# Darlington Railway Preservation Society

Accounts for the year to 31 December 2025

## Trustees' annual report

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# Darlington Railway Preservation Society Trustees' annual report (continued)

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Society is a registered charity established as per the declaration of trust 27th April 1982

Management of the trusts work is carried out by the societies committee, elected at the AGM each year, as per the society's constitution. Overseen by the Trustees.

## Objects & activities of the charity

TO PRESERVE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF STEAM AND OTHER RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES AND ROLLING STOCK MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND HISTORICAL INTEREST.

To acquire, purchase, restore, and preserve artifacts of Darlington's famous railway heritage, for the benefit of future generations.

The Society preserves and displays locomotives built or operated in Darlington, together with other railway artefacts, in its own building, other museums and operating heritage railways. Several locomotives and other railway vehicles have been restored either to working order or cosmetically for display. Continuing restoration and maintenance enable the Society to share this historic collection with the public and keep as much of its rolling stock as possible in working order.

The Society holds regular public open days, when visitors can view its collection of locomotives and see restoration progress within the workshop.

Evening visits are arranged by request, popular with local scout groups.

The Society hopes to reintroduce rides at its new premises in 2026 or 2027, once the necessary infrastructure is in place. Rides have not yet been available during open days at the new premises.

During 2025, the Society worked with partners, including the A1 Locomotive Trust and Darlington Borough Council, to support completion of the rail sidings and demonstration line. The completed infrastructure supported demonstrations during S&DR200, the event celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first journey on the Stockton and Darlington Railway. Locomotive 78018 returned to Darlington for the event for the first time since its return to steam.

The S&DR200 event, held at the end of September and beginning of October 2025, made a worthwhile contribution to the Society's fundraising, generating a net surplus of £2,385.84 after costs.

During 2025, locomotive 78018 generated hire income of £15,933.00. Built in Darlington in 1953 and named Borough of Darlington, the locomotive features in the BFI film "Snowdrift at Bleath Gill"; its restoration from nearly scrap condition to full running order remains a major achievement for the Society. After the reporting year ended on 31 December 2025, the

locomotive was withdrawn from service in March 2026 following expiry of its boiler certificate, pending a full overhaul and boiler recertification.

Restoration work is carried out on site by members.

Work on Ruston & Hornsby 165, known as "Derwent 2", is progressing well, including installation of a new donkey engine. Restoration of Peckett locomotive Northern Gas Board No. 1 is planned to commence following completion of that work. The Society holds restricted restoration funds for Northern Gas Board No. 1, whose boiler has been inspected and requires new tubes, work to the boiler barrel, girder stay bolts and inset plate repairs. The locomotive is otherwise mechanically sound.

The vast majority of the Brake Van's timber replacement work remains to be completed. Removal of rotten timbers is largely complete, and some replacement timbers and framing are now in place. A large proportion of the original timbers were found to be rotten and could not be salvaged.

The societies members range from teenage to retired.

The Society has approximately 20 active volunteers, whose combined contribution is estimated to exceed the equivalent of four full-time staff. Typically, 10–12 members attend working evenings regularly.

As always, the society recognises the importance of its members who are all volunteers and is hugely grateful to their contribution.

The Society has established itself as a vital part of preserving and sharing Darlington's historic railway heritage for the benefit of the community and future generations.

## Financial review

After the reporting year ended on 31 December 2025, locomotive 78018 was withdrawn from service in March 2026. No further locomotive hire income is expected until its overhaul is completed, and the Society expects to operate at a loss during this period. Reserves have been set aside to support the overhaul, ongoing operations and other activities. The overhaul and boiler recertification are expected to take several years, although the exact timescale and total cost are not yet known.

At 31 December 2025, the Society held £95,356.58 in its designated unrestricted fund for the restoration, preservation and maintenance of 78018 BR Standard 2MT. The Treasurer's Report in Appendix A indicates that the final overhaul cost is likely to exceed this designated balance. Separately, restricted funds totalled £11,256.53: £8,247.00 for Northern Gas Board No. 1 and £3,009.53 for the Brake Van project.

During 2025, the Society received total income of £34,472.62 and incurred total expenditure of £10,441.49. The largest income streams were locomotive hire at £15,933.00 and donations and

grants at £15,142.21, including £13,000.00 of restricted income. Other income comprised fundraising of £2,878.34, membership subscriptions of £350.00 and bank interest of £169.07. Most expenditure related to charitable activities, at £9,630.85; a further £246.19 was spent on raising funds and £564.45 on other expenditure.

There was therefore net income and a net movement in funds for the year of £24,031.13, compared with £6,811.47 in 2024.

At 31 December 2025, total funds were £160,135.27, comprising unrestricted funds of £148,878.74 and restricted funds of £11,256.53. This represents funds brought forward of £136,104.14 plus the year's net movement of £24,031.13. Cash at bank and in hand totalled £146,950.95, fixed assets were £14,554.90 and creditors falling due within one year were £1370.58.

## Declarations

Signed on behalf of the trustees.



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Matthew Graves

Treasurer 24/10/2026

# Darlington Railway Preservation Society Trustees' annual report (continued)

# Appendix A — Treasurer's Report for the AGM

Darlington Railway Preservation Society (Charity No. 512842)
For the year ended 31 December 2025

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for Darlington Railway Preservation Society for the year ended 31 December 2025. The Society remains in a strong financial position overall, with total funds increasing during the year and healthy cash balances available to support both ongoing activities and future restoration work.

## Financial Overview

During 2025, total incoming resources were £34,472.62 and total expenditure was £10,441.49, giving a net surplus for the year of £24,031.13. Total funds carried forward at the year end were £160,135.27, compared with £136,104.14 at the end of the previous year.

## Income

Total income for the year was £34,472.62. This included £15,142.21 from donations and grants, of which £13,000 related to restricted income for specific projects. Income from charitable activities, including memberships, was £350.00. Fundraising activities generated £2,878.34, investment income (bank interest) was £169.07, and locomotive hire for 78018 contributed £15,933.00. These income streams reflect continued support from donors, grant funders, members, and the Society's operating activities.

A special mention should be made of the S&DR200 event held at the end of September and beginning of October, which generated a net surplus of £2,385.84 after costs. This was a very positive result and made a worthwhile contribution to the Society's fundraising income for the year.

## Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £10,441.49. Of this, £9,630.85 was spent on charitable activities, including locomotive and other railway restoration, education, maintenance and repairs, insurance, utilities, tools, and other operational costs. A further £246.19 was spent on raising funds and £564.45 on other expenditure. This represents a reduction in total expenditure compared with the previous year, when expenditure was £14,084.59.

## Reserves and Balance Sheet

At 31 December 2025, the Society held cash at bank and in hand of £146,950.95. Fixed assets stood at £14,554.90, including tangible assets of £3,339.90 and heritage assets of £11,215.00. Creditors falling due within one year were £1370.58. Unrestricted funds at the year end totalled £148,878.74 and restricted funds totalled £11,256.53, giving combined total funds of £160,135.27.

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## Key Developments

The Society continues to hold significant designated and restricted balances to support major restoration work. The 78018 fund stood at £95,356.58 at the year end. Restricted project funds included £8,247.00 for Northern Gas Board No. 1 and £3,009.53 for the Brake Van project. Taken together, these balances leave the Society well placed to continue restoration activity while also supporting day-to-day operations.

## Compliance and Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and the Charities Act 2011. The accounts state that there are no material uncertainties regarding the Society's ability to continue as a going concern.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, the Society faces an important period following the withdrawal from service of locomotive 78018 just after the year end, as it has now come out of steam for its ten-year overhaul. As a result, there will be no further locomotive hire income until the overhaul is completed. The work is expected to take at least a couple of years, although the exact timescale and total cost are not yet known. It is likely that the final cost will exceed the amount currently held in the 78018 fund. Even so, the Society has built up substantial reserves and, with careful financial planning and continued fundraising, is in a sound position to support the overhaul while maintaining its wider activities.

In summary, the Society remains financially sound, with increased total funds, strong cash reserves, and clear provision for future restoration and project commitments. I would like to record my thanks to all members, volunteers, donors, and supporters whose continued commitment makes this work possible.

**Submitted by:** Matthew Graves
Treasurer
14 May 2026

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**
**The Darlington Railway Preservation Society**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Darlington Railway Preservation Society ('the Trust')**
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**
As the charity's 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').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Trust are not required to be audited in accordance with section 144(2) of the Act and are eligible for independent examination.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the Independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given buy the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and contents set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting records and comply with the accounting record of the Act.

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

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Date 28th October 2026

| Darlington Railway Preservation Society | | | Charity No | 512842 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual accounts for the period | | | | | |
| Period start date | **01/01/2025** | **To** | Period end date | **31/12/2025** | |

# Section A Statement of financial activities

| Recommended categories by activity | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted income funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ | Prior year funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Incoming resources (Note 3)** | F01 | F02 | F03 | F04 | F05 |
| **Income and endowments from:** | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2,142.21 | 13,000.00 | - | 15,142.21 | 2,180.79 |
| Charitable activities | 350.00 | - | - | 350.00 | 316.68 |
| Other trading activities | 2,878.34 | - | - | 2,878.34 | - |
| Investments | 169.07 | - | - | 169.07 | 173.59 |
| Separate material item of income | 15,933.00 | - | - | 15,933.00 | 18,225.00 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total*** | 21,472.62 | 13,000.00 | - | 34,472.62 | 20,896.06 |
| **Resources expended (Note 5)** | | | | | |
| **Expenditure on:** | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 246.19 | - | - | 246.19 | 23.41 |
| Charitable activities | 7,887.38 | 1,743.47 | - | 9,630.85 | 11,432.95 |
| Separate material item of expense | - | - | - | - | 2,275.00 |
| Other | 564.45 | - | - | 564.45 | 353.23 |
| ***Total*** | 8,698.02 | 1,743.47 | - | 10,441.49 | 14,084.59 |
| **Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)** | 12,774.60 | 11,256.53 | - | 24,031.13 | 6,811.47 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Net income/(expenditure)** | 12,774.60 | 11,256.53 | - | 24,031.13 | 6,811.47 |
| **Extraordinary items** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Transfers between funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Other recognised gains/(losses):** | | | | | |
| Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other gains/(losses) | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Net movement in funds*** | 12,774.60 | 11,256.53 | - | 24,031.13 | 6,811.47 |
| ***Reconciliation of funds:*** | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 136,104.14 | - | - | 136,104.14 | 129,292.67 |
| ***Total funds carried forward*** | 148,878.74 | 11,256.53 | - | 160,135.27 | 136,104.14 |

## Section B Balance sheet

| | | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted income funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total this year £ | Total last year £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed assets** | | F01 | F02 | F03 | F04 | F05 |
| **Intangible assets** | | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Tangible assets** | **(Note 7)** | 3,339.90 | - | - | 3,339.90 | 3,711.00 |
| **Heritage assets** | **(Note 8)** | 11,215.00 | - | - | 11,215.00 | 11,215.00 |
| **Investments** | | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total fixed assets*** | | 14,554.90 | - | - | 14,554.90 | 14,926.00 |
| **Current assets** | | | | | | |
| **Debtors** | **(Note 10)** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Investments** | | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Cash at bank and in hand** | **(Note 12)** | 135,694.42 | 11,256.53 | - | 146,950.95 | 122,845.99 |
| **Stock** | **(note 9)** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total current assets*** | | 135,694.42 | 11,256.53 | - | 146,950.95 | 122,845.99 |
| **Creditors: amounts falling due within one year** | **(Note 11)** | 1,370.58 | - | - | 1,370.58 | 1,667.85 |
| ***Net current assets/(liabilities)*** | | 134,323.84 | 11,256.53 | - | 145,580.37 | 121,178.14 |
| ***Total assets less current liabilities*** | | 148,878.74 | 11,256.53 | - | 160,135.27 | 136,104.14 |
| **Creditors: amounts falling due after one year** | **(Note 11)** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Provisions for liabilities** | | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total net assets or liabilities*** | | 148,878.74 | 11,256.53 | - | 160,135.27 | 136,104.14 |
| **Funds of the Charity** | | | | | | |
| **Endowment funds** | **(Note 15)** | | | - | - | - |
| **Restricted income funds** | **(Note 15)** | | 11,256.53 | | 11,256.53 | - |
| **Unrestricted funds** | | 148,878.74 | | | 148,878.74 | 136,104.14 |
| **Revaluation reserve** | | | | | - | - |
| ***Total funds*** | | 148,878.74 | 11,256.53 | - | 160,135.27 | 136,104.14 |

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

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy |
|---|---|---|
| | Matthew Graves | 27/10/2026 |
| | | |

## Section C Notes to the accounts

### Note 1 Basis of preparation

### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- The Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

### 1.2 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

### 1.3 Accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in **note 2**.

### 1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

#### 1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

## Note 2 Accounting policies

## 2.1 INCOME

**Recognition of income**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Offsetting**

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

**Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

**Tax reclaims on donations and gifts**

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

**Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

**Donated goods, services and facilities**

The value of donated goods, services and facilities are not included in income or expenditure. Such items are currently incidental to the operation of the Trust and the Trustees do not believe that the work needed to record them will be justified by the benefit provided to a user of the accounts.

**Support costs**

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

**Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**Income from interest, royalties and dividends**

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

**Income from membership subscriptions**

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

**Settlement of insurance claims**

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

## Note 2 Accounting policies (cont)

## 2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

**Liability recognition** Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Governance and support costs** Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

**Redundancy cost** The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

**Deferred income** No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

**Creditors** The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

**Provisions for liabilities** A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

**Basic financial instruments** The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

## 2.3 ASSETS

**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity** These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £100 They are valued at cost.
The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed later in the notes.

**Heritage assets** The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

The Trust's collection of locomotives, carriages, railway artefacts and archive material has not been capitalized on the balance sheet. Donations to it are not valued and where material is purchased, it is written off in the year of purchase. The collection has been put together over many years and is considered to be irreplaceable and inalienable. The cost of obtaining a valuation, the reliability of which would be questionable, is likely to be out of proportion to the benefit provided to a user of the accounts.

**Stocks and work in progress** Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

**Debtors** Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

## Note 3 Analysis of income

| | Analysis | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Endowment funds | Total funds £ | Prior year £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Donations and legacies:** | Donations and gifts | 2,142.21 | 4,000.00 | - | 6,142.21 | 2,180.79 |
| | Gift Aid | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Legacies | - | - | - | - | - |
| | General grants provided by government/other charities | - | 9,000.00 | - | 9,000.00 | - |
| | Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Donated goods, facilities and services | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total** | 2,142.21 | 13,000.00 | - | 15,142.21 | 2,180.79 |
| **Charitable activities:** | Membership subscriptions | 350.00 | - | - | 350.00 | 316.68 |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total** | 350.00 | - | - | 350.00 | 316.68 |
| **Other trading activities:** | Fundraising Income | 2,878.34 | - | - | 2,878.34 | - |
| | Sales | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total** | 2,878.34 | - | - | 2,878.34 | - |
| **Income from investments:** | Interest income | 169.07 | - | - | 169.07 | 173.59 |
| | Dividend income | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Rental and leasing income | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total** | 169.07 | - | - | 169.07 | 173.59 |
| **Separate material item of income:** | 78018 Locomotive Hire | 15,933.00 | - | - | 15,933.00 | 18,225.00 |
| | Sale of rolling stock | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total** | 15,933.00 | - | - | 15,933.00 | 18,225.00 |
| **Other:** | Conversion of endowment funds into income | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Gain on disposal of a programme related investment | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | | 21,472.62 | 13,000.00 | - | 34,472.62 | 20,896.06 |

## Note 4 Donated goods, facilities and services

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|---|---|---|
| Seconded staff | - | - |
| Use of property | - | - |
| Other | - | - |
| | - | - |

**Details of the accounting policy for the recognition and valuation of donated goods, facilities and services.**

The value of donated goods, services and facilities are not included in income or expenditure. Such items are currently incidental to the operation of the Trust and the Trustees do not believe that the work needed to record them will be justified by the benefit provided to a user of the accounts.

**Details of other forms of other donated goods and services not recognised in the accounts, eg contribution of unpaid volunteers.**

The DRPS is hugely grateful to the valuable contribution of its Members and Volunteers.
The value of such is difficult to estimate. It is recognised that many of our members put in substantial hours on and off site.

## Note 5 Analysis of expenditure

| | Analysis | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Endowment funds | Total funds £ | Prior year £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Expenditure on raising funds:** | Incurred seeking donations | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Incurred seeking legacies | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Incurred seeking grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Operating membership schemes and social lotteries | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Staging fundraising events | 211.98 | - | - | 211.98 | - |
| | Fudraising agents | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Operating charity shops | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity | 14.64 | - | - | 14.64 | 20.35 |
| | Other trading activities | - | | | | |
| | Bank Charges and Interest | 19.57 | - | - | 19.57 | 3.06 |
| | **Total expenditure on raising funds** | 246.19 | - | - | 246.19 | 23.41 |
| **Expenditure on charitable activities** | Rates & Other Tax | 2,395.20 | - | - | 2,395.20 | 1,871.95 |
| | Rent | 2,000.00 | - | - | 2,000.00 | - |
| | Subscriptions | 157.25 | - | - | 157.25 | 132.75 |
| | Locomotive Restoration | 236.65 | 753.00 | - | 989.65 | 6,772.14 |
| | Other Railway Restoration | 13.75 | 990.47 | - | 1,004.22 | 129.82 |
| | Maintenance & Repairs | 94.26 | - | - | 94.26 | 152.06 |
| | Education & Display | 64.65 | - | - | 64.65 | 129.28 |
| | Tools, Equipment & Consumables | 82.05 | - | - | 82.05 | 188.81 |
| | Water & Electricity | 513.75 | - | - | 513.75 | - |
| | Accountancy Fees | 634.00 | - | - | 634.00 | 213.00 |
| | Insurance | 1,695.82 | - | - | 1,695.82 | 1,843.14 |
| | **Total expenditure on charitable activities** | 7,887.38 | 1,743.47 | - | 9,630.85 | 11,432.95 |
| **Separate material item of expense** | Transport & Haulage | - | - | - | - | 2,275.00 |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total** | - | - | - | - | 2,275.00 |
| **Other** | Post & Stationery | - | - | - | - | 27.46 |
| | Sundries | 47.00 | - | - | 47.00 | 35.00 |
| | Health & Safty inc. PPE | 43.27 | - | - | 43.27 | 83.98 |
| | Residual VAT | 103.08 | - | - | 103.08 | 0.01 |
| | Depreciation | 371.10 | - | - | 371.10 | 206.78 |
| | **Total other expenditure** | 564.45 | - | - | 564.45 | 353.23 |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | | 8,698.02 | 1,743.47 | - | 10,441.49 | 14,084.59 |

## Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure

**Fees for examination of the accounts**

***Details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).***

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|---|---|---|
| **Independent examiner's fees** | 600 | 200 |
| **Assurance services other than audit or independent examination** | 0 | 0 |
| **Tax advisory fees** | 0 | 0 |
| **Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner** | 0 | 0 |

## Note 7 Tangible fixed assets

### 7.1 Cost or valuation

| | Freehold land & buildings £ | Other land & Buildings £ | Plant, machinery and motor vehicles £ | Track/Rail £ | Total £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| At the beginning of the year | - | - | 8,730.03 | - | 8,730.03 |
| Additions | - | - | - | - | - |
| Revaluations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers * | - | - | - | - | - |
| At end of the year | - | - | 8,730.03 | - | 8,730.03 |

### 7.2 Depreciation and impairments

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Basis** Straight Line or Reducing Balance | | | Reducing Balance | | |
| **Rate** | | | 10% | - | |
| At beginning of the year | - | - | 5,019.03 | - | 5,019.03 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation | - | - | 371.10 | - | 371.10 |
| Impairment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers* | - | - | - | - | - |
| At end of the year | - | - | 5,390.13 | - | 5,390.13 |

### 7.3 Net book value

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Net book value at the beginning of the year | - | - | 3,711.00 | - | 3,711.00 |
| Net book value at the end of the year | - | - | 3,339.90 | - | 3,339.90 |

** The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.*

## Note 8 Heritage assets

### 8.1 General disclosures for all charities holding heritage assets

| | |
|---|---|
| **(i) Explanation of the nature and scale of heritage assets held.** | The DRPS owns a substantial collection of heritage railway artifacts relating to the Local Darlington area, north eastern region and general historic railway significance. The collection includes industrial and unique items. The collection has been built and added to through donations and limited purchases of significance since 1981. |
| **(ii) Explanation of the policy for the acquisition, preservation, management and disposal of heritage assets.** | The DRPS considers the significance and cultural value of preserving items before committing to any acquisition. Items in the collection are to be preserved for the community with restoration prioritised to those artifacts where it benefits the goals of the society the most. Any disposal is made with great consideration to the significance of the item and the suitability of the purchaser. |

### 8.2 Cost or valuation

| | Locos, rolling stock £ | Heritage asset 2 £ | Heritage asset 3 £ | Heritage asset 4 £ | Total £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| At beginning of the year | 11,215.00 | - | - | - | 11,215.00 |
| Additions | - | - | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Revaluations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers * | - | - | - | - | - |
| At end of the year | 11,215.00 | - | - | - | 11,215.00 |

### 8.3 Depreciation and impairments

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Basis** Straight Line or Reducing Balance | None | | | | |
| **Rate** | - | | | | |
| At beginning of the year | - | - | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation | - | - | - | - | - |
| Impairment | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers* | - | - | - | - | - |
| At end of year | - | - | - | - | - |

## Note 8 Heritage assets (cont)

| | Locos, rolling stock £ | Heritage asset 2 £ | Heritage asset 3 £ | Heritage asset 4 £ | Total £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **8.4 Net book value** | | | | | |
| Nat book value at the beginning of the year | 11,215.00 | - | - | - | 11,215.00 |
| Net book value at the end of the year | 11,215.00 | - | - | - | 11,215.00 |

**8.5 Analysis of heritage assets by class or group distinguishing those at cost and those at valuation**

| | At valuation Group A £ | At cost Group B £ | Total £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Carrying amount at the beginning of the period | - | 11,215 | 11,215 |
| Additions | - | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| Depreciation/impairment | - | - | - |
| Revaluation | - | - | - |
| Carrying amount at the end of period | - | 11,215 | 11,215 |

**8.6 Heritage assets (where heritage assets are not recognised on the balance sheet)**

| | |
|---|---|
| **(i) Explain the reason why heritage assets have not been recognised on the balance sheet.** | The heritage assets owned by the DRPS have been collected over many years, many by donation, where the society's resources could not justify the expense of valuation of donations at that time. |
| **(ii) Describe the significance and nature of heritage assets.** | The DRPS owns a substantial collection of heritage railway artifacts relating to the local Darlington area, north eastern region and general historic railway significance. The collection includes industrial and unique items. |
| **(iii) Explain the reason why it is not practicable to obtain a valuation of heritage assets.** | The society does not currently have the man power or resources to catalogue and revalue the large collection whilst continuing with the society's objectives. Consideration will be made to catalogue and record future acquisitions however. |

## Note 9 Stock

**9.1 Carrying amount of stock and work in progress analysed between activities.**

| | Stock | | Donated goods | | Work in progress |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | For distribution | For resale | For distribution | For resale | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Charitable activities:** | | | | | |
| ***Opening*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Added in period*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Expensed in period*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Impaired*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Closing*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Other trading activities:** | | | | | |
| ***Opening*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Added in period*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Expensed in period*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Impaired*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Closing*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Other:** | | | | | |
| ***Opening*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Added in period*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Expensed in period*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Impaired*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Closing*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total this year** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total previous year*** | - | - | - | - | - |

| | |
|---|---|
| **9.2 Carrying amount of any stocks pledged as security for liabilities** | - |

## Note 10 Debtors and prepayments

### 10.1 Analysis of debtors

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|---|---|---|
| Trade debtors | - | - |
| Payments in Advance | - | - |
| Other debtors | - | - |
| VAT Debtor | - | - |
| Total | - | - |

### 10.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|---|---|---|
| Trade debtors | - | - |
| Prepayments and accrued income | - | - |
| Other debtors | - | - |
| Total | - | - |

## Note 11 Creditors and accruals

| Analysis of creditors | Amounts falling due within one year | | Amounts falling due after more than one year | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | This year £ | Last year £ | This year £ | Last year £ |
| Accruals for grants payable | - | - | - | - |
| Bank loans and overdrafts | - | - | - | - |
| Trade creditors | 265.00 | 664.08 | - | - |
| Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants | - | - | - | - |
| Accruals and deferred income | 600.00 | - | - | - |
| VAT Creditor | 505.58 | 1,003.77 | - | - |
| Other creditors | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 1,370.58 | 1,667.85 | - | - |

## Note 12 Cash at bank and in hand

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in Hand | 499.09 | 616.35 |
| Till | 284.00 | 30.00 |
| Bank Deposit Account (78018) | 13,929.91 | 12,955.88 |
| Bank Current account | 131,780.37 | 108,794.82 |
| Bank Premium Account | 3.24 | 3.20 |
| PayPal Account | 451.49 | 445.74 |
| SumUp | 2.85 | - |
| Total | 146,950.95 | 122,845.99 |

## Note 13 Fair value of assets and liabilities

**Details of the charity's exposure to credit risk (the risk of incurring a loss due to a debtor not paying what is owed) , liquidity risk (the risk of not being able to meet short term financial demands) and market risk (the risk that the value of an investment will fall due to changes in the market) arising from financial instruments to which the charity is exposed at the end of the reporting period and explain how the charity manages those risks.**

The DRPS has suitable funds to sustain normal day to day activity in the short term. The Society continues with restoration activities and has in place a regular schedule of fundraising events including public open days.

As at 31/12/2025, the Society holds a locomotive 78018 fund of £95,356.58, with restricted reserves of £11,256.53 dedicated to other specific projects and approximately £40,000 in general funds available for other projects and day-to-day costs of the Society.

The Society intends to use these funds to negotiate a cost and profit share deal similar to that under which locomotive 78018 was previously completed and currently operates. Such a deal would require the Society to fund at least 50% of the restoration costs.

The DRPS has no risky investments and has minimal credit risk.

## Note 14 Events after the end of the reporting period

***This note details events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.***

**Details of the nature of the event**

Cessation of operational service of locomotive No. 78018 following the expiry of its boiler certificate (“boiler ticket”), resulting in its withdrawal from service pending a full overhaul and boiler recertification.

**Estimate of the financial effect of the event or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made.**

The locomotive represents a significant proportion of the Society’s income. As a result of its withdrawal from service, the Society is expected to operate at a loss until such time as the locomotive returns to operational condition. The Society has set aside significant reserves, largely designated for the overhaul of the locomotive, as well as to support ongoing operations and other activities during this period. The overhaul and boiler recertification are expected to take several years, although the exact duration cannot be determined at this stage.

## Note 15 Charity funds

### 15.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

***Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds**

| Fund names | Type PE, EE R or U * | Purpose and Restrictions | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Gains and losses £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 78018 BR Standard 2MT Locomotive (78018) Fund | U | Funds allocated for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of B.R. Standard 2-6-0 class 2MT locomotive 78018 | 87,267.20 | 7,966.50 | - 46.15 | 169.03 | - | 95,356.58 |
| Northern Gas Board No.1 (NGB1) Peckett Locomotive Fund | U | Funds allocated for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of Peckett locomotive Northern Gas Board No.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Gas Board No.1 (NGB1) Peckett Locomotive Fund | R | Grants & gifts received for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of Peckett locomotive Northern Gas Board No.1 | - | 9,000.00 | - 753.00 | - | - | 8,247.00 |
| Brake Van Fund | U | Funds allocated for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of the Brake Van | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brake Van Fund | R | Grants & gifts received for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of the Brake Van | - | 4,000.00 | - 990.47 | - | - | 3,009.53 |
| ***Other funds*** | **N/a** | **N/a** | 48,836.94 | 13,506.12 | - 8,651.87 | - 169.03 | - | 53,522.16 |
| | | **Total Funds** | 136,104.14 | 34,472.62 | - 10,441.49 | - | - | 160,135.27 |

## Note 15 Charity funds (cont)

### 15.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

***Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds***

| Fund names | Type PE, EE R or U * | Purpose and Restrictions | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Transfers £ | Gains and losses £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 78018 BR Standard 2MT Locomotive (78018) Fund | U | Funds allocated for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of B.R. Standard 2-6-0 class 2MT locomotive 78018 | 70,587.61 | 9,112.50 | - 5,388.79 | 12,955.88 | - | 87,267.20 |
| Northern Gas Board No.1 (NGB1) Peckett Locomotive Fund | U | Funds allocated for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of Peckett locomotive Northern Gas Board No.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Gas Board No.1 (NGB1) Peckett Locomotive Fund | R | Grants & gifts received for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of Peckett locomotive Northern Gas Board No.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brake Van Fund | U | Funds allocated for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of the Brake Van | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brake Van Fund | R | Grants & gifts received for the restoration, preservation and maintanance of the Brake Van | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Other funds*** | **N/a** | **N/a** | 58,705.06 | 11,783.56 | - 8,695.80 | - 12,955.88 | - | 48,836.94 |
| | | **Total Funds** | 129,292.67 | 20,896.06 | - 14,084.59 | - | - | 136,104.14 |