West Yorkshire Transport Heritage Trust

UK Charity number 1212401

Trustees Annual Charity Report to Year End 31st December 2025

Introduction

West Yorkshire Transport Heritage Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (**CIO**) and was registered 5th March 2025, with the current constitution also dated 5th March 2025 and with three trustees, David Hudson, Andrew Kissack and Dinah Forbes coming together with a shared interest in preserving classic and vintage vehicles that had worked predominantly in the local Yorkshire area.

Having spent over 8 years looking for suitable premises to house a growing private collection of vehicles under one roof, finally in early spring 2025 a building, Central Ironworks on Parson St, Keighley was found and in late August the trustees with the assistance of several volunteers moved the collection in to Parson St, but were still working around the build lowering the floor, taking out several dozen lights and rewiring as walls were knocked down with a cafe and toilets being added at several points in the building. At this time we also took out an overhead crane, fitted out the board room space and made the two teaching spaces into one larger lecture studio.

Due to prior arrangement with the landlord we began trading in January 2026, when we were able to begin bringing in the existing collection and welcoming lots of new vintage and classic vehicles.

Aim

It is our aim to gently educate the public on the history of transport and in particular local transport. On opening we will be able to present our cafe seating 40 covers and the Trading Post shop, with a 12 seat private board room and a 50 seat lecture studio also ready to occupy.

To encourage Keighley to become a transport destination for vintage and classic transport fans.

Objectives

All spaces within the building are open for event lease, the trustees would like to offer these spaces to other charitable groups on a free of charge basis so that the space can become a safe space for local groups both interested in transportation or looking for something different to do.

We hope to offer the building as whole to the larger vintage and classic groups around the country, encouraging them to use the space which is central to the country, and also within an area of other transport museums, such as the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, and KBMT, making Keighley an attractive transport destination for people around the country. This should naturally increase our footfall and that of the shops, hotels and other museums in the area.

Strategy

We aim to visit the NARTM (National Association of Road Transport Museums) March 2026 conference, and to offer the West Yorkshire Transport Heritage Trust buildings for their 2027 annual conference.

Other national transport charities will also be approached enabling us to fill the building and facilitate our aim.

To grow links with other local transport charities making it possible to offer West Yorkshire Transport Heritage Trust as a support ‘vehicle’ for their charity or fundraising event, thereby growing our awareness within the local area.

Apply for a NARTM grant to facilitate the building / opening of disabled toilets to make the museum more accessible to the public.

Activity

Though in the first year we undertook no trading, the trustees all felt it was important that vehicles were arranged to take up rental spaces within the museum, halls and the cafe and shop were fitted out during that time and that all policies and procedures where in place to ensure the public were safe and able to enjoy the museum in comfort, the museum would be ready to open mid April 2026.

Fundraising

Future fundraising will be done in a variety of ways, via rental space held by none trust owned vehicles in residence on the inside of the building, we also plan to hold open days, inviting the public in to view the collection and on special days to facilitate rides on some of the vehicles, sales of refreshments in our cafe and the additional sale of relative, predominantly second hand items in our shop 'The Trading Post'. To this ends we have been collecting items that would hopefully appeal to a wide range of the general public. The museum has a recognisable logo and motif that will be added to clothing which will also be offered for sale in the Trading Post.

The Trust will apply to join the Gifted scheme to further increase donations from qualifying members of public.

The Trust will also apply for a local council for a small society lottery licence to enable it to operate raffle draws within the building.

Financial statement

The financial statement have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014.

This statement dated **2nd April 2026** has been created for and on behalf of West Yorkshire Transport Heritage Trust, by Dinah Forbes

Signed: *D. Forbes*

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

West Yorkshire Transport Heritage Trust	No (if any) 1212401

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
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Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	- 0	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total receipts	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
A3 Payments				
	- 0	-	-	-
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Sub total	- 0	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total payments	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 0	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 0	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-
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	Total cash funds	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
	D. Forbes	Dinah Forbes	

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When due (optional)
Date of approval
23/9/26