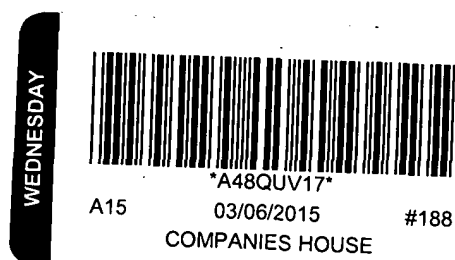


# **THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014**



A Company Limited by Guarantee

Registered in England and Wales No: 5011634

**THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**No 5011634**  
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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of  
The Railway Development Society Limited will be held at  
Savoy Hotel, Queens Promenade, Blackpool, Lancashire FY2 9SJ  
at **11.00am on Saturday 16th May 2015**

### **AGENDA**

**10.00-11.00 Registration** (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked)

#### **11.00 Morning Session**

1. Chairman's Welcome
  2. Welcome by The Mayor of Blackpool (Councillor Val Haynes)
  3. Apologies for Absence
  4. Guest Speakers:  
Stephen McFarlane, Head of Community and Stakeholder Engagement, HS2.  
Another speaker to be confirmed
- Followed by questions

**12.45 – 13.30 LUNCH** (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

#### **13.30 Formal Annual General Meeting**

1. Welcome:
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting of The Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 10th May 2014.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Address.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2014.
7. Reporting Accountant's Report.
8. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
9. To note the single nomination for Chairman and receive the results of the election for Directors.
10. Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents
11. Motions – to consider motions on RDS policy, strategy and organisation. These will be distributed at registration, but advance copies can be obtained by request (see booking form). Any amendments should be given in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, to the Chairman.
12. Chairman – review of the meeting and looking forward to the year ahead.

By Order of the Board  
Lloyd Butler, Company Secretary  
24 Chedworth Place, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2ND.  
1st December 2014

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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**Directors**

D S Berman (Chairman)  
J C Alderson (Financial Director)  
R Blake  
I Brown CBE FCILT (from 10.05.14)  
A Cosgrove  
C Fribbins  
C Hyomes  
A D MacFarlane (to 10.05.14)  
C Page (Vice Chairman)  
P R Shelton  
W Thorne (from 10.05.14)

**Secretary**

L Butler

**Company number**

5011634

**Registered office**

24 Chedworth Place  
Tattingstone  
SUFFOLK  
IP9 2ND

**Reporting Accountant**

A F Sheward FCCA

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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The Directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2014.

**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 2014. 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 group matters.

Where appropriate, matters were delegated for further consideration and action to the Specialist Groups. During the year the Board devolved most administrative matters to its Finance & Corporate Governance group to allow the Board to devote more time to the future direction of the Company.

**Results for the Year**

The Directors report a surplus after tax on the Profit and Loss Account of £54,984 compared to a deficit of £8,402 in 2013. The net assets of the Company increased by £49,315 primarily as a result of this surplus. 2014 has been an exceptional year for legacy income with receipts of £61,958. Without these there would have been a deficit after tax of £6,974.

Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning rose from £46,065 to £110,035. There has been a modest increase in subscriptions and donations of £5,243. Campaigning expenditure has increased from £26,481 to £27,580.

Operating and administration expenses have increased from £35,457 to £40,017.

The operating surplus for the period was £42,438 compared with a deficit of £15,873 in 2013.

Due to the continuing low interest rates on offer returns from money held on deposit have continued to be poor. The Company continues to take advantage of higher fixed term interest rates with £110,000 in fixed term deposits ranging from 12 to 24 months.

The Directors aim to use members' money wisely. Management information is used to understand where costs are being incurred, and effort is made to find ways to control costs. Cost control is helped by the considerable amount of volunteer time given by officers at national and branch level and their generosity in not claiming anywhere near all of their out of pocket expenses.

Directors have agreed that there will be open disclosure of expenses that have been paid to them during the year which are as follows:

D S Berman	£228	
J C Alderson	£96	
R Blake	£39	
A Cosgrove	£802	
C Fribbins	£120	
C Hyomes	£179	
A D MacFarlane	£179 *	
I Brown	£nil *	
P R Shelton	£362	
W Thome	£329 *	
C Page	£177	
	<u>£2,511</u>	(2013 £2,627)

Note: asterisk is against the Directors who joined or left the Board in May 2014.

A fully itemised list of every expense claimed (and waived) by the above Directors can be found at [www.railfuture.org.uk/expenses](http://www.railfuture.org.uk/expenses). It should be noted that by virtue of their home location some Directors have much higher travel expenses than others.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-DECEMBER 2014

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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 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The 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 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

### Reporting Accountant

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

On behalf of the board.



Lloyd Butler  
Company Secretary

Dated: 28th February 2015

**THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**No 5011634**  
**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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**Accountant's Report to the Members on the Unaudited Accounts of The Railway Development Society Limited**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 set out on pages 6 to 13.

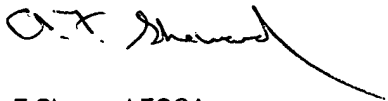
As described on page 4, the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the Company is exempt from an audit. It is my responsibility to carry out procedures to enable me to report my opinion.

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 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (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 396 of the Act; and
  - (ii) the Company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the period specified in section 477(2) 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 478.



A F Sheward FCCA  
Reporting Accountant

28th February 2015

6 Grange Way  
Willington  
Bedford  
MK44 3QW

# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

No 5011634

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	6	1,169	417
Investments	7	9,475	15,144
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks		1,611	258
Debtors	8	3,201	2,490
Cash at bank and in hand		267,545	215,628
		272,357	218,376
<b>Creditors : Due within one year</b>			
Creditors	9	(6,178)	(5,967)
<b>Net current assets</b>		266,179	212,409
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		276,823	227,970
<b>Creditors : Due after more than one year</b>	10	(4,198)	(4,660)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>272,625</u>	<u>223,310</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
General fund	11	182,750	194,222
Fighting fund	12	89,875	29,088
<b>Total reserves</b>		<u>272,625</u>	<u>223,310</u>

In preparing these financial statements:

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

### Directors' responsibilities:

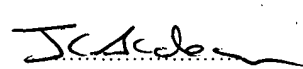
the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts,

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

These financial statements which include the notes on pages 9-12 were approved by the Board on 28th February 2015

  
C. Page  
Director

  
J C Alderson  
Director



# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning		110,035	46,065
Campaigning expenditure		(27,580)	(26,481)
<b>Gross surplus</b>		<b>82,455</b>	<b>19,584</b>
Operating and administrative expenses		(40,017)	(35,457)
<b>Operating surplus/ (deficit)</b>		<b>42,438</b>	<b>(15,873)</b>
Other operating income	3	11,253	4,917
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	2,123	3,095
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit) on Ordinary Activities before taxation</b>		<b>55,814</b>	<b>(7,861)</b>
Tax on surplus/ (deficit) on ordinary activities	5	(830)	(541)
<b>Surplus/ (deficit) on Ordinary Activities after taxation</b>	11	<b>54,984</b>	<b>(8,402)</b>

# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

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## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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	Notes	2014	2013
		£	£
Surplus/ (Deficit) for Year Transferred to General Fund	11	54,984	(8,402)
Unrealised Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of Investments	7	(5,669)	(94)
Total Recognised Gains (Loss) Relating to the Year		<u>49,315</u>	<u>(8,496)</u>

### Note of Historical Costs, Profits and Losses FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	£	£
Reported Surplus/ (Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	54,984	(8,402)
Diminution in the Value of Investments	(5,669)	(94)
Historical Surplus/ (Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	<u>49,315</u>	<u>(8,496)</u>

# THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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<b>1</b>	<b>Accounting policies</b>		
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Accounting convention</b>		
	The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).		
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Cash flow</b>		
	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 the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).		
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Tangible fixed assets and depreciation</b>		
	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	
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Investments</b>		
	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.		
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Stocks</b>		
	Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.		
<b>1.6</b>	<b>Donations and Subscriptions</b>		
	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.		
<b>1.7</b>	<b>Fighting Fund</b>		
	The proceeds of legacies, certain fund raising events and appeals are allocated to the Fighting Fund unless the donor has specified otherwise. The Fund can only be expended in support of promoting the railway, 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		
<b>2</b>	<b>Operating surplus/ (deficit)</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	<u>318</u>	<u>104</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

<b>3</b>	<b>Other operating income</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Sale of goods	1,026	1,552
	Monthly lottery	2,564	2,813
	Annual draw	6,669	-
	Advertising in publications	115	-
	Event Sponsorship	500	450
	Sundries	379	102
		<u>11,253</u>	<u>4,917</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>Interest receivable and similar income</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2,013</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Publishers royalties	138	237
	Dividends from shares	452	576
	Bank interest	1,533	2,282
		<u>2,123</u>	<u>3,095</u>
<b>5</b>	<b>Taxation</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2,013</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Provision for UK current year taxation	830	541
		<u>830</u>	<u>541</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>		<b>Total</b>
			<b>£</b>
	<b>Cost</b>		
	At 31 December 2013		770
	Additions		1,070
	Disposals		-
	At 31 December 2014		<u>1,840</u>
	<b>Depreciation</b>		
	At 31 December 2013		353
	On disposals		-
	Charge for the year		318
	At 31 December 2014		<u>671</u>
	<b>Net book value</b>		
	At 31 December 2014		<u>1,169</u>
	At 31 December 2013		<u>417</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

7	Fixed asset investments	Listed investments	Unlisted investments	Total
		£	£	£
	Valuation			
	At 31 December 2013	13,040	2,104	15,144
	Aquisitions	-	-	-
	Disposals	-	-	-
	Revaluation	(5,669)	-	(5,669)
	At 31 December 2014	<u>7,371</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>9,475</u>
	Cost			
	At 31 December 2014	<u>£ 16,104</u>	<u>£ 2,104</u>	<u>£ 18,208</u>
	At 31 December 2013	<u>16,104</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>18,208</u>
	Listed shares at valuation		2014	2013
	3900 Tesco ordinary shares		£ 7,371	£ 13,040
			<u>7,371</u>	<u>13,040</u>
	Unlisted shares at cost		2014	2013
	2 Railfuture Limited ordinary shares		£ 2	£ 2
	2 Railwatch Limited ordinary shares		2	2
	38 Wensleydale Railway Company ordinary shares		1,900	1,900
	£200 CKP Railways loan stock		<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
			<u>2,104</u>	<u>2,104</u>
8	Debtors		2014	2013
			£	£
	Trade debtors		-	81
	Accrued interest		870	793
	Prepayments		<u>2,331</u>	<u>1,616</u>
			<u>3,201</u>	<u>2,490</u>
9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2014	2013
			£	£
	Trade creditors		1,420	170
	Taxation		778	517
	Deferred income		3,829	5,280
	Other creditors		<u>151</u>	<u>-</u>
			<u>6,178</u>	<u>5,967</u>
10	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		2014	2013
			£	£
	Deferred income		<u>4,198</u>	<u>4,660</u>
			<u>4,198</u>	<u>4,660</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

11 General fund	2014	2013
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year after taxation	54,984	(8,402)
Unrealised Surplus/ (deficit) on Valuation of Investments	(5,669)	(94)
Transfers from / (to) fighting fund	(60,787)	9,290
	(11,472)	794
Opening general fund at 01 January 2014	194,222	193,428
Closing general fund at 31 December 2014	<u>182,750</u>	<u>194,222</u>
12 Fighting fund	2014	2013
	£	£
Transfers from / (to) general fund	60,787	(9,290)
	60,787	(9,290)
Opening fighting fund at 01 January 2014	29,088	38,378
Closing fighting fund at 31 December 2014	<u>89,875</u>	<u>29,088</u>

During 2014 grants to a total of £4,236 (2013 £10,000) were accepted from the Fighting Fund.

### 13 Financial transactions between Directors and the Company

Directors receive no payments from the Company except for out of pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties as a Director.

### 14 Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

Throughout 2014 the Company maintained an insurance policy indemnifying the Directors and Officers against loss attaching to legal liabilities arising in the course of their duties.

### 15 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.

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## DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014		2013	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning</b>				
Annual subscriptions		33,867		30,312
Donations - ordinary		8,299		6,611
Legacies		61,958		3,335
Conferences		5,720		5,571
Railwatch		191		236
		<u>110,035</u>		<u>46,065</u>
<b>Less campaigning expenditure</b>				
Railwatch	13,854		14,413	
Branch campaigning	3,124		3,666	
Group expenses	4,566		3,782	
Conferences	<u>6,036</u>		<u>4,620</u>	
		<u>(27,580)</u>		<u>(26,481)</u>
<b>Gross surplus/ (deficit)</b>		<u>82,455</u>		<u>19,584</u>
<b>Less Operating and administrative expenses</b>				
Opening sales stock	258		580	
Purchases	<u>2,120</u>		<u>1,042</u>	
	2,378		1,622	
Less closing stock	<u>(1,611)</u>		<u>(258)</u>	
Net cost of sales	767		1,364	
Monthly lottery	1,339		1,344	
Annual draw	2,294		-	
AGM	2,508		2,529	
General administration	11,780		10,058	
Promotion and marketing costs (excluding sales)	7,594		3,407	
Insurances	1,303		1,255	
Branch newsletters	5,694		4,176	
Grants paid	4,236		10,000	
Web site costs	356		428	
Bank charges	527		551	
Sundries	<u>1,301</u>		<u>241</u>	
	39,699		35,353	
Depreciation	318		104	
		<u>(40,017)</u>		<u>(35,457)</u>
<b>Operating surplus/ (deficit) for the period</b>		<u><u>42,438</u></u>		<u><u>(15,873)</u></u>