

# **THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008**



**A Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Registered in England and Wales No: 5011634**

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifth Annual General Meeting of The Railway Development Society Limited will be held at Leeds Methodist Mission, Oxford Place, Leeds LS1 3AX at 11.00am on Saturday 9th May 2009

### **AGENDA**

**10.00-11.00 Registration** (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked) (Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

#### **11.00 Morning Session**

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Welcome
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Guest Speaker:  
Followed by questions

**12.30 – 13.30 L U N C H** (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

#### **13.30 Afternoon Session**

1. Welcome:
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 10th May 2008.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Address.
5. Chairman's Report.
7. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2008.
8. Reporting Accountant's Report.
9. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
10. Results of postal ballot for Directors and to note that the Chairman, Mike Crowhurst, is elected unopposed.
11. Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents
12. Special Resolutions to amend the Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board

C.A. LINGARD, Company Secretary, 12 Home Close, Bracebridge Heath, LN4 2LP  
1st December 2008

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## COMPANY INFORMATION

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**Directors**

M G Crowhurst (Chairman)  
J C Alderson (Vice Chairman and Finance Director)

P N K Bisatt  
T J Garrod  
R J Imrie (to 10/05/08)  
H T Jones  
R G King (to 10/05/08)  
A D MacFarlane  
I F S McDonald  
R L Pittard  
D J Redgewell  
C C Zilahi

**Secretary**

C A Lingard

**Company number**

5011634

**Registered office**

12 Home Close  
Bracebridge Heath  
LINCOLN  
LN4 2LP

**Reporting Accountant**

A F Sheward FCCA

# **THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

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The directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2008.

### **Review of activities**

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of a campaigning organisation for the protection and development of Railway transport in the United Kingdom.

The Board of Directors met 4 times in 2008. Subjects discussed were many and varied but centred around the 'core' matters of campaigning, marketing, fundraising, membership, publicity, policy, finance, conferences and meetings, business plan, branch matters and committee matters.

Where appropriate, matters were delegated for further consideration and action to the Specialist Committees.

### **Results for the Year**

The Directors are pleased to report a surplus after tax on the Profit and Loss Account of £13,828 compared to a surplus of £38,211 in 2007. The net assets of the Company rose by £13,828 primarily as a result of this surplus.

Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning fell from £65,393 to £47,281. This is due to two main factors. Firstly there was a single donation of £10,000 in 2007. Secondly, due to a delayed despatch of Railwatch and renewal notices in December 2006 some subscriptions were paid in January 2007 rather than December 2006.

Operating and administration expenses have increased from £18,753 to £23,265. The major factor in this increase is £2,801 extra on AGM expenses due to no expenditure on printing and posting the Report and Accounts in 2007. The full effects of the monthly lottery relaunch in 2007 were reflected in the 2008 monthly lottery expenses increasing by £874. These expenses are mainly the monthly prizes.

The operating surplus for the period was £3,745 compared with a surplus of £26,874 in 2007.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

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### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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 Directors are satisfied that appropriate controls and checks are in place to achieve these objectives.

### Directors' Interest

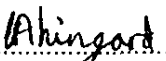
The Company is limited by guarantee. No shares have been issued.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

### Reporting Accountant

The Members have resolved that the financial statements be subject to scrutiny by an Reporting Accountant and his report is included on page 5.

On behalf of the board.



Colin Lingard  
Company Secretary

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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## REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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### Accountant's Report to the Members on the Unaudited Accounts of The Railway Development Society Ltd

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008 set out on pages 6 to 12.

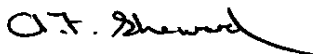
As described on page 4, the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the Company is exempt from an audit. It is my responsibility to carry out procedures to enable me to report my opinion.

My work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so my procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the Company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the Company as I considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in my opinion.

In my opinion:

- (a) the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the Company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
  - (i) the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
  - (ii) the Company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the period specified in section 249A(4) of the Act.

and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to exemption specified in section 249B(1).



A F Sheward FCCA  
Reporting Accountant

7<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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Bedford  
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# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008


	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	6	200	5
Investments	7	2,232	2,232
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks		547	454
Debtors	8	1,258	773
Accrued income	9	4,520	-
Cash at bank and in hand		127,522	114,692
		<u>133,847</u>	<u>115,919</u>
<b>Creditors : Due within one year</b>			
Creditors	10	<u>(6,106)</u>	<u>(2,152)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		127,741	113,767
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>130,173</u>	<u>116,004</u>
<b>Creditors : Due after more than one year</b>	11	(4,852)	(4,511)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>125,321</u></u>	<u><u>111,493</u></u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
General fund	12	103,353	97,662
Fighting fund	13	21,968	13,831
<b>Total reserves</b>		<u><u>125,321</u></u>	<u><u>111,493</u></u>


In preparing these financial statements:

- (a) The directors are of the opinion that the company is entitled to the exemption from audit conferred by Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) No notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985, and
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:
  - (i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
  - (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the financial period end and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009

  
M G Crowhurst  
Director

  
J C Alderson  
Director



# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning		47,280	65,393
Campaigning expenditure		(20,270)	(19,766)
<b>Gross surplus</b>		<b>27,010</b>	<b>45,627</b>
Operating and administrative expenses		(23,265)	(18,753)
<b>Operating surplus</b>		<b>3,745</b>	<b>26,874</b>
Other operating income	3	6,893	8,247
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	4,168	3,864
<b>Surplus on Ordinary Activities before taxation</b>		<b>14,806</b>	<b>38,985</b>
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	5	(978)	(774)
<b>Surplus on Ordinary Activities after taxation</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13,828</b>	<b>38,211</b>

# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include valuation of investments and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### **1.2 Cash flow**

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### **1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment	20% straight line
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#### **1.4 Investments**

Listed investments are stated at market value. Unlisted investments are stated at market value, where a market exists, otherwise at cost less any provision for impairment.

#### **1.5 Stocks**

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

#### **1.6 Donations and Subscriptions**

Donations and annual subscriptions are credited to income and expenditure account in the year of receipt except in cases where subscriptions for more than one year are paid as a lump sum, where the payment for the second and any subsequent years is treated as deferred. Life subscriptions are credited to income and expenditure over the estimated lives of the members.

#### **1.7 Fighting Fund**

The proceeds of certain fund raising events and appeals are allocated to the Fighting Fund. The Fund can only be expended in support of promoting the railways, campaigns for building new lines and stations, reopening closed lines and stations and preserving closed lines for future use and in support of campaigns against major reductions in services or railway closures, as agreed by the Board.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

<b>2 Operating surplus</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	5	-
Depreciation of tangible assets	50	-
<b>3 Other operating income</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sale of goods	431	255
Monthly lottery	1,401	2,477
Annual draw	3,953	3,639
AGM	324	-
Grants	-	250
Sundries	784	1,626
	<u>6,893</u>	<u>8,247</u>
<b>4 Interest receivable and similar income</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Publishers royalties	888	1,039
Bank and building society interest	3,280	2,825
	<u>4,168</u>	<u>3,864</u>
<b>5 Taxation</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Provision for UK current year taxation	909	774
Adjustment for prior year	69	-
	<u>978</u>	<u>774</u>
<b>6 Tangible fixed assets</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 31 December 2007		3,783
Additions		250
Disposals		(3,783)
At 31 December 2008		<u>250</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 31 December 2007		3,778
On disposals		(3,778)
Charge for the year		50
At 31 December 2008		<u>50</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 December 2008		<u>200</u>
At 31 December 2007		<u>5</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

### 7 Investments

	Listed Investments £	Unlisted Investments £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 31 December 2007	261	2,232	2,493
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2008	<u>261</u>	<u>2,232</u>	<u>2,493</u>
	Market value £	Directors' valuation £	Total £
At 31 December 2008	<u>-</u>	<u>2,232</u>	<u>2,232</u>
At 31 December 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>2,232</u>	<u>2,232</u>
<b>Listed shares at valuation</b>		<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
256 Eurotunnel ordinary shares		£ -	£ -
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Unlisted shares at cost</b>		<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Mid Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust Bearer Bond		£ 100	£ 100
2 Railfuture Limited ordinary shares		2	2
2 Wensleydale Railway Company £15 track units		30	30
38 Wensleydale Railway Company ordinary shares		1,900	1,900
£200 CKP Railways loan stock		200	200
		<u>2,232</u>	<u>2,232</u>

8 Debtors	2008 £	2007 £
Trade debtors	8	100
Loan to Railfuture Ltd	500	-
Prepayments	750	673
	<u>1,258</u>	<u>773</u>

The company has paid certain costs relating to the continuing existence of a subsidiary company, Railfuture Ltd. This interest free loan of £500 is repayable by the end of 2009.

9 Accrued income	2008 £	2007 £
Receipts from members	4,520	-
	<u>4,520</u>	<u>-</u>

Due to the delayed despatch of the December 2008 edition of Railwatch some income which would normally be received in December was not received until January 2009. This has been included in these financial statements as accrued income,

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2008 £	2007 £
Trade creditors	3,228	638
Taxation and social security	894	940
Deferred income	1,850	514
Other creditors	134	60
	<u>6,106</u>	<u>2,152</u>

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2008 £	2007 £
Deferred income	<u>4,852</u>	<u>4,511</u>
	<u>4,852</u>	<u>4,511</u>

### 12 General fund

	2008 £	2007 £
Surplus for the financial year after taxation	13,828	38,211
Transfers from / (to) fighting fund	(8,137)	(1,692)
	<u>5,691</u>	<u>36,519</u>
Opening general fund at 01 January 2008	97,662	61,143
	<u>103,353</u>	<u>97,662</u>

### 13 Fighting fund

	2008 £	2007 £
Transfers from / (to) general fund	8,137	1,692
	<u>8,137</u>	<u>1,692</u>
Opening fighting fund at 01 January 2008	13,831	12,139
	<u>21,968</u>	<u>13,831</u>

### 14 Liability of members

Under the provisions of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, members are liable to a contribution not exceeding £1 each in the event of the winding up of the company.

Members are as defined in paragraph 3-13 of the Company's Articles of Association.

# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

## DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning</b>				
Annual subscriptions		36,263		46,334
Donations - ordinary		6,971		15,398
Conferences		3,850		2,874
Railwatch		196		387
Media sponsorship		-		400
		<u>47,280</u>		<u>65,393</u>
<b>Less campaigning expenditure</b>				
Railwatch	12,307		12,499	
Branch campaigning	717		2,124	
Committee expenses	3,460		2,681	
Conferences	<u>3,786</u>		<u>2,462</u>	
		<u>(20,270)</u>		<u>(19,766)</u>
<b>Gross surplus</b>		<u>27,010</u>		<u>45,627</u>
<b>Less Operating and administrative expenses</b>				
Opening sales stock	454		536	
Purchases	<u>103</u>		<u>-</u>	
	557		536	
Less closing stock	<u>(547)</u>		<u>(454)</u>	
Net cost of sales	10		82	
Monthly lottery	1,480		606	
Annual draw	1,312		1,261	
AGM	3,866		1,065	
General administration	8,527		7,237	
Marketing costs	2,399		1,411	
Insurances	1,137		1,184	
Branch newsletters	2,862		2,913	
Grants paid	100		686	
Web site costs	110		100	
Bank charges	588		909	
Sundries	<u>819</u>		<u>1,299</u>	
	23,210		18,753	
Depreciation	50		-	
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	<u>5</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>(23,265)</u>		<u>(18,753)</u>
<b>Operating surplus for the period</b>		<u><u>3,745</u></u>		<u><u>26,874</u></u>