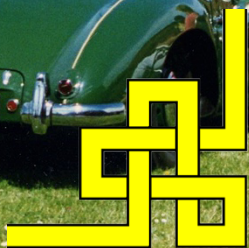
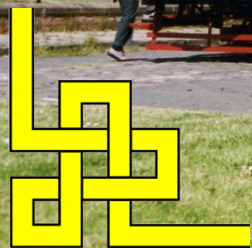


2025/2026

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS





SUMMERLEE TRANSPORT GROUP OFFICE BEARERS 2025-26

Committee Members

Chair.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

Membership Secretary.

Members Nominations.

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The objectives of the Summerlee Transport Group

The objectives of the Group shall be to advance the education of the public in relation to the history of Tramway Cars and other transport-related matters. In furtherance thereof, but not otherwise, the Group shall seek:-

- a) to provide crews on a voluntary basis for the Tramway Cars at Summerlee Industrial Museum, Coatbridge, enabling advancement of public education and experience in the operation of Tramway Cars from both abroad and the United Kingdom:
- b) to provide voluntary labour to assist in the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the vehicles and associated equipment:
- c) to acquire, preserve and restore Tramway and other Transport rolling stock, equipment, and associated artefacts for eventual public operation, study and education in Transport-related matters.

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Annual General Meeting

You are invited to attend the Summerlee Transport Groups A.G.M. which will take place on Saturday the 21st March 2026 at 1:30 pm Summerlee Museum.

Although the trams are not operating at the moment there is a lot of information to report on the park managements efforts to bring the trams back into service. Plans for a new extension involving point work are being investigated and costs are being obtained. Come to the meeting and find out more.

It is important that we have a decent turnout at the AGM not only to demonstrate appreciation for our active volunteers but also to shown the park management the commitment the group has to supporting the tramway.

As an additional incentive for attending 10 diecast model trams will be handed out at the meeting.

George Broom
Chair



Glasgow 1017 in Coplawhill Works

Chairmans report 2025-2026

Since taking over the chairmanship of the group in late October the committee have formally met on three occasions Nov, Jan & Feb to investigate and discuss the groups running costs, how the group can best support the park management to bring the trams back into service and importantly how we can best serve you, our membership.

The committee recognise the limited income the group now generates and our treasurer Joyce supplied a comprehensive breakdown on our costs and savings have been identified which we hope to benefit from next year.

James has had several meetings with the park manager and agreement has been reached about what work can be undertaken by our group. I am pleased to be able to report STG members are back on site and have carried out a number of very productive work sessions.

Alexander has been working on our web site particularly with access to the Trolley pages. He is also investigating making the internet version more interesting with links to video rather than just pictures. Alexander is also looking for cost savings and is actively negotiating a reduction from our internet page hosts.

As I hope you can see your committee have been productive and I would like to thank the committee members who have in this short time contributed so much.

At this stage of the report, it is usual to give a run down of the work and condition of the trams in the Depot. The trams are safe and secure but other than moving them a few feet back and forward to minimise bearing wear and some cleaning no work has been authorised on them. However, Alister has created a works car from a rail trolley which he is very proud of and it has been used extensively for track cleaning and moving items from the depot. The works car is one man powered but does benefit from a 'trace person' when climbing the hill. The benefit of track cleaning the group have been involved in is quite obvious when the works car is in operation as there is quite a drag on a section that is still to be done.

A great deal of work has been done tidying and rearranging the tram shed, additional shelving has been installed to facilitate this. Work has also been done to clear out the shipping container storage facility the group were allocated. Unfortunately, this could best be described as a disaster area. The roof has leaked and since it has been sealed for over a year a lot of damage particularly to woodwork has been

caused with a white fungus growing from it. Alister and James have spent some time restoring damaged artifacts. Opening up destination blinds and drying them out. The underground bulkhead and doors were cleaned and surface fungus removed before handing them to Justin the park curator who will treat them with fungicide and keep them in his storeroom. Clearing the container is an ongoing job anyone with an expertise on wood restoration please step forward.

Over and above this Alister and James are actively involved restoring the Blue Train which I am sure you will hear more of at our AGM. Consideration must now be given to the future of the group but before that a brief look at the past.

When I joined the group over 25 years ago, we had a very strong committee of professional people who brought a lot of expertise to the group. They were real experts and passionate on tramways as they were a generation where trams were a part of there youth. More importantly most of them enjoyed early retirement and were able to give their time freely.

These days are in the past, the dream of early retirement no longer an option making it difficult for people to commit to volunteering in this or any other group.

However, 25 years ago the majority of the real work was carried out by a very young talented Brian Quinn and his friends and today we are lucky to still have relatively young people who are very keen and able to carry out work on the tramway.

For the group to continue as it is the committee does need more active members. We understand people cannot attend every meeting however if anyone feels they can contribute to the committee in any way please let us know. If administrative posts cannot be filled the discussion may have to revolve on what has to be cut back to keep the group functioning. If you can make it, please come along to the AGM.

George Broom
Chair



Treasurers Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for there continued support over the last year as treasurer. I am. Please that in my last year as treasurer that once again we had an operational surplisce for the year, full details of the financial position of the group are contained in the attached treasurer statement for the year

I trust out members will support out incoming treasurer in the same way they have supported myself and wish them success in taking the group finances into a new period of success

Joyce Craig
Treasurer

Membership Secretary Report

The Membership for the year remained steady having gone slightly down with some new/rejoining members and with some members not renewing their membership. Since October small number of members are allowed to work in the depot but not on the trams, this has allowed us to soft launch the new membership adverts on social media (the changes have been made to reflect the current work of the group) with new membership forms due when the current forms run out, I would like to thank all the members who donated last year and who are planning on donating in the future, The year 2022/23 is higher due to the free year offered to Members during the Covid19 years. Some changes are planned for the electronic issue of trolley to add the addition of videos, this is currently being investigated, we are looking to see how this can be incorporated in the paper copy by using links at the end of the article or using a QR code, more information will be in the next issue of Trolley

The membership renewal rates for 2026-27 year is:
£6.00 for a electronic copy of trolley
£12.00 for a postal copy of trolley



Numbers of Members

2025/26 - 30	2024/25 – 41	2023/24 – 37	2022/23 – 63
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Alexander Craig, Membership Secretary

Depot Supervisors Report

Depot has been tidied and cleaned as well as the container. Trams have been swept and cleaned. My Main work has been focused on Track cleaning and moving objects to the Museums stores both using the Permanent way Trolley.

If you are interested in Volunteering please contact the committee, please note that all volunteers require with NLC through VolunteerNL

Alistair Mather
Depot Supervisor

Model Group Report

The model group held several meetings during 2025 were exhibiting there models and discussing various issues associated with operating a working tramway took place. The dates for 2016 have been posted to the TLRS website and notified of upcoming events posted on the group social media and website. Interested members are welcome to any meeting and join in this interesting part of our group



Glasgow 1245 in Coplawhill Works

Minutes of AGM

The below were notes taken by the Membership Secretary and Outgoing Chair and Incoming Chair

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2024 held on Saturday 25th October 2025 at 13.30 in the Modular Office at Summerlee Museum, Coatbridge.

Attendance

David Craig (Chair), Joyce Craig (Treasure) Alexander Craig (Membership Secretary), David Elvy (Minute Taker), Alan Pollock, Daniel MacEwan, George Broom, Alistair Mather, James Fraser, Darrel Hendrie, Christopher Broom, Gorden Casely

(Due to missing attendance list we apologies for any omissions)

Apologies

Ross Burn (Acting Secretary), David Brown

1. Chairs Welcome:

The Chair welcomed members to this year's AGM and thanked them for their attendance today. He outlined the agenda for the meeting and explained the reason for the second meeting at the meeting in March did not meet the requirements for an AGM as 12 members were not present and explained an informal meeting of the group was healed. He was pleased to announce that the meeting was quorate and could Proceeded

2. Minutes of AGM in 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2024 were approved

3. Notes of March 2025 Informal Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2025 were approved

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

A discussion on the above took place and no relevant matters had arisen

5. Reports from Committee Members

Chairs Report

The Chair referred to his comments made in the annual report presented in March in which he updated members on various activities undertaken in the

Museum. He advised that the efforts of the Museum to attract and appoint a suitable candidate for the post of Heritage Technician had been unsuccessful. There for the activates of members which they had previously been undertake remained suspended. No further progress had been made on appointment

The model section in association with the TLRS had several meetings held over this year and further meeting were planned for 2025/26. Members are encouraged to support this part of the group activates.

An update on the progress with the museum development plans and it was noted that at present only details of the new development had been publicly provided. There had been no update on the infrastructure repairs, in particular the works, required to various aspects of the tramway in particular works associated with the track, overhead and depot. All of which require to be attended too prior to recommencing operational trams

The chair reminded members that NLC and the Museum have a volunteer policy in which they can undertake, volunteering activates unrecited to the tram

The chair once again thanked those members who have been able to attend this rescheduled AGM

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer referred the members to the Annual Accounts and associated Report which highlighted the activity within the accounts during the year. There were no significant movements within the accounts for the year other than membership renewals were down which had a slight impact on the income for the year. The Treasurer thank all members who had renewed their membership and had also made donations to the Group as these were always welcome.

Thanks were given to the treasurer for their on-going vigilance with regards to the best bank account options for the society's accounts.

Membership Report

As indicated in the annual report the membership was similar to the previous year although is should be noted that renewals to date were down for 2025

6. Financial statement 2024/25

The accounts for the year 2024/25 were presented to the members. The Treasurer pointed the membership the notes in the Treasurers report which were noted by the membership, No comments on the expenditure were received at the meeting nor from members who sent their apologies

The accounts and report were approved and will be sent to OSCR

One matter was raised re the signing of the accounts prior to approval by members by the independent inspector, the Treasurer explained that the accounts presented were the one for the March meeting and she had signed copies at home. It was agreed that for future AGM'S all three signatures should be on the copies sent to Members

7. Election of Committee Members for 2025

The following members were elected unopposed:

Chairman: George Broom (proposed: J Fraser, Seconded: D Hendrie)

Secretary: David Elvy (proposed: D Hendrie, Seconded: C Broom)

Treasurer: Joyce Craig (To complete the current years accounts) Ross

Burns (To start the new year's accounts) (Both proposed: G Broom,

Seconded: A Mather)

Membership Secretary: Alexander Craig (proposed: A Mather, Seconded: D Hendrie)

Committee Members: James Fraser and Christopher Broom (Both proposed: A Craig Seconded: D Hendrie)

It was agreed that the post of Depot Supervisor would be co-opted by the committee and required to be approved by the Museum Management, Alistair Mather was appointed to fill this post subject to any necessary approval (proposed: J Fraser, Seconded: A Craig)

8. AOCB

The chair, George Broom, proposed that as a recognition of his service to the group and activity as chair for a number of years that the group officers the retiring chair life membership of the group. This proposal was seconded by members and was approved

Meeting Closed at 15:00.



Annual General Meeting 2025/26

To be held at Summerlee Museum in the Viewing Pod
(Located in the Main Exhibition Hall, 1st Floor)

On

Saturday 21st March 2026 at 1.30 pm

Agenda

Welcome by the Chair

Apologies

Minutes of AGM in 2025

Financial Report

Other Officers Reports

Election of Committee Members

A.O.C.B

Close of Meeting

Please bring your annual report with you to the meeting

If you are unable to attend and wish to send in your apologise,
please email info+agm@summerleetg.co.uk

Digital copies of the report and accounts can be found on the AGM section
of the website www.summerleetg.co.uk/members/agm.html