

Company registration number: 02313579  
Charity registration number: 800655

**THE RAILWAY LAND WILDLIFE TRUST LIMITED  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited**  
**Company No. 02313579**  
**Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Aims and Objectives**

#### **The Trust**

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee (Company registration number 02313579) and a registered charity (Charity registration number 8006550). It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 25th November 2019. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for setting policies and ensuring legality and good practice in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Trust, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. Trustees are elected every two years at the Annual General Meeting of the Trust.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The Trust's mission is to inspire environmental sustainability by bringing nature to the heart of Lewes and surrounding areas. To do so it currently has four key strategic aims:

- Strategic Aim 1: Increase our influence with key stakeholders
- Strategic Aim 2: Get more local people involved with the Trust
- Strategic Aim 3: Provide inspirational and innovative learning activities and events
- Strategic Aim 4: Improve our infrastructure and resources.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Main Achievements**

#### **Activities in the period have enabled us to progress these aims:**

##### **Strategic Aim 1: Increase our influence with key stakeholders**

With the majority of our main projects being delivered in partnerships, the network of organisations that we work with and who we influence has grown and strengthened. Some partnerships are made up of larger environmental organisations and statutory bodies, while others are more grassroots focused. This reflects the position that RLWT occupies within these networks, as very much rooted in the community and with the ability to work with and influence larger organisations.

Our key relationship with Lewes District Council has been further strengthened during this period. As well as running volunteer sessions at the Railway Land and on the Cockshut Stream, we continue to work together to apply for funds to improve access and visitor experience on the Railway Land, for example by securing Community Infrastructure Levy funds for a viewing platform over the recently restored Winterbourne Stream. We are working with LDC Officers on a new 10-year management plan for the Railway Land, embedding a joint approach to nature recovery on the site.

The Changing Chalk project moved into its third year, led by the National Trust and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Made up of 18 projects being delivered by the ten partners that include both statutory and third sector organisations, Changing Chalk aims to create multiple connections across the urban and rural areas of the Downs, and restore and reconnect the fragmented areas of remaining chalk grassland. RLWT's work in engaging diverse communities and delivering practical conservation sessions at three additional sites has extended our reach and enabled the Trust to develop new, exciting partnerships, for example in working with the University of Brighton to develop ways to explore the relationships between young people, technology and the natural world.

The Ouse Valley Climate Action project also entered its third year, led by South Downs National Park Authority and in partnership with Lewes District Council, Railway Land Wildlife Trust, Transition Town Lewes, Seaford Community Partnership, Community Energy South, OVESCO, 3VA and Sussex Community Development Association. The Rewilding Trail that the Trust delivered as part of this project received international recognition, with at least 35 press reports, both within the UK for example, by the Guardian newspaper, and internationally in Europe, North America and Japan. We estimate that the combined press articles, TV and radio interviews and online blogs and vlogs reached a readership / viewership of over 2 million people.

The Lewes Mosaic Project continued this year. A partnership with Common Cause Co-operative and involves Wildflower Lewes, Lewes Urban Arboretum and Lewes Swift Supporters. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the project focuses on Lewes Town and aims to develop more opportunities for nature-based wellbeing activities and to grow a mosaic of wildlife habitats across the town that everyone can get involved with.

##### **Strategic Aim 2: Get more local people involved with the Trust**

Our programme of school visits is now well known and very well regarded, and we have welcomed more than 2000 school children to the Railway Land, both from local schools and those further afield. We have an excellent cohort of freelance educators and volunteers who support school visits, and feedback from visiting schools is overwhelmingly positive.

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## Trustees' Report (continued)

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#### **Main Achievements - continued**

This has been another incredibly busy year for NatureLinks, our Youth Action Project, and we were very happy to be awarded funding for a further four years of the project from the Reaching Communities fund. The award will enable us to continue our work with young people, providing them with opportunities to participate meaningfully in nature recovery work, learn new skills and make social connections. Each year we have four 'backbone projects' for young people to get involved with, all of which involve practical skills, scientific discovery, creative elements and media focused activities. We provide work and university placements and youth volunteering opportunities.

In addition, we are now running a Junior Rangers scheme for 10–14-year-olds in response to the gap in provision for this age group and to support their transition from primary to secondary school. We have delivered projects to improve habitats on school grounds at 3 secondary schools, which has enabled us to work with Young People who might otherwise struggle to take part.

Our mental health project, Wellbeing in Nature, has continued to provide vital support to people who are struggling with their mental health. It has been delivered this year as part of the Lewes Mosaic Project, which has also enabled us to develop more volunteering roles for people wanting to get involved in the 'green life' of the Town. Wellbeing walks enable participants to deepen their connection to the natural world and to build social connections. Volunteers provide support to the sessions, with many volunteers sharing their own areas of expertise, such as bird watching, floral identification and creative writing. An important element of the Mosaic Project is to work more closely with the Social Prescribers at the GP surgeries, so that they can make more effective referrals to us and our partners.

We have a vibrant volunteering programme, with over 70 active volunteers. Opportunities range from supporting school visits and wellbeing walks to practical conservation, helping with marketing and promotion and maintaining the building.

The Board took the decision to invest in a Digital Communications Lead, who works for the Trust one day a week. This has improved our social media presence immensely and enabled us to run more effective digital campaigns. Our Instagram following, for example, has increased by over 50%, many of our reels are watched thousands of times, with our most popular reel being watched over 14,500 times.

#### **Strategic Aim 3: Provide inspirational and innovative learning activities and events**

We take a lifelong approach to learning, and acknowledge that there is formal and informal learning, as well as different learning styles. Our programme of school visits provides curriculum based experiential learning that is imaginatively delivered; our Wellbeing in Nature project is underpinned by the Five Ways to Wellbeing, one of which is 'Learn'; our projects such as Changing Chalk, Ouse Valley Climate Action and NatureLinks all provide opportunities for people to learn more about the natural world and how to support it to thrive; our volunteering programme provides opportunities for people to learn and also to share their knowledge and expertise.

This year also saw our Head of Learning work with local experts to deliver on a series of Adult Courses. These have focused on bringing to life ancient skills and have involved sessions on fire lighting and lamp making; flint knapping; pottery; and ancient cookery skills. The one-day courses provide experiential learning for adults that reconnects them with the landscape through a combination of history, science and culture.

#### **Strategic Aim 4: Improve our infrastructure and resources**

We continue to manage the Linklater Pavilion as a hub for environmental learning. We were very fortunate this year to receive a significant donation that enabled us to upgrade the ground floor of the building, the Jolly Room. We have installed infra-red heating panels and replaced metal grills with glazing units, making the room usable all year round. We have had bespoke full length storage units installed, the floor replaced, and LED lights installed. We have also upgraded the toilets, increasing the number of toilets from 3 to 5, and installed hot air hand dryers to reduce the use of paper towels. Overall, we are delighted with the improvements and extremely grateful for the generosity of the donor. Next year will see us get a full colour frieze created to decorate the storage units, celebrating many of the species found on the Railway Land.

As well as holding our own events and activities, we hire out the building to other local groups and organisations which provides essential income for the charity. We also generate income for the charity through our 'Friends of the Railway Land' scheme, and are lucky to benefit from donations and legacies.

The signal box has been revamped by the participants of our NatureLinks Youth Action project. It now provides a beautiful, peaceful spot to watch the nature on the water meadows and the nesting peregrine falcons beyond. The Young People also decorated the exterior of the Signal Box with a mural recreating the view from the signal box of the cliffs. Since this has been completed there has been no more graffiti. As part of this next year's NatureLinks courses, we will run a free Art and Wellbeing course there for 14-25 year olds there.

#### **Financial Review**

# The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited

## Trustees' Report (continued)

### For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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#### Financial Position

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the Trust generated total income of £348,464 (2024: £553,032). The reduction in income compared to the prior year primarily reflects the timing and scale of grant awards received.

Of the 2024-25 revenue, £252,152 (72%) related to restricted funds (2024: £421,672, 76%). Restricted income in the year comprised a combination of grant funding and a £90,437 restricted donation, reflecting continued reliance on restricted funding to support defined charitable activities. Charitable activity income was £55,663 (2024: £86,734) and investment income (bank interest was £5,884 (2024: £2,852)).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £382,405 (2024: £630,462). This resulted in a net expenditure of £33,941 for the year (2024: £77,430). Trustees note that this deficit was anticipated and largely reflects the planned utilisation of restricted funds brought forward from prior years to deliver agreed projects and activities.

At 31 March 2025, the Trust held total funds of £842,134 (2024: £876,075). This comprised £723,391 of unrestricted funds and £118,743 of restricted funds (2024: £141,851). Restricted funds reduced during the year as projects were delivered, with restricted expenditure (£275,260) exceeding restricted income (£252,152) by £23,108. Unrestricted funds remain at a level the Trustees consider appropriate to support the ongoing operations of the Trust and to manage financial risk. Cash at bank and in hand at the year-end totalled £256,090 (2024: £260,029). The Trustees are satisfied that the Trust continues to maintain adequate liquidity to meet its short-term obligations.

The Trustees continue to keep the Trust's financial position under regular review, with particular focus on the sustainability of income, effective use of restricted funds, and the maintenance of appropriate unrestricted reserves. The Trust enters the 2025-26 financial year in a stable financial position, with a clear understanding of the funding environment and associated risks.

#### Structure, Governance and Management

##### Governing Document

As with many Charities, The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited (RLWT) is a company limited by guarantee (Company registration number 02313579) and is registered as a charity (Charity registration number 800655). It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 19th April 1999 and updated 16th October 2019. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019).

##### Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are elected in accordance with the Articles of Association Trustees. Half of the Trustees are required to retire annually by rotation and may offer themselves for re-election. Any Trustee co-opted by the Trustee Board during the year are required to stand for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). When considering co-opting, the Trustee Board has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed.

##### Risk management

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to manage risk and have a risk strategy in place which comprises:-

- The maintenance of a risk register;
- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate against those risks identified in each review; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to prevent and potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

#### Reference and Administrative Details

##### Trustees

Mr Andrew Saunders  
Mr Stephen Bright (appointed 05/03/2025)  
Mr Istvan Haasz (appointed 17/01/2025)  
Mr Barry McNulty  
Mr Ryan Myint  
Antonia Scarr  
Mr James Hillage (resigned 29/10/2025)  
Sandra Llewellyn (resigned 09/07/2025)  
Ms Anne Robertson (appointed 28/05/2025)

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Ms Ruth Rudwick (appointed 18/06/2025)  
Ms Sarah Rideout (resigned 25/02/2025)  
Ms Julie Lloyd (resigned 22/01/2025)

**Charity Number**

800655

**Company Number**

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Trustees' Report (continued)  
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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statement unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Istvan Haasz

Trustee

22nd December 2025

**The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Caroline Clarke ACA  
22nd December 2025  
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**The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2025 Total funds</b>	<b>2024 Total funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	33,999	252,152	286,151	460,006
Charitable activities:					
The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited		55,663	-	55,663	86,734
Other trading activities	<b>4</b>	766	-	766	3,440
Investments	<b>5</b>	5,884	-	5,884	2,852
		<u>96,312</u>	<u>252,152</u>	<u>348,464</u>	<u>553,032</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Raising funds	<b>7</b>	(2,223)	-	(2,223)	(1,156)
Charitable activities:	<b>7</b>				
The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited		(104,922)	(275,260)	(380,182)	(629,306)
		<u>(107,145)</u>	<u>(275,260)</u>	<u>(382,405)</u>	<u>(630,462)</u>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>(10,833)</u>	<u>(23,108)</u>	<u>(33,941)</u>	<u>(77,430)</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(10,833)</u>	<u>(23,108)</u>	<u>(33,941)</u>	<u>(77,430)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		734,224	141,851	876,075	953,505
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>16</b>	<u><u>723,391</u></u>	<u><u>118,743</u></u>	<u><u>842,134</u></u>	<u><u>876,075</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

**The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited**  
**Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure**  
**Account)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2024 Total funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	38,334	421,672	460,006
Charitable activities:				
The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited		86,734	-	86,734
Other trading activities	<b>4</b>	3,440	-	3,440
Investments	<b>5</b>	2,852	-	2,852
		<u>131,360</u>	<u>421,672</u>	<u>553,032</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Raising funds	<b>7</b>	(1,156)	-	(1,156)
Charitable activities:	<b>7</b>			
The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited		(105,886)	(523,420)	(629,306)
		<u>(107,042)</u>	<u>(523,420)</u>	<u>(630,462)</u>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>		24,318	(101,748)	(77,430)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		24,318	(101,748)	(77,430)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		709,906	243,599	953,505
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>16</b>	<u>734,224</u>	<u>141,851</u>	<u>876,075</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

**The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As At 31 March 2025**

		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2025 Total funds</b>	<b>2024 Total funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	<b>12</b>	598,777	-	598,777	598,896
		<u>598,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>598,777</u>	<u>598,896</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	<b>13</b>	3,628	-	3,628	33,864
Cash at bank and in hand		137,347	118,743	256,090	260,029
		<u>140,975</u>	<u>118,743</u>	<u>259,718</u>	<u>293,893</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	<b>14</b>	(16,361)	-	(16,361)	(16,714)
		<u>(16,361)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,361)</u>	<u>(16,714)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>124,614</u>	<u>118,743</u>	<u>243,357</u>	<u>277,179</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>723,391</u>	<u>118,743</u>	<u>842,134</u>	<u>876,075</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>723,391</u>	<u>118,743</u>	<u>842,134</u>	<u>876,075</u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Restricted Funds				118,743	141,851
Unrestricted Funds				723,391	734,224
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>16</b>			<u>842,134</u>	<u>876,075</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On behalf of the board

Mr Istvan Haasz

Trustee

22nd December 2025

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

# **The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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#### **1. General Information**

The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 02313579 and registered charity number 800655. The registered office is Linklater Pavilion, Railway Lane, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2FG.

#### **2. Accounting Policies**

##### **2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

##### **2.2. Going Concern Disclosure**

The trustees have not identified any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **2.3. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **2.4. Incoming Resources**

All income is included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

##### **2.5. Resources Expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

##### **2.6. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold	nil
Leasehold	over the length of the lease
Fixtures & Fittings	5 years straight line

##### **2.7. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

##### **2.8. Pensions**

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included with the associated staff costs and are allocated to charitable activities. The charity participates in the NEST pension scheme in accordance with meeting auto enrolment responsibilities.

#### **3. Income from Donations and Legacies**

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	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2025 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	3,406	90,437	93,843
Member subscriptions and sponsorships	5,886	-	5,886
Grants	24,707	161,715	186,422
	<u>33,999</u>	<u>252,152</u>	<u>286,151</u>
			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	32,605	-	32,605
Member subscriptions and sponsorships	5,729	-	5,729
Grants	-	421,672	421,672
	<u>38,334</u>	<u>421,672</u>	<u>460,006</u>

**4. Income from Other Trading Activities**

	<b>2025 Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising events	766	1,194
Electricity feed in tariff	-	2,246
	<u>766</u>	<u>3,440</u>

**5. Investment Income**

	<b>2025 Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank interest receivable	5,884	2,852

**6. Net Income/(Expenditure)**

The net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	16,437	13,352

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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**7. Analysis of Expenditure**

	<b>2025</b>	
	<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 8)</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Raising funds	2,223	-
The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited	219,865	160,317
	222,088	160,317
	222,088	160,317
	<b>2024</b>	
	<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 8)</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Total</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Raising funds	1,156	-
The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited	518,362	110,944
	519,518	110,944
	519,518	110,944

**8. Support Costs**

	<b>2025</b>
	<b>The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited</b>
	<b>£</b>
Employee costs:	
Wages and salaries	42,401
Employers NI	3,660
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	2,475
Premises expenses:	
Property Costs	85,777
General administration:	
Insurance	3,556
Advertising and marketing costs	39
Administration costs	3,905
Depreciation:	
Depreciation	16,437
Governance costs:	
Independent examiner's fees	2,067
	160,317
	160,317

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	<b>2024</b> <b>The Railway Land Wildlife Trust Limited</b> <b>£</b>
Employee costs:	
Wages and salaries	8,624
Employers NI	5,940
Employers pensions - defined contributions scheme	8,586
Premises expenses:	
Property Costs	56,165
Light and heat	5,771
General administration:	
Insurance	3,704
Advertising and marketing costs	1,420
Administration costs	4,514
Depreciation:	
Depreciation	13,352
Governance costs:	
Independent examiner's fees	2,868
	110,944

**9. Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

	<b>2025</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>
Independent examination of the financial statements	2,067	2,868
	2,067	2,868

**10. Staff Costs**

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2025</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	143,544	144,862
Social security costs	6,657	5,940
Other pension costs	8,424	8,586
	158,625	159,388

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

**11. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 7 (2024: 6)

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**12. Tangible Assets**

	<b>Land &amp; Property</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>Freehold</b>	<b>Leasehold</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 April 2024	3,530	763,125	38,166	804,821
Additions	-	-	16,318	16,318
As at 31 March 2025	<u>3,530</u>	<u>763,125</u>	<u>54,484</u>	<u>821,139</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 April 2024	-	168,760	37,165	205,925
Provided during the period	-	12,752	3,685	16,437
As at 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>181,512</u>	<u>40,850</u>	<u>222,362</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
As at 31 March 2025	<u>3,530</u>	<u>581,613</u>	<u>13,634</u>	<u>598,777</u>
As at 1 April 2024	<u>3,530</u>	<u>594,365</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>598,896</u>

There is a legal charge dated 13 November 2012 in favour of Viridor Credits in respect of the building known as "The Linklater Pavilion". This was a condition of the funding provided by Viridor Credits to ensure compliance with the Land Communities Fund (LCF) Regulations and is designed to ensure the "The Linklater Pavilion" remains in compliance in terms of the management of LCF funded assets only.

**13. Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	1,898	6,071
Other debtors	1,730	27,793
	<u>3,628</u>	<u>33,864</u>

**14. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	14,394	10,402
Other creditors	87	1,337
Taxation and social security	35	2,257
Accruals and deferred income	1,845	2,718
	<u>16,361</u>	<u>16,714</u>

**15. Pension Commitments**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £8,424 (2024: £8,586).

At the balance sheet date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

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16. **Movement in Funds**

	<b>As at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	734,224	96,312	(107,145)	723,391
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
CIL	1,640	27,089	(28,301)	428
NLHF Changing Chalk	-	30,811	(36,160)	(5,349)
OVCA	26,085	10,521	(17,328)	19,278
Reaching Communities	78,011	32,134	(79,484)	30,661
NLHF Mosaic	-	51,415	(44,762)	6,653
Cockshut Stream	36,115	(935)	(7,787)	27,393
Sussex Community Foundation	-	7,080	(2,122)	4,958
Wellbeing	-	3,600	(3,600)	-
Jolly Room Refurbishment	-	90,437	(55,716)	34,721
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>141,851</b>	<b>252,152</b>	<b>(275,260)</b>	<b>118,743</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>876,075</b>	<b>348,464</b>	<b>(382,405)</b>	<b>842,134</b>
	<b>As at 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	709,906	131,360	(107,042)	734,224
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Chalk Cliff Trust	42	-	(42)	-
Southover Manor General	1,929	-	(1,929)	-
CIL	3,903	10,000	(12,263)	1,640
Youth Action Fund	57	-	(57)	-
NLHF Changing Chalk	(7,405)	45,732	(38,327)	-
OVCA	(1,055)	45,330	(18,190)	26,085
HAF	631	-	(631)	-
Reaching Communities	72,290	78,356	(72,635)	78,011
LDC Community Grant	-	3,600	(3,600)	-
Grants for Wellbeing	6,962	-	(6,962)	-
Scythes	(659)	659	-	-
NLHF Mosaic	(3,096)	58,622	(55,526)	-
Veolia	140,000	140,000	(280,000)	-

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Crucible	30,000	-	(30,000)	-
Cockshut Stream	-	39,373	(3,258)	36,115
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>243,599</u>	<u>421,672</u>	<u>(523,420)</u>	<u>141,851</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>953,505</u>	<u>553,032</u>	<u>(630,462)</u>	<u>876,075</u>

**17. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

**18. Related Party Disclosures**

Key management personnel (including directors) received compensation of £70,799 (2024: £68,448)

**19. Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.