Bradford On Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project

Charity Registration Number: 1184339.

Accounts from 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2026.

Accounts prepared by David Cowles BSc ACIB who considers them to be a fair and true reflection of the charity's financial position as of 31st May 2026.

Background
Seventh set of accounts for CIO known as Bradford on Avon Station Footbridge Canopy Project to 31st May 2026.

The Trust was created on the 9th of July 2019. These are 12-month figures.

Introduction
Each year the Trustees of the charity are required to approve an annual report and accounts prepared in accordance with the requirements of The Charity Commission. This document, which must be available to the public covers the period 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2026.

Its purpose is to review the charity's activities against the charity's aims and objectives. Specifically, it contains information regarding the charity's trustees and their appointment, constitution and financial affairs. It also includes a statement of the charity's public benefit.

Trustees
The trust's constitution, powers, and the way it operates are set out in the constitution dated 9th July 2019, establishing the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The constitution stipulates a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 trustees.

The trustees as of 31st May 2026 were.

David Moss.	Chairman
David Cowles.	Treasurer
John Baxter	Secretary
Peter Mann	
John Potter	
Peter Leach	

Patron
Lord Faulkner Of Worcester

Offices
As it neither owns nor leases premises, the charity has no offices of its own. By courtesy of The Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust, the Trust's office at Silver Street House, Silver Street, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1LL is used as the charity's postal address.

Objectives, Public Benefit and Review of Activity
As set out in its constitution, the purpose ("object") of the charity is "The restoration and preservation for the public benefit of the canopy to the footbridge at Bradford-on- Avon Railway Station, a grade II listed railway heritage site designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel".

Bradford On Avon's Grade II listed railway station was built to the most elaborate of the standard designs used by Brunel, resembling a lodge or estate house of the period, but built with local Bath Stone rather than the more commonly used bricks and mortar. The station is a rare reminder of the heyday of one of the Great Western Railway's main lines. A few years ago, the station was restored to Great Western traditional colours of Light Stone and Dark Stone but although the footbridge was repaired and refurbished, it still lacks the original canopy, which was removed in the mid-1960s in the belief that this would reduce maintenance costs. The charity aims to replace the canopy to restore the station to its historical and original appearance, freely available to see for all interested in this aspect of our past.

A professional engineering report confirmed that the refurbished footbridge can easily take the weight of a new canopy. Network Rail (NR) support our project and have agreed to take on long-term maintenance once the canopy is back in place.

We have developed a Risk Register to help ensure the project runs smoothly.

Fund raising and Project progress.

Important progress has been made in the last three years and the charity has continued to work closely with our architects Oxford Architects an accredited company specialising in heritage work on NR, Network Rail Asset Management teams, Great Western Railway who have provided a £15K grant, the Severn side Community Rail Partnership and through them the DfT Community Rail Development Fund who between them have facilitated £15,059K of matching funding. We also have stakeholder links with Wiltshire Council Planning Department and local heritage and preservation organisations.

Having gained Approval in Principle (AIP), from Network Rail at the end of the 2025 accounting period, we immediately engaged Vextrix, an engineering consultancy with specialism in Railway projects and contracts to provide us a detailed cost assessment the based on our design work to date. Vextrix’s cost report suggested a final cost of in excess of £1m, which did include large elements of contingency due to uncertainty around how exactly the reconstructed canopy would be installed onto the footbridge over the live railway.

We then spent the rest of this accounting period reviewing the Cost Report with our various stakeholders to gain an understanding of possible next steps and funding routes for completing the design phase, and also to secure as wide as possible support for the project. The Railway Heritage Trust reconfirmed their commitment to assist in funding the fabrication and installation costs, but not design and risk costs.

We are now reviewing how to access new funding to enable us to maintain progress. We were unsuccessful in an application for the 2026 GWR Customer & Community Improvement Fund (CCIF). We are now preparing an Expression of Interest (EOI) application to the National Heritage lottery Fund and taking a wide spectrum of advice to ensure we present a case which attracts the HLF.

In the meantime, we are undertaking, along with the Friends of Bradford on Avon Station, maintenance work on the footbridge as preparation for the major works which are to follow and to help preserve the fabric of the bridge.

Summary Income Statement

Income		**£**
Donations.		2260
Total Income.		2260
Expenditure		
Development Costs.	3840	
Bank charges.		15
Total Expenditure.	3855	
Income Shortfall	1595	

Balance Sheet

Current Assets		
Cash.		337
Total Assets.		337
Current Liabilities		Nil
Net Assets.		337

Reserves		
B/Fwd.		1932
Income shortfall.		1595
Total Reserves.		**337**