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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1082199**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020  
FOR  
GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**



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# **GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

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# **GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT for the year ended 31 July 2020**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The aim of the Trust is to conserve Great Central Railway carriages and to educate. To conserve however has also required essential research to take carriage restoration forward, especially as all vehicles were unceremoniously stripped bare of their interiors, the second most costly part of putting a vintage carriage back into public service.

#### **Significant activities**

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Trustees and Statement of Account for what descended from a high state of enthusiasm at the AGM to a near disaster with Covid-19 - but for one very bright and encouraging report of progress on the current key project - the rebuild in heavy overhaul of the bogies of our flagship 110-year old Barnum 64 seat passenger carriage. We had hoped that we were to make a very significant advance to the 21st anniversary of the Trust next year.

As expected, the income for the year could not be sustained at the same level as the previous year but the accounts show that prudent control of expenditure has been maintained. This has helped us make good progress on the biggest expenditure that we have made in 20 years, bogie rebuilds.

While much behind the scenes activity is continuing the Trust has lost a great many crucial practical man-hours on the body and underfloor fittings of this GCR vehicle.

Despite the downside we are delighted to report that the support from newly enthusiastic supporters has raised income for the work being undertaken by our generous sponsor, Nemesis Rail of Burton on Trent has topped £15,000. Now we are more than half way, with the inclusion in that total of generous match funding. As indeed the UK charitable giving, with certain very obvious exceptions, has dropped dramatically and in places almost ceased, our hope is that the progress of this enduring project will be to stimulate and encourage more support of the somewhat frustrated team at Ruddington, especially when the two bogies are returned to Ruddington and re-installed. Only the aggravation factor of the VAT imposition continues to be onerous.

Our agreement with the Nunckley Hill Rail Museum continued to provide a highpoint with HRH Prince Richard Duke of Gloucester visiting and taking a great interest in the Trust's immaculately finished MS&L wheel carriage, impressively displayed there in the earliest of the GCR liveries, and as a memorial carriage reminding of the catastrophic disaster when a train of mostly identical carriages was engulfed by the Quintinshill inferno. As to its future, we await news of a prospective Museum revival at Leicester North but there is no firm decision at this time.

The Trustees are most grateful for the financial and work support provided by generous donors and keen volunteers. Thank you. It is the more appreciated as the conditions are simply not the best.

#### **Public benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" Guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit; firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit and secondly, that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The Trustees are satisfied that the aims and objectives of the Charity, and the activities reported on below to achieve those aims, meet these principles.

# **GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT for the year ended 31 July 2020**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Reserves policy**

In the trustees' view, the reserves should provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. The trustees propose to maintain the charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to 3 months operational expenditure. Gross income from all sources for this year totalled £27,858 (2019 - £52,141) and total expenditure of £12,322 (2019 - £16,589). At the end of the year, 31 July 2020, the unrestricted funds of the charity amounted to £183,555 (2019 - £168,809).

### **FUTURE PLANS**

Predicting the progress that we as a Trust might make in the coming year 2020/2021 is near impossible on a macro level until the national health risks are reduced to a very much lower and understandable level. We could be celebrating our 21st year in operation. Our work team, held back by the pandemic health scare, while very willing, is understandably not prepared to commit to the physical restoration work on the Barnum until the all-clear is given.

The Trust has been presenting itself much more visibly in the social media and has a newly launched detailed website which is attracting positive support. From this the Trust will be pressing forward on fund-raising of the next rebuild - and then hopes to be in a position to despatch the bogies of the Barnum brake to Nemesis Rail as the second part of the heavy over haul sponsorship.

A significant donation specifically for a carriage shed was generously made to a grateful Trust. Investigation of location, dimensions for 6 carriages, and further sources of funding is now underway to shorten the period of further exposure to vandalism and harsh weather conditions. The Trustees are intent, at the same time, to expand the workshop space for the 60ft vehicles, currently under extreme pressure.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

New trustees are elected by the 'Board of Trustees'.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Company number**

03927595 (England and Wales)

#### **Registered Charity number**

1082199

#### **Registered office**

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#### **Trustees**

A T Barber  
A Keeble  
P Sumner  
R Penson  
M J Firth (resigned 16.3.2020)  
A Horrocks-Taylor  
J Quick  
R Tilden Smith  
A David  
M Lang

**GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**for the year ended 31 July 2020**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



R Tilden Smith - Trustee

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GCR Rolling Stock Trust ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2020.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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**

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.

Mark Ashfield FCA  
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11 November 2020

**GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
for the year ended 31 July 2020

		<b>2020</b> <b>Unrestricted</b> <b>funds</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2019</b> <b>Total</b> <b>funds</b> <b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	3	<b>27,858</b>	52,141
Investment income	4	<u><b>89</b></u>	<u>34</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,947</b>	52,175
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds		<b>2,393</b>	8,916
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Preservation of rolling stock		<u><b>9,929</b></u>	<u>7,673</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>12,322</b></u>	<u>16,589</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>15,625</b>	35,586
 <b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>			
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		<u><b>(879)</b></u>	<u>36,000</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>14,746</b>	71,586
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u><b>168,809</b></u>	<u>97,223</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><b>183,555</b></u>	<u>168,809</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

31 July 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	127,850	98,850
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	9	2,500	2,500
Debtors	10	1,674	4,491
Cash at bank		<u>52,781</u>	<u>64,218</u>
		<b>56,955</b>	<b>71,209</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>55,705</b></u>	<u><b>69,959</b></u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>183,555</b></u>	<u><b>168,809</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>183,555</b></u>	<u><b>168,809</b></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	12		
Unrestricted funds		<u><b>183,555</b></u>	<u><b>168,809</b></u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><b>183,555</b></u>	<u><b>168,809</b></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements



**GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET - continued**  
**31 July 2020**

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 November 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
R Tilden Smith - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

# **GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 July 2020**

### **1. COMPANY STATUS**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The members of the company are the trustees who are also the directors. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The charitable company's registered numbers and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

### **2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (FRS102) '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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015)'. Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention as modified by revaluation of certain assets' etc.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and remain unchanged from the previous year.

#### **Income**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income is received by way of legacies, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related 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 resources.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the act for which the expenditure is incurred.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets comprise railway carriages and rail track, which are included at Trustees' valuation to take into consideration the degree of restoration work carried out on each asset individually. No depreciation has been provided on these assets because these items are maintained in such a state of repair that its residual value is at least equal to its net book value. As a result, the corresponding depreciation would be immaterial and therefore is not charged in the statement of financial activities.

The trustees review the assets annually for impairment under FRS102.

#### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

# GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 July 2020

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

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

### 3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	4,742	8,587
Cash donations	<u>23,116</u>	<u>43,554</u>
	<u>27,858</u>	<u>52,141</u>

### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>89</u>	<u>34</u>

### 5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
Preservation of rolling stock	<u>4,510</u>	<u>5,419</u>	<u>9,929</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2020	2019
	Preservation of rolling stock £	Total activities £
Travel and subsistence	758	2,060
Insurance	2,786	1,367
Bank charges	60	60
Postage and stationery	251	776
Sundries	655	36
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	200
Accountancy and legal fees	1,412	1,213
Accountancy fees	<u>4,007</u>	<u>1,961</u>
	<u>9,929</u>	<u>7,673</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 July 2020

### 6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>

### 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2020 nor for the year ended 31 July 2019.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2020 nor for the year ended 31 July 2019.

### 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Railway items £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>	
At 1 August 2019	98,850
Additions	29,879
Revaluations	<u>(879)</u>
At 31 July 2020	<u>127,850</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 July 2020	<u>127,850</u>
At 31 July 2019	<u>98,850</u>

If railway items had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost:

	2017 £	2016 £
Cost	<u>22,774</u>	<u>22,774</u>

### 9. STOCKS

	2020 £	2019 £
Stocks of materials	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>

**GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
for the year ended 31 July 2020

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gift aid recoverable	451	2,578
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,223</u>	<u>1,913</u>
	<u><b>1,674</b></u>	<u><b>4,491</b></u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u><b>1,250</b></u>	<u><b>1,250</b></u>

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.8.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.20
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	90,683	14,746	105,429
Revaluation reserve	<u>78,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,126</u>
	<u><b>168,809</b></u>	<u><b>14,746</b></u>	<u><b>183,555</b></u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>168,809</b></u>	<u><b>14,746</b></u>	<u><b>183,555</b></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	27,947	(12,322)	-	15,625
Revaluation reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(879)</u>	<u>(879)</u>
	<u><b>27,947</b></u>	<u><b>(12,322)</b></u>	<u><b>(879)</b></u>	<u><b>14,746</b></u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The charity has a close relationship with The East Midlands Industry and Traction Company Limited, a company in which a trustee, Mr R Tilden Smith is a director. This company has been incorporated to act as a trading arm for the trust in the future, however it is currently dormant.

# GCR ROLLING STOCK TRUST

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 July 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Gift aid recoverable	4,742	8,587
Cash donations	<u>23,116</u>	<u>43,554</u>
	27,858	52,141
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	<u>89</u>	<u>34</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	27,947	52,175
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Materials	1,618	991
Events	600	6,533
Restoration costs	<u>175</u>	<u>1,392</u>
	2,393	8,916
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Travel and subsistence	758	2,060
Insurance	2,786	1,367
Bank charges	60	60
Postage and stationery	251	776
Sundries	655	36
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>
	4,510	4,499
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,412	1,213
Professional fees	282	-
Marketing	<u>3,725</u>	<u>1,961</u>
	<u>5,419</u>	<u>3,174</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>12,322</u>	<u>16,589</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>35,586</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements