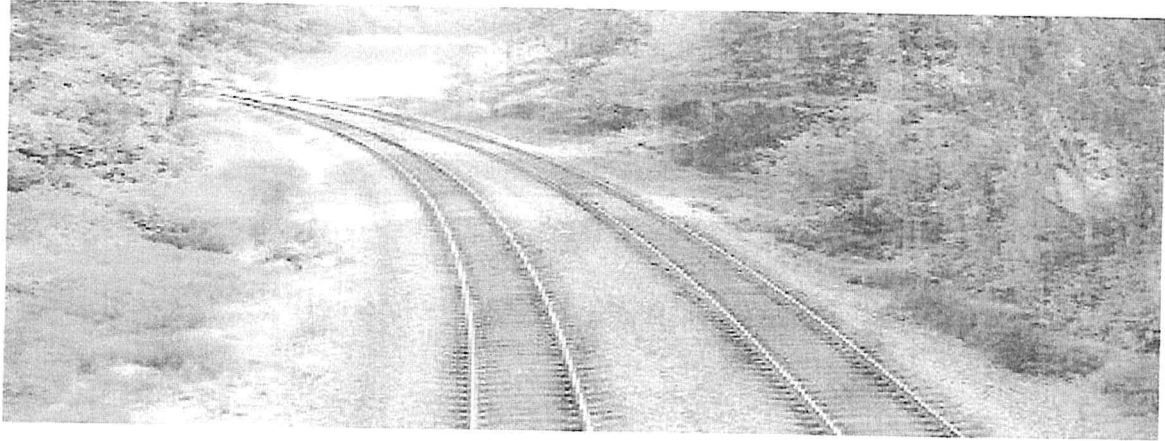


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As has been indicated in previous reports a feasibility study is

currently underway into the possibility of the reopening of the Portadown to Armagh railway. The results are expected to be made public in the Autumn of 2023 when the report is

presented by AECOM to the local council and DfI

The committee would like to thank the councillors and others who have given of their time to further the campaign of reinstating this important rail corridor.

With the imminent study namely the All-Island Rail Review it is hoped Armagh City will be included within the proposals outlined in this review considering it's a city of 16,500 people.

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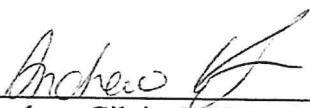
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