

Charity Commission Report 2024 – Lancashire Mining Museum Ltd (previously The Red Rose Steam Society Limited) – Charity no. 513511

The year ending 30 June 2024 was another positive year in the development of the Lancashire Mining Museum and in particular began the process of developing the site as a 'best in class' visitor attraction. A key example of this was the start of putting together an application for the National lottery funding to improve the status of the grade 2 listed engine house building and the pit headgear. We have also applied for smaller grants to support our application.

Our website is at www.lancashireminingmuseum.org

We are also on social media (Facebook) with some 20,000 followers.

The overall turnover of the charity has grown from £6,907 in 2017 to £137,942 for the year ended 30 June 2024. The total funds available to the museum have increased to £134,930. This reflects the hard work of our volunteers and the high quality of our financial management.

The Treasurer, Kantilal (Ken) Joshi, a qualified accountant, acted as Chairman during the year. Peter Rowlinson and Les Leggett were co-opted to the committee and made a very positive contribution during the year. We wish to firmly place on record our thanks to Ken for his efforts throughout the year as acting Chair and Treasurer.

At the AGM held on the 22 January 2025, we elected the following new committee members:

Peter Rowlinson was elected as Chairman, Colin Savage as Treasurer. Our Secretary Susan Kedward was also re-elected. Nicola Vivash and Rose Mockridge were re-elected. Leslie Leggett was elected as a new committee member. Diane Herring, Thomas Hampson and Alan Wossick continue as committee members.

We established a grants group to assist the development of the museum and held two volunteer strategy meetings to secure the views of our key stakeholders. We also undertook consultation exercises to identify what perceptions were of the museum.

The committee have met with the local heritage councillors and the mayor of Greater Manchester to take the museum forward within Greater Manchester. We visited other museums and hosted visits from their volunteers as we build new relationships. We are members of various groups such as the 'Association of Independent Museums' and the 'Heritage Railway Association' and the Greater Manchester Heritage Transport Group.

The committee achieved the following:

- Lottery bid for £250,000 has been submitted towards the repair of the engine house and the pithead gear.
- £40,000 support from Wigan Council secured.
- Grant offer received from the Association of Industrial Archaeology (AIA) for £30,000
- Pilgrim Trust grant of £25,000.
- Archives preparing us for museum accreditation.

- Visited other museums and building new relationships.
- School visits have increased thanks to Ged Maloney
- Visitor Centre completed with thanks to Tim Haigh and Lyn Relph.
- Lamp room completed and dedicated to Steve Eckersley.
- Brown signs on East Lancashire Road (A580).
- Engine house handrail fitted to heritage rules.
- LED lightening installed to reduce our use of energy.
- Electrical upgrade and work done to power Nissen hut.
- Railway shed modifications to allow us to store our engines
- Underground experience - work being done to create an authentic coalface.

The events team is now busy preparing a varied calendar of events for 2025 which will attract even more people from different backgrounds and age groups. Our education team this year has been much more effective, and the number of school visits has grown considerably. The number of visitors continues to grow, and we remain open to the public, free of charge, on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

We won the 'Northwest in Bloom' competition for the fourth year running.

The railway group have now mastered the skills required to drive a steam locomotive as well as Diesel engines and they have trained drivers, guards, and managers to allow us to offer the railway rides on a more regular basis as this is proving to be a great attraction to the public. The trains used for the school visits and the "Santa Express" in December.

The membership of the society remains at £10 pa for a single member - we currently have life members 30, international members 2, family members 86, and 86 single members making a total of 204. With free entry for visitors, we can only estimate the total number of 20,000 visitors a year.

We look forward to exciting new developments in the year ahead especially the result of our lottery application.

Signed:

Peter Rowlinson

Chair

Dated: January 2025



Lancashire Mining Museum Ltd
Registered Company No. 1682997
Registered Charity No. 513511



Year Ended 30 June 2024

Balance Sheet	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2023
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	£42,450	£35,450
Depreciation	-£25,947	-£18,390
Investments		
Total fixed assets	£16,503	£17,060
Current assets		
Stocks	£4,179	£3,342
Other Debtors	£0	£3,350
Nat West	£22,133	£56,117
Deposit Account 35 Days	£21,540	£30,039
Deposit Account 95 Days	£61,090	£0
PayPal	£350	£34
Cash	£4,591	£4,056
VAT	£5,153	£7,693
Total current assets	£119,036	£104,631
Accrual electricity	£610	£2,267
Total current liabilities	£610	£2,267
Total assets less current liabilities	£134,930	£119,424
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted income funds	£0	£0
Unrestricted funds	£119,424	£101,260
Current Year Surplus	£15,505	£18,164
Total funds	£134,930	£119,424

Fixed Assets	Date acquired	Cost
New Generator	01-Jul-2020	£21,050.00
Mobile Crane	01-Jul-2021	£8,400.00
Fork Lift Truck	01-Sep-2021	£6,000.00
JCB	07-Mar-2024	£7,000.00
Total		£42,450.00

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Treasurer
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Year Ended 30 June 2024

Profit & Loss Account	30-Jun-2024	30-Jun-2023
Income		
Trading activities		
Tea Room	£18,379	£20,691
Shop Sales	£9,756	£11,144
Other Income		
Donations	£11,548	£17,446
Subscriptions	£1,910	£1,956
Railway Income	£6,283	£12,614
Events held	£64,581	£71,091
Site Visits & Rental	£3,706	£2,549
Grants	£6,293	£2,775
Fund Raising	£2,545	£0
Scrap Sales	£1,554	£1,360
Miscellaneous	£8,673	£5,821
Historic VAT claimed	£0	£20,731
Interest Received	£2,715	£626
Total	£137,942	£168,805
Expenditure		
Trading activities		
Tea Room purchases	£7,709	£10,585
Shop purchases	£5,834	£12,129
Other expenditure		
Events	£40,914	£39,181
Winding Engine Costs	£3,222	£3,891
Railway	£9,555	£10,498
Site Utilities	£15,017	£14,631
Site Refurbishment	£15,364	£13,900
Insurance	£5,100	£2,949
Office Equipment	£7,045	£5,043
Administration costs	£2,016	£8,292
Cleaning & Rubbish	£2,504	£10,286
Removal & Transport	£0	£10,003
Total	£114,282	£141,388
Operating Surplus	£23,660	£27,417
Bank & Finance charges	£598	£2,163
Depreciation	£7,557	£7,090
Surplus before Taxation	£15,505	£18,164
Taxation	£0	£0
Surplus after Taxation	£15,505	£18,164

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of

Charity name

Lancashire Mining Museum Limited

On accounts for the year ended

30 June 2024

Charity no.:

513511

Company no.:

1682997

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 / 06 / 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Signed:  Date: 17/10/24

Name: Graham Timms

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Management Accountant, QBE

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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