

# OSCr

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	04	2023	To	31	03	2024

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

SC047437

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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rob Bowater	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 to 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

The club is a Scottish Charitable Unincorporated Association, which was registered in its current form on 22 May 2017. It is governed in accordance with its constitution.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the constitution, which provides that the club Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be trustees along with up to three additional trustees. Such persons are elected at the club's Annual General Meeting, and any vacancies arising during the year are filled by the committee co-opting a suitable club member until the following AGM. The AGM is normally held on the last Monday in May.

## Objectives and activities

### Charitable purposes

To advance education, heritage, and science, and provide recreational facilities and activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the public benefit, by:

- (a) Encouraging participation in, and enjoyment of, railway modelling and to display model railways to members of the public.
- (b) Developing and expanding the understanding, application and knowledge of the skills required to build and operate model railways.
- (c) Providing opportunity to exchange ideas and knowledge of model building in a social, constructive, and enjoyable environment.
- (d) applying the use of historical research, photographic evidence, etc. to enhance the building of model railways.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The club operates a clubhouse containing numerous model railway layouts which are operational or under construction, along with workshop facilities and a library/meeting room which are used for the aforementioned purposes. Additionally, the club exhibits model railway layouts and related materials at model railway exhibitions and community events. The club runs its own open days and exhibitions throughout the year.

The club is undertaking the design and construction of 5 layouts for exhibiting at future annual exhibitions of our own and other UK model railway clubs, all 3 of which should be complete and ready to be used this year. A number of these other clubs are also OSCR registered charities.



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### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

This year the club has seen significant progress yet again, renovation and upgrading of the club's facilities have continued. We now have a raised storage area which has dramatically increased our storage capacity. This has increased our ability to store more materials and layouts, which has allowed us to begin planning and building even more layouts and exciting projects. As a result we currently have 5 layouts under construction which is the most the club has ever had in build at the one time. The club has also purchased 3 layouts in various stages of completion over the past year; One of these layouts was exhibition ready, and has already been showcased at events. The remaining two require some work, but we anticipate having them exhibition-ready within a year.

Our commitment to public and community engagement has also yielded positive results. Our second exhibition in Paisley proved to be a popular event, well-received by attendees. While attendance was impacted due to unfortunate weather conditions, we remain confident that this year's upcoming show will be even more successful.

Our commitment to community engagement has shown positive results. We've seen a significant increase in membership, likely due to our increased presence within the community and participation in events like our Paisley exhibition. To further connect with the wider model railway community, the club took the decision to rejoin the Association of Model Railway Societies in Scotland (AMRSS) at the last AGM. This reconnection has allowed us to return to Model Rail Scotland, a major exhibition in Glasgow, providing a valuable platform for showcasing our work and attracting new members.

### Financial review

#### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The club has in place a minimum bank balance of £5,000 to cover extraordinary costs or wind up costs. This is not specified in the constitution, but it is a long standing arrangement which predates the club becoming a charity, and the sum concerned can be altered by the trustees if deemed necessary. The trustees agreed to use these restricted funds to cover the extraordinary high gas bills which the club was hit with over the winter months. It was deemed that this was an appropriate use of the restricted funds and exactly why this fund was in place.

#### Details of any deficit

A deficit of £2,160 was incurred due to a massive increase in the cost of gas and electricity. There was nearly a £2,500 difference when comparing this financial year to the previous. The management committee are in the process of discussing alternative heating solutions and will have one in place for the next winter to reduce these running costs. Grants are also in the process of being finalised to ensure there is sufficient funding for next winter.

#### Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

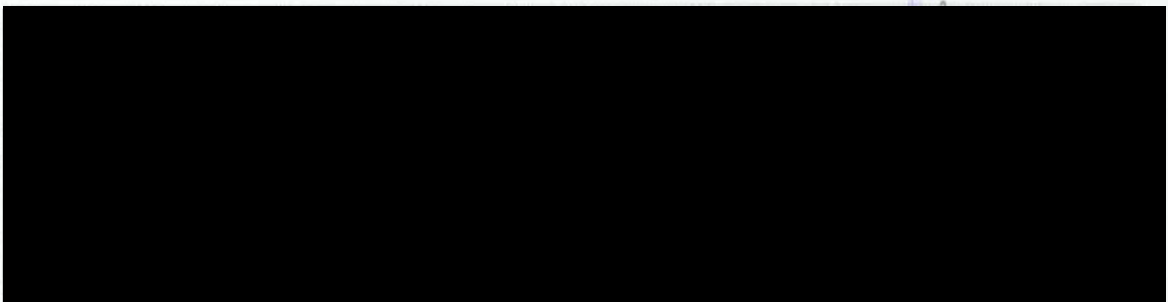
Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)



Position (e.g. Chair)	TREASURER	Trustee	
Date	27/5/24.	2/12/24	