

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: SC788483 (Scotland)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 053252

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025
for
Brechin Railway Preservation Society
Limited

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**Chairman's Report
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

2025 witnessed a period of change for the society following initial setup. Work to formalise internal management structures and progress acquisition of the Brechin railway assets from Angus Council stalled. This resulted in a change of board members towards the end of the period with subsequent refocus on objectives.

Work undertaken during the period consisted almost entirely of work surrounding broadening the museum and heritage assets with a view to engagement and communication of history of local railways in the context of local community development. Throughout the year a number of artefacts, printed materials, photographs, labels and tickets continued to be catalogued.

Attempts by the new board towards the end of the reporting period to formalise agreements with 3rd parties and ensure proper corporate governance resulted in a dispute with Caledonian Railway Brechin Ltd (CRB) regarding continued use of the charity assets. This deadlock could only be broken with court intervention, but this has now been largely resolved with an agreed separation of any BRPS activities from the CRB.

It is likely that the charity will no longer pursue the purchase of the Brechin railway assets from Angus Council and will instead seek to broaden the objectives of the charity to focus on the historical significance of railways in the Angus / North-East Scotland area.

The charity finished the year with a largely new and enthusiastic board that has a breadth of knowledge and experience reflective of the objectives of the charity and is in a very strong position to deliver these.

Chris Pegg - Chair

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**Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

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 December 2025. 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 charity is governed by a constitution which lays down the purpose and government.

The purpose of Brechin Railway Preservation society is to:

Promote the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science through the operation and / or support for operation of the heritage branch line at Caledonian Railway Brechin for the public benefit.

Promote the advancement of citizenship or community development, through engagement and support for local groups, with the general public and encouragement of all volunteering activity to support the operation of aforementioned railway.

Promote the advancement of education, available to the public, through the development of managed training and awareness delivered through online training, 'hands-on' training and mentoring from experienced and competent professionals. This will include the development and storage for access of reference material from historic technical documents and observations for maintenance and operation of aforementioned railway.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities surrounding the purchase of the track and buildings related to the Brechin Railway from Angus Council saw little progress during the period. The objective of the purchase was to allow the continued preservation and operation of the portion of the railway between Brechin and Bridge of Dun. There was also little progress to finalise internal working structures and agreements within the company. This resulted in a change of board leadership at the end of the period.

The charity was able to continue activity on the procurement of items relating to the railway at Brechin, Bridge of Dun and the former Caledonian Railway in the local Angus area. This has enabled the advancement of historical and general education to school groups and visitors.

The charity was also very fortunate to be able to secure a donation of a miniature traction engine from The National Trust for Scotland (NTS). This engine was previously used by the NTS but had fallen in to disuse due to a lack of expertise. The NTS donated it to the charity on the basis that it was maintained and kept largely in Angus.

As a result of the low activity during the year, there has been limited expenditure. The charity has very low operating costs relating largely to annual professional costs for audit, web hosting and other financial administration costs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity's reserves policy is to hold approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure to provide sufficient resources to meet ongoing projects.

The unrestricted & undesignated reserves as at 31st December 2025 amounted to £50,265 (2024: £104,414) which represents 23 months expected unrestricted expenditure.

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FUTURE PLANS

The new board have worked on development of a number of new standards, procedures and processes forming part of the newly established management system to ensure there is good corporate governance and compliance with legal requirements.

There has been a dispute with Caledonian Railway Brechin Ltd in 2026 (the following reporting period) relating to the formalisation of use of charity assets by CRB which has resulted in legal expenses. However, this is now expected to be resolved. This may result in a change in the specific delivery of one of the charitable objectives of the charity, but will not alter the overall objectives and direction of the charity.

Continued enhancements to the historical assets are to be undertaken and work has started on preservation and preparation of narrative histories for some of the charity's assets. This, along with ongoing engagement with local schools and groups will further enable the charitable aims of the company to be met.

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.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The initial Directors/Trustees are the subscribers to the Articles of Association and were nominated at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the former Brechin Railway Preservation Society.

Future Directors / Trustees will be elected at the AGM in accordance with the provisions contained in the Articles of Association.

In addition, the Board may, from time to time, co-opt Directors/Trustees again in accordance with the provisions contained in the Articles of Association.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the risks which the charitable company faces and confirms that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen those risks. The main risk to the charity currently is as a result of being unable to formalise unwritten agreements with CRB and the resultant separation. This is now considered to be largely resolved and the charity will assess the impact on any changes to our objectives as a result.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC788483 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

053252

Registered office

18 St. David Street
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Trustees

R F Grace
P J Farquhar (resigned 15.11.25)
C M Pegg
J D Gill
P Vincent (resigned 28.1.25)
J Cunningham (appointed 2.12.25)
J Scott (appointed 2.12.25)
K A Alexander (appointed 3.12.25)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Atkinson Donnelly LLP
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on29th September 2026..... and signed on its behalf by:

Jon Gill

.....
J D Gill - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Brechtin Railway Preservation Society
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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages six to thirteen.

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 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 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 the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as 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

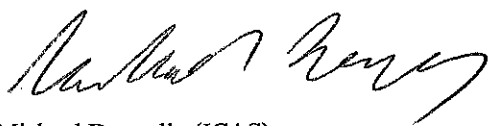
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

(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; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 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.



Michael Donnelly (ICAS)
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date: 29/09/2026

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

		Year Ended 31.12.25 Unrestricted funds £	Period 7.11.23 to 31.12.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		77,411	121,030
Other trading activities	2	11,018	-
Total		88,429	121,030
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities		26,617	2,371
 NET INCOME		61,812	118,659
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		118,659	-
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		180,471	118,659

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2025**

	Notes	31.12.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	130,206	14,244
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	7	-	88,050
Investments	8	1,000	-
Cash at bank		50,796	17,894
		<u>51,796</u>	<u>105,944</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,531)	(1,529)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>50,265</u>	<u>104,415</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>180,471</u>	<u>118,659</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>180,471</u>	<u>118,659</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>180,471</u>	<u>118,659</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>180,471</u>	<u>118,659</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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.

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**Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2025**

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 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
J D Gill - Trustee

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

1. 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 the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', 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 cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in 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.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on reducing balance
Plant and machinery	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Computer equipment	- 10% on reducing balance

Stocks

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

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.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 7.11.23 to 31.12.24 £
Fundraising events	<u>11,018</u>	<u>-</u>

3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 7.11.23 to 31.12.24 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>13,095</u>	<u>694</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees Jonathan Gill and Roger Grace were reimbursed during the period for expenses of £4,856 and £611 respectively.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for in the year ended 31 December 2024.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	<u>121,030</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activities	<u>2,371</u>
NET INCOME	<u>118,659</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>118,659</u></u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 January 2025	10,000	500	4,363	75	14,938
Additions	-	20,205	108,757	95	129,057
At 31 December 2025	10,000	20,705	113,120	170	143,995
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2025	200	50	436	8	694
Charge for year	196	1,571	11,312	16	13,095
At 31 December 2025	396	1,621	11,748	24	13,789
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2025	9,604	19,084	101,372	146	130,206
At 31 December 2024	9,800	450	3,927	67	14,244

7. STOCKS

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Stocks	-	88,050

8. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Unlisted investments	1,000	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Accrued expenses	1,531	1,529

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	104,414	74,907	(129,056)	50,265
Fixed assets	14,245	(13,095)	129,056	130,206
	118,659	61,812	-	180,471
TOTAL FUNDS	118,659	61,812	-	180,471

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	88,429	(13,522)	74,907
Fixed assets	-	(13,095)	(13,095)
	<u>88,429</u>	<u>(26,617)</u>	<u>61,812</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>88,429</u>	<u>(26,617)</u>	<u>61,812</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	104,414	104,414
Fixed assets	14,245	14,245
	<u>118,659</u>	<u>118,659</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>118,659</u>	<u>118,659</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	106,091	(1,677)	104,414
Fixed assets	14,939	(694)	14,245
	<u>121,030</u>	<u>(2,371)</u>	<u>118,659</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>121,030</u>	<u>(2,371)</u>	<u>118,659</u>

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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 7.11.23 to 31.12.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	77,411	121,030
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	11,018	-
Total incoming resources	88,429	121,030
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Advertising	1,045	-
Insurance	182	-
Professional fees	445	-
Charitable donations	200	-
Event costs - venue	2,217	-
Event costs - security	901	113
Event costs - entertainment	6,458	-
Freehold property	196	-
Plant and machinery	1,571	-
Fixtures and fittings	11,312	-
Computer equipment	16	-
IT costs	532	-
	25,075	113
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	12	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,530	1,564
Freehold property	-	200
Plant and machinery	-	58
Fixtures and fittings	-	436
	1,530	2,258
Total resources expended	26,617	2,371
Net income	61,812	118,659

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements