

# Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC040039

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2008-11-14
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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Address Polmuir Avenue  
Aberdeen  
AB117WH

Website [www.frht.org.uk](http://www.frht.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

**What the charity does:** The Trust was formed in 2007 with the support of Aberdeen City Council to take over responsibility for the remaining Listed buildings and Structures which form part of the former Ferryhill Motive Power Depot which operated between 1850-1998. These consisted of the former Engine Shed, Listed Grade "B" by Historic Environment Scotland, the Ransomes and Rapier Railway Turntable, Listed Grade "A" and the remaining associated structures and sidings including the unique coaling bank. As a Heritage Centre open to the public, our main purpose is preserving the history of the railway and providing a venue where people of all ages can come, currently on four days per week, to learn about the history of railways in the UK and the North East of Scotland and to contribute by volunteering to undertake a variety of preservation tasks. We provide an environment where people of all ages and abilities can join the development of the Heritage Centre.

**Beneficiaries:** 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

**Objectives:** 4.1 To advance knowledge of and education in railway transport heritage for the benefit of the public by way of restoring the Ferryhill Engine Shed and curtilage, and the Ferryhill Railway Turntable and curtilage, to provide a heritage centre. 4.2 For the advancement of heritage and educational purposes, to store, display and demonstrate railway heritage Specimens. 4.3 To provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and well-being of people of all ages and backgrounds living in Ferryhill, Aberdeen and surrounding areas. In furtherance of the above objectives, the Trust will 4.4 provide facilities for the operation of locomotive hauled railway trains. 4.5 provide workshop facilities to operate, repair, and maintain plant and equipment to support the functions of the Trust. 4.6 offer opportunities for people in the area to meet and undertake creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice. 4.7

reduce isolation of people in the area thus contributing to their physical and mental wellbeing. 4.8 develop the capacity of people in the area to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Aberdeenshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£232,578	£343,097	-	1
2023-12-31	£156,563	£91,969	-	1
2022-12-31	£139,735	£118,884	-	0
2021-12-31	£161,133	£188,620	-	0
2020-12-31	£95,129	£91,060	-	0

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# Accounts

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Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

**Reference and administration details**

<b>Charity name</b>	Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust incorporating Ferryhill Men's Shed
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC 040039
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Polmuir Avenue Aberdeen
	<b>Postcode</b> AB11 7WH

**Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Written Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Appointed by membership

## Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To advance knowledge and education in railway transport heritage for the public's benefit by restoring the Ferryhill Engine Shed, Railway Turntable and to provide a heritage centre. For the advancement of heritage and educational purposes, to store, display and demonstrate railway heritage artefacts; and to incorporate a Men's Shed.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Trust was formed in 2007 with the support of Aberdeen City Council to take over responsibility for the remaining Listed buildings and Structures which form part of the former Ferryhill Motive Power Depot which operated between 1850-1998. These consisted of the former Engine Shed, Listed Grade "B" by Historic Environment Scotland, the Ransomes and Rapier Railway Turntable, Listed Grade "A" and the remaining associated structures and sidings including the unique coaling bank. As a Heritage Centre open to the public, our main purpose is preserving the history of the railway and providing a venue where people of all ages can come, currently on four days per week, to learn about the history of railways in the UK and the North East of Scotland and to contribute by volunteering to undertake a variety of preservation tasks. We provide an environment where people of all ages and abilities can join, exchange comradeship and skills, and have an input to the development of the Heritage Centre as well as facilitating those who would prefer to focus on individual skills including joinery, metal working and restoration/conservation work.

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## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust incorporating Ferryhill Men's Shed  
Report on 2024 activities  
Following the highlights of 2023, this year was something of a "Curate's egg" – good in parts.  
On the positive side, towards the end of 2023 we completed our fundraising efforts for the "offices" project, allowing us to let the contract for rebuilding, and work began at the beginning of 2024.  
On the other hand, we had limited train visits and no use of the turntable, partly because Tornado (A1 Steam Locomotive Trust) was still not fully operational.  
We completed the final concrete pour on the east side of the engine shed, giving us continuous rail down that entire side of the building and allowing us to move the GNSR passenger brake coach into the shed where it will be much easier to work on its restoration. In April, we were visited by the Great Britain 16 tour which was double-headed by two black five locomotives. While they were travelling south from Inverness, and so did not need to make use of the turntable, they did take on coal and water while with us.  
In September we achieved a "first" when we provided secure overnight stabling for the entire Northern Belle train prior to it taking passengers north the next day. We just managed to get the two Class 57 diesel locomotives and the full range of carriages onto site between the turntable and the mainline gates.  
By late autumn, the rebuilding of the office block comprising a room for our museum, a joinery workshop and a small plant / storage room in the base of the original water tower with a 50,000 litre water tank installed on the roof, was effectively finished. By the end of the year we had moved benches and tools into the workshop, further enhancing our Men's Shed offering, and had relocated some of our more fragile artefacts into the museum where we continue to work on raising funds to fully fit this out. The Railway Heritage Trust, one of our main funders for the project, presented a plaque to recognise our work on these historic buildings and this has been mounted by the main entrance to the museum.  
We again participated in Aberdeen's Doors Open days and had a very successful two days welcoming hundreds of visitors.  
The major disappointment has been the lack of visiting steam excursions resulting in the turntable not being needed at all this year. This brings with it a significant impact on our general fund-raising efforts. To help combat this we have upped our efforts in reaching out to the local community and visitors to the area, aimed at attracting more visitors and volunteers. We have had a number of visiting groups including camera clubs, university classes and schools adding to the general mix of visitors we welcome across the year.  
In September, Museums Galleries Scotland accepted us onto their "working towards accreditation" programme. This is important in moving us towards full museum accreditation and we will build on this as we add to our collection of artefacts.  
  
As ever, our Members and visitors have supported us generously both in cash and in kind (e.g. donations of tools and equipment) and our Volunteers have worked tirelessly on maintenance, asset restoration, track laying and "getting the word out there" about us. Our Community Liaison and Administration colleague has worked harder than most in ensuring we forge deeper links with the local community so as many people as possible know what we can offer to both visitors and volunteers, and also keeps close control of all the necessary paperwork.  
Sincere thanks to all those many people who support the Trust.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

None

### Details of any deficit

None

### Donated facilities and services (if any)


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### Other optional information

### Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b> <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>		
<b>Date</b>	28/09/2025	



Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2024		31	December	2024

### Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	7,212	-			7,212	5,364
Legacies	-	-			-	-
Grants	-	168,167			168,167	110,834
Receipts from fundraising activities	2,065	-			2,065	2,750
Gross trading receipts	2,713	-			2,713	9,889
Income from investments other than land and buildings	-	-			-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-			-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	309	3,680			3,989	11,097
VAT	48,432				48,432	16,629
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>60,731</b>	<b>171,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>232,578</b>	<b>156,563</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>60,731</b>	<b>171,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>232,578</b>	<b>156,563</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities	435	-			435	609
Gross trading payments	-	-			-	887
Investment management costs	-	-			-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	13,401	270,167			283,568	59,598
Grants and donations	-	-			-	-
Governance costs:	4,903	-			4,903	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-			-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-			-	-
Legal costs	-	-			-	-
Other	4,111	-			4,111	5,384
VAT	48,880	-			48,880	11,762
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>71,730</b>	<b>270,167</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>341,897</b>	<b>78,241</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	1,200				1,200	13,729
Purchase of investments	-				-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>13,729</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>72,930</b>	<b>270,167</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343,097</b>	<b>91,970</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(12,199)</b>	<b>(98,320)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(110,519)</b>	<b>64,593</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(12,199)</b>	<b>(98,320)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(110,519)</b>	<b>64,593</b>

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<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b> <span style="float: right;">v2</span>							
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Charity name						
	Ferryhill Railway Heritage Trust incorporating Ferryhill Men's Shed						
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC						
	040039						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>	Period start date			Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
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<b>Set out on pages</b>	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>						

<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</p>
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.</p>
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> <p>have not been met, or</p> <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>
<b>Signed**:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	

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### Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**Give here brief details of  
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examiner wishes to  
disclose**



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