

## **Ryhope Engines Trust**

### **Trustees' Annual Report**

**For the Year 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025**

#### **Introduction**

The trustees present their Annual Report for the Ryhope Engines Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025. The report outlines the Trust's activities, achievements, governance, and financial position during the period and demonstrates how the Trust has continued to meet its charitable objectives.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Ryhope Engines Trust exists to preserve, maintain, and promote the historic Ryhope Pumping Station and its engines for the benefit of the public. The Trust seeks to advance education in industrial heritage, provide public access to an important historic site, and encourage community engagement through volunteering, events, and learning opportunities.

During 2024–2025, the trustees continued to focus on conservation, education, accessibility, and long-term sustainability. Activities were delivered through public open days, exhibitions, educational visits, and ongoing maintenance and conservation work.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The year was marked by significant progress and consolidation following earlier development work.

Key achievements during the period included:

- Continued growth in volunteers, reflecting sustained public interest and community support.
- Ongoing operation and maintenance of the pumping engines and site infrastructure, ensuring the preservation of the Trust's core heritage assets.
- Removal of asbestos from around the Crab winch in anticipation of future restoration work.
- Continued engagement with stakeholders, partners, and volunteers, strengthening the Trust's profile and resilience.

#### **Public Benefit**

Through public open days and events all of which are free to the public.

#### **Financial Review**

The Trust's financial position remained stable during the year. Income was derived from a combination of grants, donations, some location fees for film work for the upcoming "night and day film" and trading activities. Expenditure primarily supported conservation works, operational costs, educational activities, and fuel for our Lancashire boilers.

The Trust recorded a modest surplus for the year, which has been retained to support future restoration projects and to maintain adequate reserves. The trustees consider the current

financial position to be satisfactory and appropriate for the scale and nature of the Trust's activities.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees maintain a reserves policy designed to ensure financial stability and continuity of operations. Reserves are held to meet unexpected costs, support planned maintenance, and provide resilience against fluctuations in income. The level of reserves is reviewed regularly as part of financial oversight.

### **Governance and Management**

The Ryhope Engines Trust is governed by its trustees, who are responsible for setting strategy, ensuring compliance, and safeguarding the Trust's assets. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Trust's governing document.

The trustees are grateful for the dedication and commitment of the Trust's volunteers, whose contribution remains essential to the success of the organisation.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

Looking ahead, the trustees aim to:

- Progress new restoration initiatives including being able to exhibit a Crab Winch that has been inaccessible for some time and the restoration of a World War 2 air raid shelter on the site.
- Enhance the visitor experience through improved interpretation and accessibility.
- Expand educational and community engagement activities.
- Strengthen partnerships with local and national heritage organisations.
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of the Trust through careful financial and strategic planning.

### **Trustees for 2024-2025**

**Keith Bell (Chair)**

**Julie Wilson**

**Raymond Carlson**

**Stafford Linsley**

**Leslie Jordan**

**John Robert Frazer**

**John Dennis Mowbray**

**Vincent James Cassidy**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: RYHOPE ENGINES TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

MARCH 2025 Charity no (if any): 502448

Set out on pages

1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: S. Pickering

Date: 20.2.2026

Name: SUSAN PICKERING

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

City and guilds Bookkeeping

Address:



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

NONE



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Ryhope Engines Trust

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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### 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations including tea room	9,813	-	-	9,813	6,986
Cathrine Cookson Grant	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
Digital Grant	-	1,037	-	1,037	-
Unrestricted NWL limited	5,500	-	-	5,500	2,500
Woolfe comedy productions	6,600	-	-	6,600	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>21,913</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,450</b>	<b>9,486</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>21,913</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,450</b>	<b>9,486</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Tea room running costs	3,035	-	-	3,035	3,223
Museum running costs	2,213	-	-	2,213	3,398
Utilities	3,116	-	-	3,116	2,667
Boiler Fuel	11,105	-	-	11,105	-
Digital grant spend	-	1,036	-	1,036	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,469</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,505</b>	<b>9,288</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Digital grant information cameras	-	434	-	434	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,469</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,939</b>	<b>9,288</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>198</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	coop bank	15,070	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KEITH BELL	22 Feb 26
	LESLIE J. JORDAN	22-2-26