CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: Period start date 01/04/2025
To: Period end date 31/03/2026

Charity name: LNER Coach Association

Charity registration number: 1183387

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ART AND TECHNIQUE OF RAILWAY COACH BUILDING, BY:
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	I) OBTAINING, RESTORING AND OPERATING A COLLECTION OF LONDON & NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY (LNER) PASSENGER AND NON-PASSENGER CARRYING COACHING STOCK AND/OR THOSE OF CONSTITUENT COMPANIES OF THE LNER. II) ACTING AS A RESOURCE FOR RAILWAY PRESERVATION ORGANISATIONS TO FACILITATE GREATER PUBLIC ACCESS TO, AND INCREASED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN, THE EDUCATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RAILWAY VEHICLES, INCLUDING THE RECREATION OF AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF RAIL TRAVEL FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY. III) THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE COLLECTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are confident that the public benefits from the activities of the Charity, because the public has the opportunity both to visit the Association's restoration facilities, and to travel in the restored coaches and appreciate their heritage value at a number of heritage railway locations.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are made
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Association has a team of up to 40 volunteers who work regularly on our restoration projects, contributing an estimated 8,000 hours annually.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We continue to restore our heritage assets with multiple vehicles under restoration at our premises at Kirby Misperton and on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR). The restoration of Great Northern Railway saloon dating from 1909 was completed and this carriage is now operational on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway near Skipton. This joins the historic Buffet Lounge car E1706 once part of the "Elizabethan Express" train service. In a collaboration with the Stainmore Railway Company (SRC) at Kirkby Stephen, restoration of unique North Eastern Railway open third 945 has progressed. To ensure that heritage skills are transferred down to future generations, we have contracted a couple of our younger volunteers to work with experienced members of the team. The North Yorkshire Moors Railway have been unable to run some of our vehicles that they have on long-term contract hire from us again this year due to a backlog of mechanical repairs of which are their responsibility. This means that some of the

		carriages based on the NYMR have not been accessible to the public. However, the restoration shed at Pickering is open to the public on certain days and our volunteers have been able to give guided tours explaining the history and restoration of a unique and historically significant dining car dating from 1894.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Association had income of some £194k and expenditure of £165k for the year, generating a surplus of £29k. The Trustees consider the position good.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have determined that because of the Association's long-term hire contract with the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, minimum cash reserves need to be no more than three months expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,000

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**N/a**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/a

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	• Donations from members • Legacies • Hire of carriages to third parties • Grants from NHLF and other grant-funding bodies • Sponsorship of components/areas of specific carriage restoration.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	• Loss of major benefactor. • North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) does not renew or reneges on current contract. • Loss of volunteers due to age, new interests and other reasons. • Cost of moving unrestored carriages if forced to vacate current premises. • Loss of contractors and relevant specialist skills.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Nominees for Trustee posts are invited from the membership, or the Trustees may nominate a person for a role with specific skills. In each case subject to a proposer and seconder, each applicant will be subject to an election by the members.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	LNER COACH ASSOCIATION
Other name the charity uses	LNERCA
Registered charity number	1183387
Charity's principal address	Unit 10, Beansheaf Industrial Park Tofts Lane Kirby Misperton Malton North Yorks YO17 6BG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Bill Monks	Chairman		
2	Murray Brown	Vice Chairman		
3	Dave Cullingworth	Secretary		
4	Adrian Laming	Treasurer		
5	Peter Wilson	Membership Secretary		
6	Neil Cawthorne	H&S Officer		
7	Gordon Wells			
8	Paul Johnson			
9	Russ Whitwam			
10	Deborah Cross		01.04.25 - 30.08.25	
11	Shaun Saltmarsh			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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 (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		