

West Highland Community Rail Partnership

Charity Number - SC049800

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year to 31st March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

West Highland Community Rail Partnership

Address

Glenfinnan Station, Glenfinnan, PH37 4LT

Bankers

Bank of Scotland, 62 High Street, Fort William, Inverness Shire, PH33 6AE

Independent Examiner

[REDACTED] Voluntary Action Lochaber, An Drochaid, Claggan Road, Fort William,
PH33 6PH

Current Trustees



Advisor



Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

West Highland Community Rail Partnership are a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

Appointment of trustees

At each AGM, the members may elect any member to be a charity trustee.

The board may at any time appoint any member to be a charity trustee.

At each AGM, all of the charity trustees shall retire from office but shall then be eligible for re-election.

The maximum number of charity trustees is 12, the minimum is 4.

Objectives and Activities

The organisation's purposes relate to that section of the West Highland Line which extends from Crianlarich to Mallaig ('the Line'). The organisation will, in such manner as the charity trustees consider appropriate, promote, advance and further its charitable purposes by:

* Supporting the communities connected to or nearby the Line and stations, and their social and natural environment, opportunities, educational attainment and culture and heritage through community involvement, education and information and working with local and wider stakeholders to boost and build on existing community engagement and cohesion and civic pride to work to create improved, safer, more sustainable communities by access to and harnessing the benefits derived from a railway network engaged with local communities and people including benefitting those coming from outside these communities.

Objectives

- 1) to increase the user-friendliness and accessibility of the rail services available on the Railway Line.
- 2) to assist in rail-related developments that benefit local businesses directly or indirectly.
- 3) to support station development projects along the Railway Line.
- 4) to identify and encourage possible growth markets for the rail service.
- 5) to work with the local tourism industry to further promote the use of rail travel.
- 6) to participate in community based events which promote local rail use.
- 7) to work proactively and positively with other transport providers in the area.
- 8) to identify potential external funding for projects which meet these objectives and work to secure such funding.

Purposes

- 1) The advancement of education;
- 2) The advancement of citizenship or community development;
- 3) The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science;
- 4) The advancement of environmental protection or improvement

Achievements and Performance

The West Highland Community Rail Partnership continues to provide an important link between the ScotRail rail network and the communities that it serves in the West Highlands.

The volunteer Directors team is now nine and works closely with our named contacts in Scotrail, Network Rail and Caledonian Sleeper, as well as the Community Rail Network of which we are members.

During the 2024/25 accounting period covered by these accounts Board Meetings, which included the representatives of the organisations mentioned above, were held on 11 April, 11th June, 14th August, 17th Sept (Board Directors only), 11th October, 14th January, culminating in our Annual General Meeting on 15th February.

The Minutes of each meeting include Action points and name the individual(s) responsible for ensuring that each action is completed and in this way we ensure that we are not only efficient but effective and nothing gets overlooked.

In addition to the regular Board Meetings, Directors also participate in other activities, meetings and sub-groups; these have included:-

- Fort William 2040 Transport Sub-Group Meetings on 15th May, 12th June (to discuss canal openings), 21st August, 19th November, 19th February.
- ScotRail CRP Get Together on 25th March 2025, Glasgow, and an online meeting with ScotRail on 26th November 2024 and 13th June.
- CRP & Transport Scotland meeting online on 24th January, CRP & Caledonian Sleeper Meeting on Teams.

Other events that have taken place include:-

- The production of a 'radio type play' entitled Benighted on the Moor which was nominated for an award by the Community Rail Network and a Director attended the award ceremony.
- Another Director took over our 'Line for Walking' project and started walking and writing about interesting days out by rail. These concentrate on lower level walks which highlight some historical and rail related facts of the area. The reports will be added to our website.
- A new project has been the unearthing and looking for the 'white stones' which used to be on show along the banking at Crianlarich Station.
- More recently, there has been discussion for an event on the anniversary of the closing of the Crianlarich to Callander line.

In summary, it has been an exciting and productive year and the enthusiasm and commitment is evident at all of our meetings and the work continues to keep the West Highland Line prominent in the communities activities.

Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £4,562. Expenditure for same period totalled £4,219 resulting in a surplus of £343. Reserves held at year end were £5,470 - unrestricted funds £1,635, restricted funds £3,836.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to retain 3 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure.

Plans for future period

The Trustees are looking forward to progressing with the various Projects.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 28.10.2025.

[Redacted Signature]

Name of Trustee: [Redacted] Treasurer

Date: 29.10.2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of West Highland Community Rail Partnership.

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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.

Date: 24 OCTOBER 2025

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West Highland Community Rail Partnership
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2025
Charity Number - SC049800

		Year to 2025 Unrestricted £	Year to 2025 Restricted £	Year to 2025 Total £	Year to 2024 Total £
Receipts	Note				
Grants and Donations					
Grants	4	-	4,264	4,264	7,708
Donations	5	298	-	298	-
Bank interest received		-	-	-	-
Fund Raising					
Membership		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		298	4,264	4,562	7,708
Payments					
Project 1 - Set Up Costs / Admin Fund		-	1,551	1,551	1,243
Project 2 - Membership Campaign		318	-	318	-
Project 3 - Glenfinnan Transport Consultation		-	-	-	10,077
Project 4 - Station Signs		-	-	-	502
Project 6 - 6VT in West Highlands		-	2,230	2,230	-
Project 7 - Theatre Production		-	-	-	1,569
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination	7	-	120	120	140
Total Payments		318	3,901	4,219	13,532
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before transfers		(20)	363	343	(5,824)
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
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	Year to 2025 Unrestricted £	Year to 2025 Restricted £	Year to 2025 Total £	Year to 2024 Total £
Statement of Balances - as at 31st March 2025				
Opening cash at bank and in hand	1,655	3,473	5,128	10,951
Add Income	298	4,264	4,562	7,708
	1,953	7,737	9,690	18,659
Less Expenditure	318	3,901	4,219	13,532
Transfers	6 -	-	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	1,635	3,836	5,470	5,128
Bank and Cash Balances				
Bank Treasurer's Account	1,635	3,836	5,470	5,128
Outstanding Lodgements	-	-	-	-
Outstanding Cheques	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-
9 & 10	1,635	3,836	5,470	5,128

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:

[Redacted Signature]

Name: [Redacted] Treasurer

Date: 29.10.2025

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2025

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single account for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2024: £NIL).

4 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Grants	298	4,264	4,562	7,708
	298	4,264	4,562	7,708

5 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Donations	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

6 Transfers between funds

There were no transfers between funds during the period (2024: £NIL).

7 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Independent Examination	120	-	120	140
	120	-	120	140

8 Volunteers

The committee would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate a significant amount of time for no remuneration to the charity.

9 Restricted Funds

	At 1st April 2024	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st March 2025
Project 1 - Set Up Costs / Admin Fund	821	1,577	(1,671)	-	727
Project 5 - Line for Walking	1,034	-	-	-	1,034
Project 6 - 6VT in West Highlands	-	2,687	(2,230)	-	457
Project 7 - Theatre Production	191	-	-	-	191
Project 8 - Glenfinnan Trail	1,427	-	-	-	1,427
	<u>3,473</u>	<u>4,264</u>	<u>(3,901)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,836</u>

10 Unrestricted Funds

	At 1st April 2024	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st March 2025
Project 2 - Membership Campaign	1,655	298	(318)	-	1,635
	<u>1,655</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>(318)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,635</u>

