

THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ending 31st December 2012

A Company Limited by Guarantee

Registered in England and Wales No 5011634



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THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY LIMITED

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of The Railway
Development Society Limited will be held at the Town Hall, Market Place
Durham on Saturday 11th May 2013

AGENDA

10.00-11.00 Registration (Tea/Coffee available from 10 00)

11.15 Morning Session

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Welcome by Councillor John Wilkinson, Mayor of Durham
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Guest Speakers

Followed by questions

12.45 – 13.30 L U N C H

13.30 Formal Annual General Meeting

The Agenda for the AGM has already been despatched to members along with details of how to arrange a proxy vote. Also already despatched are election addresses from candidates for election to the board of directors and voting papers. If members have not received any of these please contact the Company Secretary at the address below

By Order of the Board
L BUTLER,
Company Secretary, 24 Chedworth Place, Tatingstone, SUFFOLK IP9 2ND
1st December 2012

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COMPANY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Directors	M G Crowhurst (Chairman) (to 12 05 12) J C Alderson (Vice Chairman and Financial Director) D S Berman (Chairman from 12 05 12) P N K Bissatt R Blake C Fribbins (from 12 05 12) T J Garrod A D MacFarlane I F S McDonald C Page (from 12 05 12) P R Shelton (from 12 05 12) C C Zilahi (to 12 05 12)
Secretary	L Butler
Company number	5011634
Registered office	24 Chedworth Place Tattlingstone SUFFOLK IP9 2ND
Reporting Accountant	A F Sheward FCCA

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

The directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2012

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 2012. 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 £16,633 compared to a surplus of £13,339 in 2011. The net assets of the Company rose by £14,020 primarily as a result of this surplus

Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning rose from £49,982 to £57,932. This is primarily due to an increase in legacy income of £8,750. Campaigning expenditure has increased from £23,639 to £24,385. The increase in Railwatch costs of £1,841 is almost entirely due to increased postal charges. Another increase can be expected in 2013

Operating and administration expenses have increased from £21,918 to £26,621. The main change from 2011 is an increase in promotional and marketing activity and an increase of £2,271 in grants from the Fighting Fund

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 £100,000 in fixed term deposits ranging from 6 months to 3 years. The increase in bank interest of £1,297 is due to these better fixed term interest rates

The directors aim to use members' money wisely. Management Information is used to understand where costs are being spent, and effort is made to find ways to control costs. However, Railfuture is an active organisation across Britain. The following costs were incurred at national level (excluding branch activity) in 2012

Travel (incl directors)	£4,174
Meeting room hire	£1,199
Attending Conferences	£204

Directors were paid the following out of pocket expenses

Travel	£2,393
Internet & Printing Allowance	£456
Other claims	£28

Chairman David Berman and Vice Chairman Jerry Alderson have voluntarily disclosed a fully itemised list of their expenses, which can be viewed at www.railfuture.org.uk/expenses

The operating surplus for the period was £6,926 compared with a surplus of £4,425 in 2011

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

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 an Reporting Accountant and his report is included on page 5.

On behalf of the board



Lloyd Butler
Company Secretary

Dated 2nd March 2013

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REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

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 2012 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.

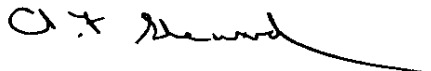
My work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so my procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the Company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the Company as I considered necessary for the purposes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



2nd March 2013

6 Grange Way
Willington
Bedford
MK44 3QW

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Notes	2012		2011	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	6		1		50
Investments	7		15,238		17,849
Current assets					
Stocks		580		1,012	
Debtors	8	2,201		1,919	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>223,904</u>		<u>206,617</u>	
		226,685		209,548	
Creditors : Due within one year					
Creditors	9	<u>(5,582)</u>		<u>(4,557)</u>	
Net current assets			221,103		204,991
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>236,342</u>		<u>222,890</u>
Creditors : Due after more than one year	10		(4,536)		(5,104)
Net assets			<u>231,806</u>		<u>217,786</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
General fund	11		193,428		189,864
Fighting fund	12		38,378		27,922
Total reserves			<u>231,806</u>		<u>217,786</u>

In preparing these financial statements

For the year ending 31st December 2012 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,

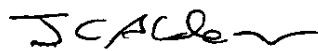
the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts,

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 2nd March 2013



D S Berman
Director



J C Alderson
Director

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Notes	2012 £	2011 £
Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning		57,932	49,982
Campaigning expenditure		(24,385)	(23,639)
Gross surplus		33,547	26,343
Operating and administrative expenses		(26,621)	(21,918)
Operating surplus		6,926	4,425
Other operating income	3	7,082	7,394
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	3,156	1,886
Surplus on Ordinary Activities before taxation		17,164	13,705
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	5	(531)	(366)
Surplus on Ordinary Activities after taxation	11	16,633	13,339

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Notes	2012	2011
		£	£
Surplus for Year Transferred to General Fund	11	16,633	13,339
Unrealised Gain (Loss) on Revaluation of Investments	7	(2,613)	(858)
Total Recognised Gains Relating to the Year		<u>14,020</u>	<u>12,481</u>

Note of Historical Costs, Profits and Losses FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	£	£
Reported Surplus on Ordinary Activities	16,633	13,339
Realisation of Investment Gains Relating to Previous Years	-	-
Historical Surplus on Ordinary Activities	<u>16,633</u>	<u>13,339</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention 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 legacies, certain fund raising events and appeals are allocated to the Fighting Fund. 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

2 Operating surplus

	2012	2011
	£	£
Operating profit is stated after charging		
Depreciation of tangible assets	<u>49</u>	<u>50</u>

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3 Other operating income		2012	2011
		£	£
Sale of goods		680	491
Monthly lottery		2,642	2,585
Annual draw		3,466	3,242
Advertising in publications		-	120
Sponsorship		-	275
Sundries		294	681
		<u>7,082</u>	<u>7,394</u>
4 Interest receivable and similar income		2012	2011
		£	£
Publishers royalties		0	29
Dividends from shares		576	574
Bank interest		2,580	1,283
		<u>3,156</u>	<u>1,886</u>
5 Taxation		2012	2011
		£	£
Provision for UK current year taxation		531	366
		<u>531</u>	<u>366</u>
6 Tangible fixed assets			Total
			£
Cost			
At 31 December 2011			250
Additions			-
Disposals			-
At 31 December 2012			<u>250</u>
Depreciation			
At 31 December 2011			200
On disposals			-
Charge for the year			49
At 31 December 2012			<u>249</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2012			<u>1</u>
At 31 December 2011			<u>50</u>
7 Fixed asset investments			
	Listed investments	Unlisted investments	Total
	£	£	£
Valuation			
At 31 December 2011	15,717	2,132	17,849
Acquisitions	-	2	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluation	(2,613)	0	(2,613)
At 31 December 2012	<u>13,104</u>	<u>2,134</u>	<u>15,238</u>
Cost			
At 31 December 2012	<u>16,104</u>	<u>2,134</u>	<u>18,238</u>
At 31 December 2011	<u>16,104</u>	<u>2,132</u>	<u>18,236</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	2012	2011
Listed shares at valuation	£	£
3900 Tesco ordinary shares	13,104	15,717
	<u>13,104</u>	<u>15,717</u>
Unlisted shares at cost	£	£
2 Railfuture Limited ordinary shares	2	2
2 Railwatch Limited ordinary shares	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>2,134</u>	<u>2,132</u>

A new company Railwatch Ltd was incorporated during the year with the purpose of protecting the name of the company magazine Railwatch. The company purchased a controlling interest of two £1 shares in Railwatch Ltd.

8 Debtors	2012	2011
	£	£
Trade debtors	20	275
Accrued interest	1,247	701
Prepayments	934	943
	<u>2,201</u>	<u>1,919</u>
9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2012	2011
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,488	1,929
Taxation and social security	508	345
Deferred income	2,335	2,265
Other creditors	251	18
	<u>5,582</u>	<u>4,557</u>
10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2012	2011
	£	£
Deferred income	4,536	5,104
	<u>4,536</u>	<u>5,104</u>
11 General fund	2012	2011
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year after taxation	16,633	13,339
Unrealised surplus / (deficit) on Valuation of Investments	(2,613)	(858)
Transfers from / (to) fighting fund	(10,456)	(4,509)
	<u>3,564</u>	<u>7,972</u>
Opening general fund at 01 January 2011	189,864	181,892
	<u>193,428</u>	<u>189,864</u>

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12 Fighting fund	2012	2011
	£	£
Transfers from / (to) general fund	10,456	4,509
	<u>10,456</u>	<u>4,509</u>
Opening fighting fund at 01 January 2011	27,922	23,413
	<u>38,378</u>	<u>27,922</u>

During 2011 grants to a total of £2,500 were accepted from the Fighting Fund. At the year end offers of grants to a total of £5,000 have been made and not yet accepted.

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 2012 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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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning				
Annual subscriptions		36,356		35,529
Donations - ordinary		8,012		7,820
Legacies		10,003		1,253
Conferences		3,345		5,125
Railwatch		216		255
		<u>57,932</u>		<u>49,982</u>
Less campaigning expenditure				
Railwatch	13,662		11,821	
Branch campaigning	3,075		913	
Committee expenses	4,197		4,600	
Conferences	<u>3,451</u>		<u>6,305</u>	
		<u>(24,385)</u>		<u>(23,639)</u>
Gross surplus		33,547		26,343
Less Operating and administrative expenses				
Opening sales stock	1,012		1,261	
Purchases	<u>103</u>		<u>42</u>	
	1,115		1,303	
Less closing stock	<u>(580)</u>		<u>(1,012)</u>	
Net cost of sales	535		291	
Monthly lottery	1,389		1,404	
Annual draw	1,453		1,412	
AGM	2,230		2,525	
General administration	8,257		9,928	
Promotion and marketing costs (excluding sales)	2,268		511	
Insurances	1,229		1,199	
Branch newsletters	5,109		3,207	
Grants paid	2,500		229	
Web site costs	806		177	
Bank charges	327		192	
Sundries	<u>469</u>		<u>793</u>	
	26,572		21,868	
Depreciation	49		50	
		<u>(26,621)</u>		<u>(21,918)</u>
Operating surplus for the period		<u>6,926</u>		<u>4,425</u>