

**Annual Trustees' Report for the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation for the period  
1st November 2010 to 31st October 2021**

**Trustees**

Trustees who have served through the year (and currently) are:

M B Higham (Chairman & Treasurer)  
F A Bagshaw (Secretary)  
P R Burgin  
C Heaton  
P J Whiteley  
M C Wright

**Bankers**

Barclays Bank Plc  
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Alfreton,  
Derbyshire  
DE55 7DP

**Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation Unrestricted Fund and Fylde Tramcar Fund.**

Virgin Money  
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Leeds  
LS17 6QA

Blackpool Railcoach Fund

**Independent examiner**

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## **Objectives and Activities**

- The main work of the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation (TSO) this year has been to continue to raise funds towards tramcar restoration projects in the National Collection displayed and operated at The National Tramway Museum.

## **Achievements and Performance**

- Blackpool Luxury Toastrack 'Boat' Car 236, this restoration was funded by the TSO and the Fylde Tramcar Fund (FTF), continued in operation during the restricted opening of the museum due to Covid 19 and continues to be popular with the general public. Sheffield 510 another tram the restoration of which was comparatively recently part funded by the TSO has not operated since it was not suitable for use during the pandemic.
- Payments totalling just under £65,000 have been made to the Tramway Museum Society (TMS) towards the restoration of Blackpool 298 during the year. No further payments have been made to the TMS in respect of Newcastle 102.

## **Financial performance**

- There are no outstanding payments to the TMS or any other body. Further payments towards the restoration of Newcastle 102 and Blackpool 298 will be made in the next financial year.
- Other expenditure has been kept low and is entirely associated with production and postage of newsletters and meeting documents.

## **Management and Governance**

- The charity is governed by 'The Rules of the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation'. It is an unincorporated association.
- The organisation is managed by a committee of not more than six nor less than three trustees who are members of the organisation. Trustees are elected to serve for a period of three years. At each Annual General Meeting the two longest serving trustees, in their current period of service, retire and, if eligible, can offer themselves for re-election.
- The committee meets on at least two occasions a year and normally there are at least two meetings for members to attend, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Half Yearly Meeting. Due to the Covid pandemic it has only been possible to hold the AGM. This meeting and the committee meetings have been held by video conferencing. This approach was agreed with the Charity Commission. Decisions on expenditure on tramcar restoration are made at one of the twice-yearly meetings or occasionally by referendum.

## **Public Benefit**

- Public Benefit is expressed through our support for the activities of the TMS (Registered Charity No. 313615). There is no direct interface with the public by the TSO and all the elements of the public benefit expressed by the TMS in their Annual Report are supported. We support the restoration and demonstration of trams which are then on display at The National Tramway Museum.

## **Plans for the future**

- Quarterly meetings continue between the TMS and the TSO to progress current restorations and identify suitable projects that would benefit from TSO backing.
- Newcastle 102 was ceremonially launched by HRH Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, when he visited the museum on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The tram will now undertake test running. It is anticipated that it will enter passenger carrying service in the late spring or early summer.
- Work has commenced on the restoration of Blackpool 298. A new underframe has been constructed by the Ffestiniog and West Highland Railway and the body of the tram has been dismantled and repair ready for reconstruction on the new underframe. The motors and compressor have been tested at Dorlec.

The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation

Registered Charity No. 518466

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 October 2021

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Members' Subscriptions	21,454	-	21,454	22,007
Donations	1,075	3,828	4,903	21,504
<b>Interest Received</b>	5,608	1,653	7,261	9,839
<b>Income Tax Recovered</b>	4,939	3,300	8,239	10,889
<b>Other Income</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>33,076</u>	<u>8,781</u>	<u>41,857</u>	<u>64,239</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>				
Tramcar Restoration	250	64,922	65,172	118,654
<b>Other Expenditure</b>				
Management and Administration	356	-	356	181
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>606</u>	<u>64,922</u>	<u>65,528</u>	<u>118,835</u>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<u>32,470</u>	<u>- 56,141</u>	<u>- 23,671</u>	<u>- 54,596</u>
<b>Balances brought forward at 1st November 2020</b>	620,273	271,593	891,866	946,452
<b>Balances carried forward at 31st October 2021</b>	<u>652,743</u>	<u>215,452</u>	<u>868,195</u>	<u>891,866</u>

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Registered Charity No. 518466

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st October 2021

<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>BRF</b>	<b>FTF</b>	<b>Total restricted</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations	2,803	1,025	3,828
Interest Received	1,609	44	1,653
Income Tax Recovered	3,020	280	3,300
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>7,432</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>8,781</u>
<b>Payments</b>	-	-	-
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>			
Tramcar Restoration	64,922	-	64,922
<b>Other Expenditure</b>			
Management and Administration	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<u>64,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,922</u>
<b>Net receipts</b>	<u>(57,490)</u>	<u>1,349</u>	<u>(56,141)</u>
<b>Balances brought forward at 1st November 2020</b>	252,636	18,957	271,593
<b>Balances carried forward at 31st October 2021</b>	<u>195,146</u>	<u>20,306</u>	<u>215,452</u>

**The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation**  
**Registered Charity No. 518466**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st October 2021**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Bank and Building Society</b>	652,743	215,452	868,195
<b>Other monetary assets</b>			
Income tax recoverable	2,674	408	3,082
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Tramcar restoration	121,000	202,000	323,000
Management and Administration	11	-	11

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:**

*M B Higham*

**M B Higham, Chairman & Treasurer**

*22nd March 2022*

**Date**

## **Accounting policies**

1.) These accounts are based on receipts and payments in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines CC16

2.) Restricted Funds

a.) **The Blackpool Railcoach Fund**

This fund comprises subscriptions and donations towards the restoration of Blackpool Railcoach no. 298, which together with related interest and income tax recoverable, may only be used towards the restoration cost of this car. No other of the TSO's restricted funds may be used on this car.

b.) **The Fylde Tramcar Fund**

In 2003, a fund commenced in conjunction with the Fylde Tramway Society for the restoration of Blackpool tramcars that are part of the Tramway Museum Society's collection. Donations to this fund, together with related interest and income tax recoverable, may only be used towards the restoration costs of nominated Blackpool tramcars. No other of the TSO's restricted funds may be spent on these cars.

3.) Liabilities shown under the heading Tramcar Restoration are estimates for the remaining funds committed to projects that are currently in progress.

**THE TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP ORGANISATION  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 518466**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report on the accounts of the above-named charity for the year ended 31 October 2021.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

I am a regular subscriber to the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation, but apart from acting as Independent Examiner I have not had any other direct involvement in the financial management of this charity.



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Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022