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	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2026 Unrestricted Funds	2026 Restricted Funds	2026 Total
Income from Charitable Activities	**1b, 1c**						
Donations		£ 2,639	£ -	£ 2,639	£ 13,713	£ -	£ 13,713
Grants		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 50,650	£ 50,650
Interest	**3**	£ 43	£ -	£ 43	£ 468	£ -	£ 468
Membership to 310326		£ 721	£ -	£ 721	£ 281	£ -	£ 281
Membership to 310327		£ 350	£ -	£ 350	£ 320	£ -	£ 320
Other		£ 102	£ -	£ 102	£ 404	£ -	£ 404
Room Hire		£ 146	£ -	£ 146	£ 247	£ -	£ 247
Sales - Advertising					£ 590	£ -	£ 590
Sales - Raffle Tickets		£ 1,657	£ -	£ 1,657	£ 1,617	£ -	£ 1,617
Sales - Regular Operations Tickets		£ 14,926	£ -	£ 14,926	£ 16,739	£ -	£ 16,739
Sales - Special Event		£ 9,068	£ -	£ 9,068	£ 10,117	£ -	£ 10,117
Sales - General Merchandise		£ 1,989	£ -	£ 1,989	£ 2,660	£ -	£ 2,660
Sales - Postman Pat		£ 25	£ -	£ 25	£ 71	£ -	£ 71
		£ 31,665	**£ -**	**£ 31,665**	**£ 47,227**	**£ 50,650**	**£ 97,876**
				£ 31,665			***£ 97,876***
Cost of Sales							
Cost of Events		£ 2,815		£ 2,815	£ 3,038		£ 3,038
Cost of Goods Sold		£ 319		£ 319	£ 694		£ 694
Train Fuel		£ 873		£ 873	£ 748		£ 748
Total Cost of Sales		**£ 4,007**	**£ -**	**£ 4,007**	**£ 4,481**	**£ -**	**£ 4,481**
				£ 4,007			***£ 4,481***
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	**1d**						
Admin - Printing & Stationery		£ 458	£ -	£ 458	£ 685	£ -	£ 685
Advertising & Marketing					£ 318	£ -	£ 318
Charitable Donations					£ 25	£ -	£ 25
Cleaning & Associated Products		£ 245	£ -	£ 245	£ 103	£ -	£ 103
Equipment Purchased		£ 1,874	£ -	£ 1,874	£ 1,200	£ -	£ 1,200
Professional Fees	**4**	£ 994	£ -	£ 994	£ 469	£ -	£ 469
Bank Charges		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Repairs & Maintenance		£ 5,719	£ -	£ 5,719	£ 2,937	£ -	£ 2,937
Licences & Subscriptions	**4**	£ 837	£ -	£ 837	£ 703	£ -	£ 703
Insurance		£ 2,690	£ -	£ 2,690	£ 2,860	£ -	£ 2,860
Utilities		£ 2,262	£ -	£ 2,262	£ 2,528	£ -	£ 2,528
Merchandise Expenditure		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Maintenance Expenditure		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Engine Consumables/Rolling Stock Expense		£ 129	£ -	£ 129	-£ 802	£ -	-£ 802
Membership Costs		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
HSE/PPE		£ 2,091	£ -	£ 2,091	£ 1,389	£ -	£ 1,389
IT Services & Consumables		£ 973	£ -	£ 973	£ 1,273	£ -	£ 1,273
POS Charges		£ 492	£ -	£ 492	£ 430	£ -	£ 430
Business Rates		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Staff Training		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
General Expenses		£ 1,936	£ -	£ 1,936	£ 876	£ -	£ 876
		£ 20,699	**£ -**	**£ 20,699**	**£ 14,995**	**£ -**	**£ 14,995**
				£ 20,699			***£ 14,995***
Net Income/Expenditure		**£ 6,959**	**£ -**	**£ 6,959**	**£ 27,750**	**£ 50,650**	**£ 78,400**
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds b/f		£ 15,129	£ 460,839	£ 475,968	£ 22,088	£ 460,839	£482,927
Inroduction of Assets						£ 28,861	£ 28,861
Total Funds c/f		**£ 22,088**	**£ 460,839**	**£ 482,927**	**£ 49,838**	**£ 540,350**	**£590,188**

Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets	**1g, 6**						
Buildings & Infrastructure				£ 427,546			£490,910
Rolling Stock				£ 30,000			£ 30,000
Fixtures & Fittings				£ -			£ 33,674
Depreciation on Fixtures & Fittings							-£ 4,810
Total Fixed Assets				**£ 457,546**			**£549,774**
Current Assets	**7**						
Accounts Receivable/Debtors		£ 25	£ -	£ 25	£ 96	£ -	£ 96
Cash at Bank		£ 24,152	£ -	£ 24,152	£ 39,129	£ -	£ 39,129
Prepayments		£ 1,304	£ -	£ 1,304	£ 1,304	£ -	£ 1,304
PBI PH1 Grant not yet drawn down		£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
PBI PH2 Grant not yet drawn down		£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Total Current Assets		**£ 25,481**	**£ -**	**£ 25,481**	**£ 40,529**	**£ -**	**£ 40,529**
Liabilities	**8**						
Accounts Payable/Creditors Due < 1 year				£ 100			£ 115
Total Current Liabilities				**£ 100**			**£ 115**
Net Current Assets				**£ 25,381**			**£ 40,414**
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities				**£ 482,927**			**£590,188**
Charitable Funds	**9**						
Restricted funds				£ 460,839			£540,350
Unrestricted funds				£ 22,088			£ 49,838
Total Charitable Funds				**£ 482,927**			**£590,188**

Statement of Cash Flows

Operating Activities		
Opening Balance		
Receipts from customers	31,655.84	£ 97,805
Payments to suppliers and employees	(24,525.28)	-£ 19,391
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	**7,130.56**	**£ 78,414**
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5,508.80	£ 71
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(58,385.38)	-£ 65,314
Other cash items from investing activities - PBI Draw Down	37,500.00	£ 1,806
Other Cash Items from Financing (Rounding)	(3.00)	£ -
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	**(15,379.58)**	**-£ 63,437**
Net Cash Flows	**(8,249.02)**	**£ 14,977**
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	32,401.35	£ 24,152
Net change in cash for period	(8,249.02)	£ 14,977
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**24,152.33**	**£ 39,129**

Notes detailed in previous pages form part of these accounts and are provided in detail in the accompanying Notes to the Accounts

Approved by the Trustees on 23/06/26 and signed on their behalf by

Gloria Malcolm
Chair of Trustees

ALFORD VALLEY COMMUNITY RAILWAY (CBS No 8486/SC051076)

Notes to the Accounts for the Period ended 31/03/26

1. **Accounting Policies**

   a. **Basis of preparation and assessment of the organisation**
   The accounts for Alford Valley Community Railway Ltd (AVCR) have historically been prepared by applying a General Accepted Accounting Principles Receipts & Payments process. Given that AVCR are a Community Benefit Society registered with the Financial Conduct Authority the Co-operative and Community Benefits Societies Act 2014 requires charities to prepare accounts which show a ‘true and fair view’. Therefore, Accounts to 31/03/25 have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Financial Reporting Standard 102. In accordance with paragraph 3.16B a small entity need not provide a specific disclosure (including those set out in paragraph 1A.18 and Appendix C or Appendix D to this section, as relevant) if the information resulting from that disclosure is not material, except when required by the Act regardless of materiality - this clause has been applied in certain cases.

   b. **Funds Structure & Detail as at 31.03.26**
   Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

   Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by the donor ie grant awards for specific projects. Further details of each restricted fund are disclosed below. Reserved Funds are funds set aside for specific strategic purpose as per agreement with the Board.

   At the end of the financial year to 31/03/26 £2,725.89 was held on current account and £36,403.03 held on Savings Account. Of these amounts, the following is advised.

   Co-Op Community Fund £978.07 (Restricted - various)
   ACT Fund - £397.96 (Restricted – Generator)
   Doors Open Fund £109.02 – Restricted (Access improvements)
   Rolling Stock Contingency - £6,500 (Reserved in agreement with the Board)
   Reserves - £12,815.44 (9 months – reserved in agreement with the Board)
   Asset Replacement Account – £3,912 (reserved in agreement with the Board)
   Free Funds - £11,690.54

   c. **Income Recognition**
   All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income.

   Donations are recognised when the trust is notified in writing and/or funds are lodged in the bank account. Interest on funds held is included when received and the amount is notified and payable by the bank. No legacy gifts, dividends or interest on deposit feature in the organisation’s financial transactions thus far.

d. Expenditure Recognition

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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual's basis. All expenses are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. All Expenditure on Charitable Activities is operational expenditure. Any expenditure covered by grant monies received is allocated to Fixed Assets or to the specific stipulation of the grant.

e. Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred however AVCR Ltd is not registered for VAT.

f. Allocation of governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. The costs are associated with statutory legal fees, auditing fees, GDPR expenses etc and the apportionment of direct or overhead costs – see below Item 4 for further detail.

g. Tangible, Fixed Assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and valued at historical purchase cost. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment etc on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life of six years from year of acquisition. Valuation of buildings is estimated and depreciation is not applied given that Buildings are leased not owned. Increase in Buildings and Infrastructure Fixed Asset value is related to certain one-off improvements/upgrades and installations carried out during the financial year being capitalised. Introduction of assets to the Balance sheet as detailed. Revaluation of Buildings & Infrastructure and Rolling Stock will be considered in the following financial year.

h. Staff/Pensions

AVCR as an organisation does not employ staff. All roles within the organisation are carried out by volunteers. On this basis there are no staffing costs and there are no relating pension obligations.

i. Reserves

Initially, as AVCR was entering its first year as a going concern it was recognised that there were uncertainties in terms of actual income and actual running costs. To mitigate this uncertainty, it was the intention that AVCR would accrue a contingency sum which equated to 20% of annual running costs. Through the course of the financial year to 31/03/25 and after discussion, the Board agreed an alternative decision to set aside £3,000 for such matters into a savings account which is accruing interest at a rate of 1.43%. Going forward into 31/03/26 it was been agreed by the Board that a calculation will be made based on running costs to 31/3/25 and a value associated with 6 months running costs identified and held on account in the Savings Account. Going forward into 31/3/27, it has been agreed by the Board that a calculation will be made based on running costs to 31/3/26 and a value associated with 12 months running costs identified and held on account in the Savings Account. Year on year thereafter, a check will be carried out to ensure that the value held in the Savings account is in line with the current year's running costs.

12 months running cost reserve as a strategic objective is based on a number of factors. The first being that the previous iteration – Alford Valley Railway – was liquidated as they did not accrue funds to sufficient cover contingencies in relation to increased costs and unexpected necessary maintenance. This is a situation that AVCR Ltd is making every effort to avoid. In addition, AVCR Ltd is only open for regular income-generating activities 6 months of the year April-September and therefore incurs running costs, without regular income for the remaining 6 months, which must be covered accordingly. Finally, AVCR Ltd runs special events such as Halloween and Santa Express. Tickets are purchased ahead of time for these events and with this in mind AVCR Ltd must ensure it has the funds in place to run these pre-booked events which are often scheduled well in advance of the dates specified. With this in mind, 12 months reserves are considered reasonable by the Board. Year on year thereafter, a check will be carried out to ensure that the value held in the Savings account is in line with the current year's running costs.

In addition, and for the same reason, £1,500 per annum was to be set aside to account for uncertainty in terms of Building Maintenance including content and £2,500 per annum was to be set aside to account for uncertainty in terms of Rolling Stock Maintenance. During the course of the last few years, this principle was discussed and agreement made for the following changes. An asset replacement register was compiled including depreciation and life cycle. A calculation is made based on the register and a sum set aside to cover any unexpected failure and to provide funds in case of the need for replacement. This fund currently sits in the value of £3,912 as at 31/3/26.

Finally, in relation to rolling stock and as identified in our risk register, AVCR Ltd do not own the rolling stock. An initial fund of £6,500 has been set aside to facilitate – when the time comes ideally the purchase of the rolling stock or at least to go towards any required lease of the rolling stock from the benefactor.

2. **Trustees Expenses**
The Trustees of AVCR give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. Appropriate expenses will be refunded to the trustees should they be incurred but thus far no expenses have been incurred or claimed.

3. **Investment Income**

	310326
Interest on Cash Deposits	£512.69
Total Investment Income	**£512.69**

4. **Governance Costs have been quantified as follows. In terms of Support Costs – Statute of Materiality has been applied.**

Governance Costs are recorded as follows:

	310326
Accounting/Auditors Fees	£469.00
Licences & Relevant Subscriptions	£703.00

Cost of Meetings	£0.00
Total Governance Costs	**£1,172.00**

5. **Analysis of Charitable Expenditure – Statute of Materiality has been applied.**

6. **Fixed Assets**
   Fixed assets are estimated as below. Value for Buildings & Infrastructure is arrived at based on an initial estimated value for the building plus ongoing investment costs for refurbishment. Valuation for Rolling Stock is based on the value assigned at point of liquidation of the previous business plus the investment costs of refurbishment to date. Revaluation of Rolling Stock can be carried out subsequent to the conclusion of purchase/lease negotiations with the current owners and benefactors. Assets donated such as the 20ft container with a value of £1,800 were recorded. Asset Replacement fund monthly contribution increased to £249 and then £251 as assets were added. Fixtures and Fittings (Net of depreciation) were introduced to charity equity by Journal Entry accordingly.

	310326
Buildings & Infrastructure	£490,910.00
Rolling Stock	£30,000.00
Fixtures & Fittings (net of deprec)	£28,864
Disposals	0.00

Net Book Value	
As at 310326	**£549,774.00**

7. **Analysis of Current Assets**

	310326
Cash at Bank – Current	£2,725.89
Cash at Bank - Savings	£36,403.03
Debtors	£96.00
Prepayments	£1,304.00
Total	**£40,529.00**

8. **Analysis of Current Liabilities**
   AVCR current liabilities as at 310326 are Creditors amounting to £115.00.

9. **Analysis of reserved and restricted charitable funds for the year to 31.03.26**

ANALYSIS OF RESTRICTED/RESERVED CHARITABLE FUNDS (Exc Fixed Assets)

Analysis of Funds	Fund Balances b/f	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Funds c/f
Restricted/Reserved Funds (Exc Fixed Assets)				
Just Transition	£0	£50,000	£50,000	£0.00
Co-Op Community Fund	£3,214	£0	£2,236	£978
ACTS	£1,635	£160	£1,397	£398
Doors Open Fund	0	£500	£391	£109
Other				
Rolling Stock	£0	£6500	£0	£6500
Reserves	£0	£12815	£0	£12,815
Asset Replacement	£0	£3912	£0	£3,912
Restricted/Reserved Funds Total	**£4,849**	**£73,887**	**£54,024**	**£24,712**

10. Reconciliation of net movements in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

Statement of Cash Flows

Alford Valley Community Railway Ltd
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Account	2026
Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	97,805.28
Payments to suppliers and employees	(19,391.36)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	**78,413.92**
Investing Activities	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	70.67
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(65,314.00)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	**(65,243.33)**
Financing Activities	
Other cash items from financing activities	1,806.00
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	**1,806.00**
Net Cash Flows	**14,976.59**
Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	24,152.33
Net change in cash for period	14,976.59
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	39,128.92

11. Disclosure of Audit, Independent and other financial service fees

AVCR has no disclosure to make, independent examination by an authorised body was carried out – Bridgeton Bookkeeping Ltd - free of charge.

12. Disclosure of related party transactions

AVCR has no disclosure to make in this regard as there are no related party transactions.

13. Miscellaneous Operational Notes pertinent to the Annual Accounts

All day-to-day accounting processes have been carried out in XERO Financial Software since November 2023. A mechanism for the board approval within the XERO Financial Software of AVCR supplier invoices prior to payment by the Operational Treasurer or Treasurer 1 - Margery Heath, was introduced. Gloria Malcolm – Chair, John Fincham and Yvonne Buckingham – Secretary, were set up as approvers in February 2024. Joan Gilbert-Steven set up as Management Treasurer or Treasurer 2 set up as approver in March 2026.

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alford Valley Community Railway

I report on the accounts of the charity for the 12 months ended 31st March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Gordon Gunn

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: AAT

Address: 48 Main Street, Alford AB33 8PX

Date: 27th May 2026

Signature: