

Renfrewshire Model Railway Club

Scotland · Charity number SC047437

Details

Known as	Renfrewshire MRC
Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	2017-05-22
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	20 Stoddart Square Elderslie PA5 9AS
Website	www.renfrewshiremrc.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

What the charity does: Our charity Renfrewshire Model Railway Club aims to educate the public about and preserve the hobby of model railways. We achieve this by hosting and attending exhibitions, fostering interest and appreciation for the hobby. Providing a supportive environment for members to learn and refine their model-building skills, from basic construction to advanced techniques. Encouraging the exchange of ideas and expertise among members through social gatherings and workshops. Emphasizing the importance of research and historical accuracy in model railway design, connecting the hobby to real-world railway history. Recently we have undertaken the task of running various free courses on how to build a model railway totally paid for by a grant we received.

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

Objectives: The objectives of the club shall be to advance education, heritage and science and to provide recreational facilities and activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the public benefit. This will be achieved by: a) Promoting model railways and its relationship to rail transport by encouraging participation in, and enjoyment of, railway modelling and to display model railways amongst members of the public. b) Providing an environment where developing and expanding the understanding, application and knowledge of the skills required to build and operate model railways can be fostered. c) Offering our members the opportunity to enjoy the exchange of ideas and knowledge of model building in a social,

constructive and enjoyable environment. d) Applying the use of historical research, photographic evidence, ordnance survey mapping, topographical and building structures to enhance the building of layouts.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Renfrewshire
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£43,290	£31,477	-	0
2024-03-31	£27,060	£29,220	-	0
2023-03-31	£22,605	£23,445	-	0
2022-03-31	£11,788	£19,547	-	0
2021-03-31	£1,577	£6,537	-	0

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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	1	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Renfrewshire Model Railway Club
Renfrewshire MRC
SC047437
20 Stoddart Square
Elderslie
Renfrewshire
Postcode PA5 9AS

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)
1		Chairman	Full Year	AGM
2		Secretary	Full Year	AGM
3		Treasurer	Full Year	AGM
4			Full Year	AGM
5			Full Year	AGM
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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

The club is a Scottish Charitable Unincorporated Association, which was registered in its current form on 22 May 2017. It is governed in accordance with its constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution, which provides that the club Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be trustees along with two additional trustees. Such persons are elected at the club's Annual General Meeting, and any vacancies arising during the year are filled by the committee co-opting a suitable club member until the following AGM or EGM called for that purpose. The AGM is held in April / May.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To advance education, heritage, and science, and provide recreational facilities and activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the public benefit, by:

- (a) Encouraging participation in, and enjoyment of, railway modelling and to display model railways to members of the public.
- (b) Developing and expanding the understanding, application and knowledge of the skills required to build and operate model railways.
- (c) Providing opportunity to exchange ideas and knowledge of model building in a social, constructive, and enjoyable environment.
- (d) applying the use of historical research, photographic evidence, etc. to enhance the building of model railways.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The club operates a clubhouse containing numerous model railway layouts which are operational or under construction, along with workshop facilities and a library/meeting room which are used for the aforementioned purposes. Additionally, the club exhibits model railway layouts and related materials at model railway exhibitions and community events. The club runs its own community open days and exhibitions throughout the year. We do co-organised events with the local scout group and community council. The club undertakes the design and construction of various layouts for exhibiting at exhibitions of our own and other UK model railway clubs. A number of these other clubs are also OSCR registered charities.

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Achievements and performance

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

This year the club has continued to improve the facilities with minor improvements. The library was given a fresh lick of paint and new carpet tiles. The Foyer / Entrance Area was upgraded with some mahogany cladding that was donated. We have 3 layouts under construction, and 2 more in planning for a build start date of late October early November.

Our commitment to public and community engagement has also yielded positive results once more. The third annual Paisley Model Railway Show was again met with extremely good feedback by all that attended, both visitors and exhibitors. Attendance was once again impacted by the weather and that the council Christmas market was cancelled. We have taken the decision to move the date of our annual exhibition in the hope that weather no longer will have a negative impact.

We have held numerous events within our clubroom, ranging from open days to small exhibitions. Even hosting a plant sale event for the local Scout group.

We continue to see an increase in membership, likely due to our increased presence within the community and participation in events like our Paisley exhibition. Now having rejoined the Association of Model Railway Societies in Scotland (AMRSS), we have had positive interaction with lots of other clubs throughout Scotland. Being able to attend Model Rail Scotland, the large show in Glasgow, not only helps the club financially but also to bring awareness, providing a valuable platform for showcasing our work and attracting new members.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The club has in place a minimum bank balance of £2,000 to cover extraordinary costs or wind up costs. This is not specified in the constitution, but it is a long standing arrangement which predates the club becoming a charity, and the sum concerned can be altered by the trustees if deemed necessary. In the previous financial year, the amount was reduced to £2,000 to cover high gas bills which the club was hit with over winter months.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

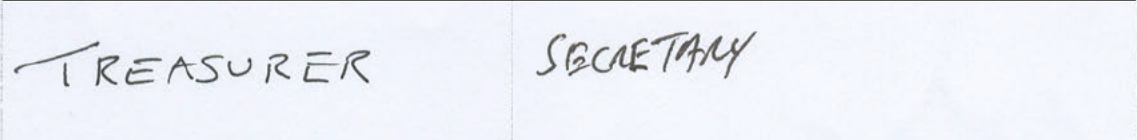
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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	TREASURER	SECRETARY
Date	2/6/25	18/6/25

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

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 £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	11,839				11,839	15,431
Legacies					-	-
Grants	148	9,500			9,648	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	14,053				14,053	10,857
Gross trading receipts	70				70	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	472
Loans received	7,680				7,680	
A1 Sub total	33,790	9,500	-	-	43,290	26,760
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	300
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	300
Total receipts	33,790	9,500	-	-	43,290	27,060
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	16,428				16,428	11,187
Gross trading payments	409				409	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	14,155				14,155	15,283
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
Loans repayment	278				278	-
A3 Sub total	31,270	-	-	-	31,270	26,470
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	207				207	2,750
Purchase of investments					-	-
A4 Sub total	207	-	-	-	207	2,750
Total payments	31,477	-	-	-	31,477	29,220
Net receipts / (payments)	2,313	9,500	-	-	11,813	(2,160)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,313	9,500	-	-	11,813	(2,160)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	79	2,998			3,077	5,238
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	2,313	9,500			11,813	(2,160)
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	2,392	12,498	-	-	14,890	3,078
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments			
	Total	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets				
	Total	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Unrestricted	7,680	-
	Total	7,680	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities	Unrestricted	527	805
	Total	527	805

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

18/6/25

18/6/25

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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations in Subscription Form	4,987				4,987	4,982
General Donations	1,169				1,169	4,476
Kitchen Tea Club	1,608				1,608	1,537
Donations Tin	357				357	470
Gift Aid	3,599				3,599	3,708
Visitor Donations	118				118	258
Rounding Error	1				1	-
Total	11,839	-	-	-	11,839	15,431

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund	148		148	-
National Lottery Grant		9,500	9,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total	148	9,500	9,648	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Refund for Misprinted Leaflets					-	130
Refund for Unneeded Tables					-	192
Payment for Article Featured in Magazine					-	150
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	472

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Gas & Electricity	5,127				5,127	4,979
Security & Alarm	205				205	411
Insurance	1,373				1,373	1,255
Building Repairs & Renovations	2,831				2,831	1,718
Clubhouse Misc. & Sundries	693				693	806
Layout Building Supplies	1,680				1,680	2,572
Administration	1,000				1,000	2,006
Van Hire / Transportation Costs	609				609	846
Miscellaneous Expenses	637				637	690
					-	-
Total	14,155	-	-	-	14,155	15,283

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
General Fund						
Receipts						
Donations	11,839				11,839	15,431
Legacies					-	-
Grants	148				148	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	14,053				14,053	10,857
Gross trading receipts	70				70	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
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Loans received	7,680				7,680	472
Sub total	33,790	-	-	-	33,790	26,760
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	300
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	300
Total receipts	33,790	-	-	-	33,790	27,060
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	16,428				16,428	11,187
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Payments relating directly to charitable activities	14,155				14,155	12,014
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Loans repayment	278				278	-
Sub total	31,270	-	-	-	31,270	23,201
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	207				207	2,750
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	207	-	-	-	207	2,750
Total payments	31,477	-	-	-	31,477	25,951
Net receipts / (payments)	2,313	-	-	-	2,313	1,109
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,313	-	-	-	2,313	1,109

Nature and purpose of funds

See Section C1

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Min. Bank Balance (Extra- ordinary Cost / Wind-up Fund)	Renfrewshire Council Grant for Rendering Repairs	National Lottery Grant for 'How to Build a Model Railway' Course			
Receipts						
Donations					-	-
Legacies					-	-
Grants			9,500		9,500	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading receipts					-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	-
Rents from land & buildings					-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	-
Sub total	-	-	9,500	-	9,500	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	9,500	-	9,500	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments					-	-
Investment management costs					-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	3,269
Grants and donations					-	-
Governance costs:					-	-
Audit / independent examination					-	-
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	3,269
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	-
Purchase of investments					-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	3,269
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	9,500	-	9,500	(3,269)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	9,500	-	9,500	(3,269)

Nature and purpose of funds

The minimum bank balance fund covers wind-up costs or in some cases extraordinary costs. Some of the grant from Renfrewshire Council to cover render repairs and to paint & seal the render is still unused. But allocated to finish sealing the exterior render of the building. This year we received a £9,500 grant from the National Lottery to run a fully interactive educational course on how to build a model railway.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name

Renfrewshire Model Railway Club

Registered charity number

SC047437

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

01

04

2024

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

31

03

2025

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

Address:

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose