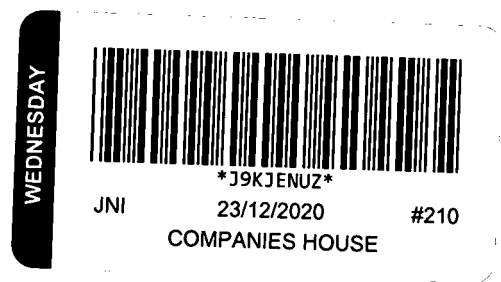


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Financial Statements  
31 December 2019**



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## **Structure, governance and management**

### ***Governing Document and Constitution***

The Railway preservation Society of Ireland is a company limited by guarantee, constituted under The Companies Act 2006, and is registered in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The Memorandum and Articles of Association are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that our governance arrangements are appropriate and effective. These are available from our website at: [www.steamtrainsireland.com/about](http://www.steamtrainsireland.com/about). The Board of the RPSI worked in response to the Governance Report produced in 2017 by Dr Roger Courtney. This involved some restructuring of the way we are organised. A new Organisation Chart was produced that made clear the fundamental principle that Board is to be primarily concerned with Financial, Legal, Health and Safety, Human Resource matters, etc. Management Committees, based in Belfast and Dublin, are now looking after day to day and operational matters and they are responsible to the Board. Our insurance brokers, Marsh, assisted in a major review and training exercise for the Society to make us aware of risks and how to overcome them through training and procedures.

### ***Trustee Selection and Management***

The Board of Management shall consist of a President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and not more than twenty other elected members. In accordance with the Articles of Association. Members of the Board retire on an annual basis and being eligible, offer themselves up for re-election.

### ***Strategic report***

In the coming years the Board hope to complete the development of the facilities in Dublin to address the imbalance between there and Whitehead.

### ***Related Organisations***

The Society is a member of the Heritage Railway Association, a body which represents the majority of heritage and tourist railways, tramways and railway preservation groups within both the UK and Ireland. For further information see the HRA website at: [www.heritagerrailways.com](http://www.heritagerrailways.com).

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## **Objectives and activities**

### ***Charitable Objects***

The objects of the charity, according to the Memorandum and Articles of Association are: "To advance the education of the public in the history and development of railway locomotion by the preservation in working order and operation of railway locomotives and other railway vehicles and equipment and the preservation of railway buildings, bridges and other structures."

### ***Public Benefit Statement***

The trustees of the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the Society in the year to 31st December 2019. In evaluating public benefit the trustees note that membership of the society is open to all who share an interest in railway preservation. Whilst we would encourage those with interest to join our ranks we also strive to make our services and facilities available to non-members and ensure that restrictions placed on that availability are both necessary and reasonable. Our meeting programme for example is open to all, whilst public access to our trains is unrestricted.

### ***Summary of Main Activities***

- Preservation, maintenance and operation of steam locomotives and heritage carriages on the public main line railway network throughout the island of Ireland, for the benefit of the general public.
- Developing a working museum to bring the experience of heritage railway engineering and history to the general public.
- Delivery of training in relevant heritage crafts to its volunteers and employees.
- Delivery of a monthly winter meeting programme covering a wide range of Irish railway topics. Also, provision of talks to other societies and organisations on those subjects.
- Maintenance of an engineering base from which is delivered an overhaul and maintenance facility, both for the Society's own purposes and for third parties which may require it.

### **Strategic report**

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

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#### Achievements and performance

##### *The Year In Numbers*

55 - Years preserving and operating steam trains 6 - Public meetings held 67 - Days on which trains operated 25,386 - Passengers carried 22,016 - Museum visitors

##### *Trains Programme*

The programme of public trains operated day trips from Belfast and Dublin, plus a major week-long charter taking visiting parties to tourist destinations such as Cork, Galway, Killarney and Westport. Also, the annual weekend-long enthusiasts' tour, with participants from around the world, this year visited Kilkenny, Limerick, Sligo and Waterford.

For the second year, the Society allocated a significant number of seats on a "Santa Special" train to leading local charities, De Paul and Salvation Army. This enabled the charities to invite needy families to travel as our guests on the train. This project was funded by donations from Society members.

##### *Meetings Programme*

Over 6 public meetings, held in Belfast during the winter months, we had 620 attendees, above the average for recent years.

Topics included: vintage ciné films, Irish port and military railways, from steam to diesel in the 1960s, Irish mineral railways, the Giant's Causeway Tram, Irish railway graves, and the County Donegal Railway.

These meetings continue to be a very popular forum for bringing Society news to members and the general public. So much so in fact that a larger hall was required for the 2019 season.

##### *Museum*

The Whitehead Railway Museum, which opened in March 2017, increased its public exposure during 2019 with year round opening.

The Museum was run by a General Manager, an Education & Outreach Officer and a Marketing Officer.

The Museum's Edwardian Tea Room has become very popular, both with locals and visitors alike, with some outstanding reviews. A number of events were based in the café during the year - Valentine's Day, Afternoon Tea, etc., plus a musician on certain Friday afternoons.

Throughout the year there was one day per month of public train rides at Whitehead, increasing to weekly during July and August. These increased the profile of the Museum significantly, especially those with a 'theme'.

In February, Councillor Robert Logan, who sits on Mid & East Antrim Council's Economic Growth & Tourism Committee, visited to help celebrate a 50% increase year on year in visitor numbers at WRM. He also officially commissioned a newly installed 100-year-old signal, which came from Castlerock and which was donated to the RPSI by NI Railways.

In March, the Museum was named as top contender in the Excellence in Tourism category in the

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Carrickfergus Business Awards.

Also in March, the film "The Keeper" went on general release. It included scenes filmed at the Society's Whitehead station in June 2017. The filming featured two of the RPSI's vintage LMS-NCC carriages, including 68 which was itself a wartime replacement for rolling stock damaged in a 1941 Luftwaffe attack on York Road depot.

The RPSI has a long history of working with film companies. The biggest such venture was "The First Great Train Robbery" in 1978, which featured both our Class J15 0-6-0s Nos. 184 and 186. Both engines are now on display in the Museum.

In April a public 100th birthday party was held for steam locomotive No.3BG "Guinness", which was built in 1919 by Hudswell Clarke in Leeds. The engine was the very first engine that the Society obtained, donated by the Guinness brewery in Dublin.

The Big Telly Theatre Company visited on several occasions as part of the "Shaped by Industry, Shared with Pride" project, promoted by MEA Council. This culminated in a series of drama performances over two days at the end of May.

The Whitehead Railway Museum hosted a visit by the European Federation of Museum & Tourist Railways over the weekend of 5th/6th July. Nine members of Fedecrail's Central Council also held their quarterly meeting at the Museum, having enjoyed a trip on the Steam & Jazz special the night before.

As always, the Museum participated in the annual European Heritage Open Day in September.

Also in September, the Society's Charles Friel and Peter Rigney took part in a BBC Radio Ulster special programme on railways.

Whitehead Railway Museum was officially presented in October with its membership certificate of the European Route of Industrial Heritage, which includes 1,850 sites across Europe and beyond.

Groups visiting the Museum this year included: the 174 Trust Adult Disability Group from North Belfast; photographers from the Ashton Community Trust in north Belfast; volunteers from Volunteer Now; staff and families from Herbert Smith Freehills, one of the world's leading legal businesses, who have offices in Belfast. Plus, a number of schools visited throughout the year, including Whitehead Primary, Forge Integrated and Hansel & Gretel Preschool.

We ran our successful schools competition with Translink again and hosted Braidside Integrated PS from Ballymena as a result.

The major date in the Museum calendar, apart from steam train visits, was our first Model Railway Day in November. Despite the abysmal weather this was a great success, and it is hoped to repeat this event every two years.

Another feature film, "Ordinary Love" which includes scenes filmed at the Museum, was released in December.

#### ***Heritage***

The Society continues to develop its fleet of locomotives and carriages.

In January, narrow gauge steam locomotive No.4 "Meenglas", which had been cosmetically restored

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by the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland's engineering subsidiary Heritage Engineering Ireland, returned to the Foyle Valley Railway Museum in Londonderry - more than a year after it left the city in November 2017. This was a major publicity event for the FVR and the RPSI.

Restoration work on the Society's own locomotives centred on ex GNR(I) No.171 "Slieve Gullion", which received support from GROW, Generating Rural Opportunities Within South Antrim, through the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007-2013.

A major project to fit new steel tyres to our ex LMS NCC locomotive No.4 was also completed successfully. This was a major project which will ensure the operability of the locomotive for many years to come.

Apart from ongoing maintenance of locomotives and carriages, the new NCC Mogul locomotive project was announced in August. This is a totally new venture for the Society and confirms its commitment to ensuring the continued running of steam locomotives on Ireland's railways well into the future.

During the year we completed Heritage Lottery Fund projects: LP&HC locomotive No.3 "R.H.Smyth" (paintwork), MkII carriage 301 (bodywork, mechanical and electrical overhaul, and re-upholstery) and LMS NCC carriage 91 (timber replacement, internal and external paintwork).

#### ***Membership***

The membership number decreased to 1,006 in 2019, which was disappointing.

#### ***Volunteers***

The number of registered volunteers remained constant at around 250.

With museum tours being conducted on 3 days per week, the need to retain a suitable pool of guides was a struggle. A Volunteer Open Day in September gained us a number of new recruits and this was encouraging, reducing the load of the existing guides. The guides continue to present a pleasant and well-informed face of the Museum to our visitors, overseen by the new Education & Outreach Officer (appointed in September).

In February, volunteer Matthew Wilson won the Heritage Railway Association's newly- introduced "Lord Faulkner Young Volunteer Award 2019". Although Matthew has been diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, he does not let this stand in his way when it comes to volunteering for the RPSI.

In October the Society featured in a BBC Northern Ireland Community Life documentary about volunteering.

Over the year, member Adam Lohoff prepared PowerPoint training presentations for prospective steam-raisers, firemen and drivers. The material included has been painstakingly researched and includes many corrective actions that can be taken in a myriad of situations in which footplate crew may find themselves; and over the years our footplate crew have certainly found themselves in some situations. These presentations were given to interested volunteers during the year.

#### ***Related Organisations***

The RPSI has a tri-partite agreement with the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum and the Downpatrick & County Down Railway to promote co-operation on railway heritage matters.

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Also, we have a close liaison with the NI Museums Council (NIMC) who help grant us the Museum Accreditation that unlocks funding from which the Society benefits from time to time.

The Society is a member of the Heritage Railway Association, the umbrella body for heritage railways in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

## ***Railway Companies***

The Board has established, and maintains, a very good working relationship with both Iarnród Éireann and NI Railways, the national railway companies in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland respectively.

In the Republic of Ireland we have the legal status of a Railway Undertaking under EU and domestic law. We have a close relationship with Iarnród Éireann (Infrastructure Management) and Iarnród Éireann (Railway Undertaking), and also with the Commission for Rail Regulation (formerly the Rail Safety Commission).

## ***Steam Crew Training***

The Society holds regular meetings with both railway companies with a view to the ongoing provision, and continued assessment, of a selection of their drivers as steam drivers and firemen.

## ***Social Media***

Internet-based publicity continues to be a major part of the marketing for the Society and Museum, and this was expanded significantly during the year, with the appointment of a Marketing Officer. The RPSI's YouTube channel saw a number of new videos added during the year.

## **Financial review**

During the year the Society raised just over £1m from members, railtours, donations, and grants. The results for the period are set out in the financial statements which follow, these show a total of £270,666 was raised for specific projects and reported under restricted funds. The Society made a small surplus of £6,309 for the year, before taking account of building depreciation of £73k, leaving a net deficit of £67,378. The balance on restricted funds reduced by £553.

## ***Risks***

Given the nature and location of its operations, the charity is not significantly exposed to price or credit risk. Nor are liquidity or interest rate risks of concern as the charity has no external commercial funding.

Surplus funds are invested in short-term bank deposits.

## **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees, who are also directors 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).

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Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP; make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Rev J McKegney (Chairman)  
Trustee



Mr P McCann  
Trustee

# **The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland**

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## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland**

**Year ended 31 December 2019**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland** *(continued)*

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

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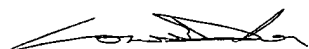
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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Conor Dolan (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of  
Finegan Gibson Ltd  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
Causeway Tower  
9 James Street South  
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BT2 8DN

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020

# The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland

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## Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2019 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	61,781	87,810	149,591	79,447
Charitable activities	6	613,024	182,856	795,880	668,726
Other trading activities	7	94,121	–	94,121	96,614
Investment income	8	12	–	12	231
Other income	9	20,835	–	20,835	29,835
<b>Total income</b>		<u>789,773</u>	<u>270,666</u>	<u>1,060,439</u>	<u>874,853</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	10	73,870	–	73,870	74,991
Expenditure on charitable activities	11	783,281	271,199	1,054,480	913,931
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>857,151</u>	<u>271,199</u>	<u>1,128,350</u>	<u>988,922</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>					
		<u>(67,378)</u>	<u>(533)</u>	<u>(67,911)</u>	<u>(114,069)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward as previously reported		3,786,406	338,118	4,124,524	4,238,593
Prior year adjustment	24	(9,016)	–	(9,016)	(9,016)
Total funds brought forward as restated		<u>3,777,390</u>	<u>338,118</u>	<u>4,115,508</u>	<u>4,229,577</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>3,710,012</u>	<u>337,585</u>	<u>4,047,597</u>	<u>4,115,508</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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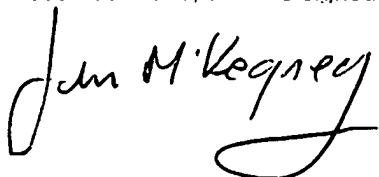
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## Statement of Financial Position

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	Note	2019 £	2018 (restated) £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	16	3,693,222	3,757,629
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	17	11,935	10,541
Debtors	18	301,044	184,065
Cash at bank and in hand		263,616	411,700
		<u>576,595</u>	<u>606,306</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	19	222,220	248,427
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>354,375</u>	<u>357,879</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>4,047,597</u>	<u>4,115,508</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>4,047,597</u>	<u>4,115,508</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		337,585	338,118
Unrestricted funds		3,710,012	3,777,390
<b>Total charity funds</b>	21	<u>4,047,597</u>	<u>4,115,508</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Rev J McKegney (Chairman)  
Trustee



Mr P McCann  
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements.



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## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
	£	(restated) £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net expenditure	(67,911)	(114,069)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	86,184	4,727
Other interest receivable and similar income	(12)	(231)
Interest payable and similar charges	2,820	8,969
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Stocks	(1,394)	2,354
Trade and other debtors	(119,165)	(57,215)
Trade and other creditors	5,715	(17,891)
Cash generated from operations	(93,763)	(173,356)
Interest paid	(2,820)	(8,969)
Interest received	12	231
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(96,571)</u>	<u>(182,094)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible assets	(23,277)	–
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	1,500	–
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(21,777)</u>	<u>–</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayments of borrowings	(29,736)	(24,853)
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	<u>(29,736)</u>	<u>(24,853)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(148,084)	(206,947)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	411,700	618,654
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<u>263,616</u>	<u>411,700</u>

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

# **The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 December 2019**

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#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Whitehead Excursion Station, Castlevew Road, Whitehead, Carrickfergus, BT38 9NA.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

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

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Foreign currencies**

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

# The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2019

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

##### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Equipment	-	25% straight line

##### Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

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## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 December 2019

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Impairment of fixed assets *(continued)*

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

##### Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

##### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Financial instruments *(continued)*

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£
<b>Donations</b>			
General donations	33,876	–	33,876
Donations Re Diesel Fund	–	1,001	1,001
Donations Re 131 Appeal	–	4,665	4,665
Donations Re 105 Project	–	57,530	57,530
Donations Re Carriage 861	–	9,666	9,666
Donations Re Saloon 50	–	4,500	4,500
Donations Re 171 appeal	–	10,448	10,448
Charity Santa train donations	2,640	–	2,640
<b>Subscriptions</b>			
Members subscriptions	25,265	–	25,265
	<u>61,781</u>	<u>87,810</u>	<u>149,591</u>

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## 5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£
<b>Donations</b>			
General donations	46,126	–	46,126
Donations Re Diesel Fund	–	796	796
Donations Re 131 Appeal	–	4,784	4,784
Donations Re 105 Project	–	40	40
Donations Re Carriage 861	–	1,040	1,040
Donations Re Saloon 50	–	–	–
Donations Re 171 appeal	–	–	–
Charity Santa train donations	–	–	–
<b>Subscriptions</b>			
Members subscriptions	26,661	–	26,661
	<u>72,787</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>79,447</u>

## 6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£
Rail tour income	517,889	–	517,889
Museum income	30,882	–	30,882
Model Railway income	3,845	–	3,845
Buffet car	60,408	–	60,408
Heritage Lottery Fund	–	182,856	182,856
	<u>613,024</u>	<u>182,856</u>	<u>795,880</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£
Rail tour income	586,088	–	586,088
Museum income	21,689	–	21,689
Model Railway income	–	–	–
Buffet car	60,949	–	60,949
Heritage Lottery Fund	–	–	–
	<u>668,726</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>668,726</u>

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## 7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Cafe income	29,978	29,978	31,528	31,528
Belfast Winter Meetings	1,566	1,566	1,358	1,358
Commercial / fundraising	62,577	62,577	63,728	63,728
	<u>94,121</u>	<u>94,121</u>	<u>96,614</u>	<u>96,614</u>

## 8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>231</u>

## 9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Other income	<u>20,835</u>	<u>20,835</u>	<u>29,835</u>	<u>29,835</u>

## 10. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£
Museum cafe expenses	53,435	53,435	52,636	52,636
Commercial & Fundraising	19,518	19,518	21,705	21,705
Belfast Winter Meetings	917	917	650	650
	<u>73,870</u>	<u>73,870</u>	<u>74,991</u>	<u>74,991</u>

## 11. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2019	Total fund 2018
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activity	729,881	260,746	990,627	893,537
Governance costs	—	63,853	63,853	20,394
	<u>729,881</u>	<u>324,599</u>	<u>1,054,480</u>	<u>913,931</u>



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#### 12. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Premises	100,651	100,651	113,315
Communications and IT	3,062	3,062	5,273
General office	140,622	140,622	44,452
Finance costs	16,411	16,411	15,749
Governance costs	63,853	63,853	20,394
	<u>324,599</u>	<u>324,599</u>	<u>199,183</u>

#### 13. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019 £	2018 <i>(restated)</i> £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	86,184	–
Foreign exchange differences	13,591	6,780
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>12,435</u>	<u>4,500</u>

#### 14. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2019 £	2018 <i>(restated)</i> £
Wages and salaries	104,776	57,760
Social security costs	7,182	2,746
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,699	–
	<u>113,657</u>	<u>60,506</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 10 (2018: 11).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2018: Nil).

#### 15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees (2018: £nil).

No trustee expenses were reimbursed during the year (2018: £nil).

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## 16. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2019	3,890,822	25,210	3,916,032
Additions	–	23,277	23,277
Disposals	–	(1,500)	(1,500)
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<u>3,890,822</u>	<u>46,987</u>	<u>3,937,809</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2019 (as restated)	147,374	11,029	158,403
Charge for the year	73,687	12,497	86,184
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<u>221,061</u>	<u>23,526</u>	<u>244,587</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<u>3,669,761</u>	<u>23,461</u>	<u>3,693,222</u>
At 31 December 2018 (as restated)	<u>3,743,448</u>	<u>14,181</u>	<u>3,757,629</u>

## 17. Stocks

	2019 £	2018 £
Raw materials and consumables	<u>11,935</u>	<u>10,541</u>

## 18. Debtors

	2019 £	2018 <i>(restated)</i> £
Trade debtors	–	5,937
Prepayments and accrued income	58,138	2,161
Other debtors	242,906	175,967
	<u>301,044</u>	<u>184,065</u>

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#### 19. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	83,542	113,278
Trade creditors	91,696	53,686
Amounts owed to group undertakings	31,398	33,584
Accruals and deferred income	7,918	11,390
Social security and other taxes	4,504	1,309
Member loans	—	30,244
Other creditors	3,162	4,936
	<u>222,220</u>	<u>248,427</u>

#### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,699 (2018: £Nil).

#### 21. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2019 <i>(restated)</i>	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Prior year adjustments	At 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>3,777,390</u>	<u>789,773</u>	<u>(857,151)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,710,012</u>

	At 1 January 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Prior year adjustments	At 31 December 2018 <i>(restated)</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>1,444,289</u>	<u>868,193</u>	<u>(982,262)</u>	<u>2,456,186</u>	<u>(9,016)</u>	<u>3,777,390</u>

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## 21. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

### Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Prior year adjustments £	At 31 December 2019 £
Heritage Lottery Fund	–	182,856	(182,856)	–	–	–
Restricted donations	338,118	87,810	(88,343)	–	–	337,585
	<u>338,118</u>	<u>270,666</u>	<u>(271,199)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>337,585</u>

	At 1 January 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Prior year adjustments £	At 31 December 2018 £
Restricted Fund	2,794,304	–	–	(2,456,186)	–	338,118
Heritage Lottery Fund	–	–	–	–	–	–
Restricted donations	–	6,660	(6,660)	–	–	–
	<u>2,794,304</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>(6,660)</u>	<u>(2,456,186)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>338,118</u>

## 22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	3,676,441	16,781	3,693,222
Current assets	249,131	327,464	576,595
Creditors less than 1 year	(215,560)	(6,660)	(222,220)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>3,710,012</u>	<u>337,585</u>	<u>4,047,597</u>

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#### 23. Corporation tax

The Company is a registered charity, and as such is entitled to tax exemptions on income and profits in furtherance of the charity's primary objectives.

#### 24. Prior year adjustments

The unrestricted fund balance brought forward at 1st January 2019 has been adjusted to reflect an increase in debtors and creditors and a reduction in the freehold property net book value. Brought forward debtors have increased by £156,352, brought forward creditors has increased by £17,994, brought forward accumulated depreciation has increased by £147,374, meaning overall brought forward reserves have decreased by £9,016.

#### 25. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2019	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2019
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	411,700	(148,084)	263,616
Debt due within one year	(146,862)	31,922	(114,940)
	<u>264,838</u>	<u>(116,162)</u>	<u>148,676</u>

#### 26. Contingencies

The charity has a contingent liability to repay grant aid if certain conditions are not met, or covenants not adhered to, as detailed in the grant letters of offer, as follows:

Heritage Lottery Fund - Grant £1,644,400. Clawback provisions in place until 2038. NITB - Grant £1,393,120. Clawback provisions in place until 2027. GROW (DARD) - Grant £1,273,209. Clawback provisions in place on a sliding scale since date of last grant.

The directors do not anticipate a situation where grants could be clawed back.

#### 27. Related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Transaction value		Balance owed by/(owed to)	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Members loans write offs	5,544	22,400	-	(23,244)
Heritage Engineering Ireland	(175,288)	(171,891)	(37,677)	(33,584)
Trustees donations	<u>41,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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## 27. Related parties *(continued)*

### ***Members loans***

At the balance sheet date there were no amounts due to members and directors (2018: £23,244). Interest free loans were made to the charity to assist with cash flow, the loans were being repaid as funds became available; there was no fixed date of repayment.

During the year these amounts were either repaid to the lender, or in many instances the lender "gifted" the loan to the society. Such gifts are included under donations, some of the donations were gifted towards specific projects.

### ***Heritage Engineering Ireland***

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Heritage Engineering Ireland 'HEI', a company limited by guarantee. At the balance sheet date the balance due to HEI was £37,677 (inclusive of VAT) (2018 £33,584).

### ***Trustees donations***

During the year the charity received donations from Trustees totalling £41,000.