Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2023		31	08	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Risborough & District Model Railway Club

Other names charity is known by R&DMRC, RDMRC

Registered charity number (if any) 1173659

Charity's principal address 12 Culverton Hill
Princes Risborough
Buckinghamshire
Postcode HP27 0DZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Wright	Chair		
2	James Aitken	Treasurer		
3	Roy Norton	Secretary		
4	Richard Neil			
5	Michael Moignard			
6	Tim Peacock			
7	Gary Day			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution supported by Club Rules (byelaws)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The policy for inducting new trustees follows Charity Commission guidance and is included in the Constitution.

The Club has a range of policies including safeguarding, social media, health & safety and data protection (GDPR).

The trustees hold regular scheduled meetings at which risks and risk management measures are reviewed.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Club are to advance public education, and foster a general interest, in model railways, prototype railways and allied pursuits and to encourage a high standard of railway modelling – in particular, amongst the members of the Club.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit, issued by the Charity Commission, when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance may be relevant. All trustees have read the guidance and take it into account at their regular meetings and in planning the organisation's activities.

The Club provides facilities to develop skills and knowledge to construct working railway models and to research prototype railways. It provides educational instruction on the methods and tools (e.g. electronics, metal working, computer assisted design (CAD), laser cutting, 3D printing, soldering etc.) to develop scale models. The Club also holds skills workshops, led by experts, and educational talks on both the operation of prototype & model railways and the history of railways and allied transport systems.

The Club organises model railway exhibitions and educational visits and supports local events. Collectively and individually, members give talks, contribute to railway magazine articles and railway related websites and blogs.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Club continued to hold regular weekly meetings, which the public may attend, to further its objectives of fostering a general interest, in model railways, prototype railways and allied pursuits and encouraging a high standard of railway modelling.

Also, in line with its public benefit objectives, the Club held a number of exhibitions during the year – September (Haddenham), February (Princes Risborough) and May (Aylesbury). These provided a range of inspirational, high quality model railway layouts, practical skills demonstrations and an environment to learn more about railway modelling and prototype railways. About 2500 members of the public attended.

In July the club held a free-to-enter open day in support of the Princes Risborough Festival. We provided demonstrations of railway modelling, opportunities for hands-on train operation and historical and modelling information on local railways. This contributed to the objectives of advancing public education, and fostering a general interest, in model and prototype railways. About 100 members of the public attended.

In March, the club hosted a talk, open to the public, by well-known railway modeller Martin Goodall. The club also held a competition, judged by Martin, to encourage and inspire high quality railway modelling. About 30 people attended.

The Club continued to use Facebook and its free-to-view YouTube channel to maintain contact, provide advice and demonstrate modelling techniques. The Facebook Page has more than 260 followers and the YouTube channel currently has 45 videos containing demonstrations, inspirational model railways etc. There are currently over 500 subscribers, and the channel has been viewed 76,328 times.

The Club produced a free, quarterly publication “Footplate” containing instructive modelling items, Club news and details of relevant model railway and prototype railway events.

During the year we ran a number of workshops on model tree making and Digital Command and Control (DCC) layout operating systems. There were about 25 attendees.

Club members also supported other Clubs and organisations by exhibiting their model railway layouts and providing demonstrations, lectures, talks and tutorials.

These activities contributed to the objectives of advancing public education and of developing and sharing skills and knowledge to construct working railway models and to research prototype railways.

During the year the Club signed an Agreement with Quainton Railway Society to establish a permanent Club building at the Bucks Railway Centre at Quainton, Bucks. This will enable the development of a range of collaborative activities of mutual benefit to both charities.

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Section D Achievements and performance

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Club's policy on reserves is to retain adequate funds to meet ongoing liabilities and to accumulate sufficient funds to establish the Club in permanent premises at Bucks Railway Centre to enable the Club to enhance and extend its charitable activities.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	*R A Norton*	
Full name(s)	Roy Norton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	

Date 21 October 2024