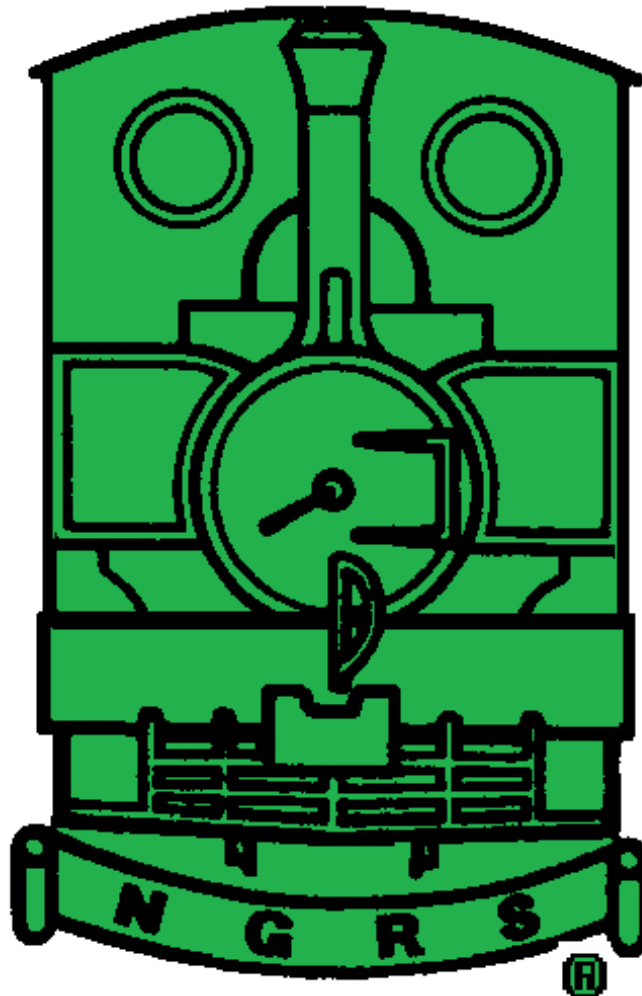


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**7th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY as a Company Limited by
Guarantee
and the
72nd Annual General Meeting of the
NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY since its formation**

13th May 2023 at 15:00 at Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway



AGENDA
7th AGM OF THE NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY
as a Company Limited by Guarantee
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72nd AGM of the Society since its formation

**To be held on 13th May 2023 at 15:00 at Loco Shed, Bredgar and Wormshill
Light Railway, The Warren, Stanton Street, Sittingbourne ME9 8AT**

Informal business and reports from Directors, Officers and other groups

1. Apologies for absence
2. Proxies and other voting clarifications
3. Minutes of 2021 AGM
4. Questions arising from Director's and Committee Officer's Reports
5. Questions arising from Local Area Group Secretary's Reports

Formal business of the Narrow Gauge Railway Society as a Limited Company

6. Acceptance of Company Accounts
7. Election of Directors

Other informal business

8. Committee Officers
9. Next Year's AGM
10. Any Other Business

Copies of the reports prepared by the Directors and Officers, other groups, the Company Accounts and Director Nominations will be available in advance from the Societies Website or by request from the Secretary.

REPORTS FOR 7th AGM OF THE NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY as a Company Limited by Guarantee and the 72nd AGM of the Society since its formation



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Wormshill Light Railway, The Warren, Stanton Street, Sittingbourne**

Apologies for absence

Ken Matticks, Brian Hillsdon, Roger Jermy, Peter Lea, Norman Drake, Robert Griffiths, N J Hill, Mike Jackson,

Minutes of 2022 AGM

See Appendix C.

Committee Reports

Chairman's Report

Firstly, welcome to everyone who has made the long journey (for those of us from beyond London) to Kent; and welcome also to those who join us via technology on Teams. I know on-line presence lacks the personal contact of physical presence, but it does enable participation from those who for whatever reason cannot travel.

Teams technology also makes running the Society a little easier. At our last committee meeting before today, we were split 50/50 on-line and in person.

Which leads me to raising the issue of administration of the NGRS. I have been involved for over 30 years, and it is more difficult now than it has ever been, in a number of ways.

We are lucky to have an excellent committee, but when a member decides to move on, recruitment of a replacement is often extremely difficult. There is usually just one volunteer, often after a period of months – we have, for example, been trying for two years to find a successor to our secretary *Steve Barber*, so far without success. It would be possible to split this job into two - any offers?

It is difficult to comprehend why an organization which includes a high percentage of retired people struggles to attract volunteers.

The level of bureaucracy has also increased – as it seems to have done in every area of life – and it does not help when outside organizations we have to employ are plainly incompetent, as we have recently experienced.

Inflation is also, inevitably in the current circumstances, a problem – particularly print and postage, our two main costs. In the past two years we have produced more issues of TNG and larger issues of NGN than ever before, funded partly by bequests made specifically to benefit members.

However, that situation has ended, and we are now faced with a tough choice: continue to overspend our income and reduce our reserves, or cut back on services to members, particularly in the size of publications. The answer probably involves an element of both options.

Certainly the £2 subscription increase imposed for this year's renewals will have to be followed by another next year if we are to become financially viable. Having said that, we remain in a reasonably healthy position.

Having explored some difficulties, let's look on the bright side.

Our two journals continued as strongly as ever, and thanks are due to all the editors for their hard work and to contributors to supporting us.

Maintaining membership numbers is our main priority, and although there are inevitably losses at each renewal, we seem to be able to attract replacements. Expansion, especially by through attracting a younger generation to safeguard our future is another ambition. We know that young people are particularly unlikely to join clubs and



societies in an IT dominated world - this is an issue affecting every organization such as ours. We do not have an energetic marketing plan – again, lack of a volunteer.

The library, our great and underused resource, has continued to make progress in cataloguing and digitalizing our irreplaceable collections vast collection of prints, slides, and negatives. Progress on a permanent home seems as far away as ever.

I will end, as always, with thanks to all those who have played a part in the life of the society in the past year – directors, committee members, volunteers and contributors to both magazines.

Alan Burgess

Treasurer's Report (Appendix A)

During 2022 *Steve Moore* and I continued to jointly undertake the Treasurer role pending the appointment of a new Treasurer, with *Steve* undertaking the day-to-day banking tasks and me pulling together the accounts, working with our accountant. I am very pleased to say that we have a new Treasurer, *Daren Chandler*, and he is gradually taking on the task, hindered greatly by the inability of NatWest Bank to provide the necessary account accesses. This will be the last year that we use Sage and Nigel Ricks and Co. to produce our accounts, as *Daren* will be using QuickBooks and an accountant local to him.

Turning to the accounts, in overview we continue to spend more than our income, a position that cannot continue indefinitely. The modest increase in subscription rates may help, but this does of course depend on the rate of inflation, particularly with regard to increases in postage and printing costs, and whether increased subscription rates lead to members not renewing. The accounts for 2022 show a Deficit of £10,880 on a Turnover of £36,301 and Net Current Assets at end December 2022 stand at £74,234 compared with the December 2021 figure of £84,922 (down £10,688).

The significant variances between 2021 and 2022 (see page 10 of the Accounts) are explained as follows:

Turnover

2022 higher than 2021 (£36,301 v £30,685) because of an increase in visits income and successful auctions of surplus books and publications.

Costs of Sales

The difference in magazine, delivery and packaging costs (TNG and NGN) taken together between the years is explained as follows: an increase in page count for NGN and an increase in cost per unit from the printers and for postage is more than offset by the decrease in TNG issues from 9 in 2021 to 7 in 2022. The individual lines of entry cannot be compared because of differences with cost allocation in Sage between 2021 and 2022.

Administrative Expenses

The library cost figure for 2022 comprises running costs for 2022 at much the same level as 2021 but in addition to this there is a 'one off' charge to cover most of the remaining 10-year prepayment (made nearly a decade ago) to Apedale to cover rent for the library. The intention going forward is to pay rent on an annual basis.

Interest

Increase due to higher interest rates.

I am happy to answer any high-level questions at the AGM and go through the accounts in detail outside the meeting with anyone who is interested!

I wish Daren well going forward.

Robert Watson

Secretary's Report

This is only the second time since 2019 that we have been permitted to meet at a physical location and to see each other in person, however one of the upshots of the previous virtual AGM's, is that we have been requested to facilitate simultaneously having online delegates at the meeting, which means that it will be possible for overseas members to join us. We are using this again today, and hopefully the technology will work successfully.

Both the current financial crisis and the recent difficult years have resulted in us reaching out to the many of you who are online and over 91% of you have registered to receive NGRS emails; we are happy for you to use a friend or relative's email, so if you would like to join in please contact *Jill Everitt* to register. This does not mean that we will withdraw any of our printed or postal services for those that continue to use them.



I would like to thank those of you who are not present but have taken the effort to vote as this provides feedback as to your feelings in respect of our management of the Society.

The corporate aspects of the Society (Company Limited by Guarantee) are now well established and there have been no recent changes to statute that affect us.

In the last 12 months I have dealt with around 2,000 pieces of correspondence, fortunately many of these have been internal to the Committee and have been part of normal administration.

There have also been no GDPR issues, which is the result of us becoming more familiar with the restrictions that this legislation imposes.

There have been two Committee meetings in the last 12 months, one at the previous AGM and one in Leighton Buzzard, though the most recent has benefited from being a hybrid virtual meeting, for me these virtual meetings are great, as they can be recorded so I don't need to take minutes during the meeting.

Many of you may have noticed that I have announced my intent to step down from the role of Secretary and several adverts have appeared for my replacement; suffice to say that I do not wish to let the Society down and I am continuing as Assistant Secretary until a replacement can be found. The Society must have a Company Secretary to operate so I look forward to passing the mantle to someone else.

Finally, I would like to state what a pleasure it has been to work with my fellow Directors and executive members during my tenure and I hope that my successor will have an equally fulfilling and pleasurable experience.

Steve Barber

Membership Secretary's Report

During the 2022 membership year the Society received 87 new membership applications, a good increase overall, but down on the bumper recruitment of 116 achieved during 2021.

While there is no indication of exactly why there has been a drop in applications it may be partly due to the fact that:

- The Publicity Officer role remains vacant thereby stalling any recruitment drive.
- There have been limited opportunities to take the Society Sales Stand to events this year which perhaps has somewhat lowered the profile of our activities.

Comparing current renewals against the corresponding period last year membership members appear to be holding steady. Interestingly, the majority of new members join the Society based upon existing member or friend recommendations.

At mid-April 36 members have resigned with another 158 members who have not made their renewal intentions clear. Final membership renewal numbers will not be available until after the AGM and final expiry notices are actioned.

Yet again there has been a generous level of financial donations to the Society during the annual membership renewal process currently standing at £1,071. On behalf of the Society many thanks for your generosity.

Jill Everitt

THE NARROW GAUGE Editor's Report

After two years in which the number of articles reaching the editorial office set an all time record – matched by the size and number of issues of TNG produced – 2022 was a much quieter year.

This was undoubtedly because many members spent lockdown researching and writing those articles they always meant to produce, but never found the time until forced to stay indoors.

Less material reached us in 2022, but we still printed seven issues of TNG, including special issues covering the Manchester Corporation Waterworks railway in Longdendale by *Robert Nicholls* and *Mike Swift*; *Iain Logie's* account of the Gezira Light Railway in the Sudan; and a review of Miniature Railways in 2021 by *Jonathan James*.

Incoming material has slowed, but I still have a reasonably healthy backlog. Certainly, there will be fewer issues this year, and pagination of them will be reduced, for financial reasons as well as a reduction in available material.

I believe that the quality of material last year matched the quantity, and I do not have to reiterate my usual plea for more UK content.



However, we still do not receive many historical articles on industrial narrow gauge in the UK. Can we persuade members to dig out pictures and notes and share them for all of us to enjoy? There must be memories of industrial lines, and also the early days of preservation: please consider writing a piece for us.

My thanks as always to members who have provided articles for The Narrow Gauge, and particularly those who sent their first texts during Covid. Do please carry on, we rely on you absolutely.

Alan Burgess

NARROW GAUGE NEWS Editors' Reports

(a) Editor's Report

Since the last AGM, six issues of Narrow Gauge News have been produced. My colleagues who edit sections of the publication are, of course, invaluable: *Alan Burgess* edits the Overseas section and *Gerry Balding* the British narrow gauge; *Graham Feldwick* continues to produce an outstanding Archaeology and History section and *Les Tindall* is continuing the Modelling section.

Jonathan James, who has edited the Miniature Gauges section so efficiently, had to stand down, at least for a time, in January because of a family tragedy; we send him and his family our heartfelt sympathy and best wishes.

I have been blessed with replies to my appeals for new proof-readers. Although *Gerry Balding* and *Alan Burgess* proof-read each edition, we have now recruited two independent checkers: *Bob Valentine* and *Tim Long*. I sincerely hope and expect that there will be far fewer errors in NGN in future.

In 2022-3 there have been issues of 48, 60, 60, 64, 40 and 36 pages. The considerable increase since last year reflects the improved travel prospects enthusiasts have after the COVID restrictions. Although our winter pages have remained the same, our summer printings have been well up. And all this even though we use nine-point type!

Once again, may I encourage all members to send in reports and photos, however basic, so that we can present a true picture of society activity and so that we may all get pleasure from relaxing with a good read.

The final editing of NGN still takes about a week of work. The section editors do a great deal too. I am willing to continue for a while if the membership so wish.

Paul Bennett

(b) UK and Ireland News Editor's Report

I would like to thank everyone who has been so helpful over the past year, including all the NGN Editorial Team, and to all the NGRS members who have submitted reports and photos.

It has been another interesting year with new build locomotives on the way, extensions to lines and some excellent restoration work. Despite wider challenges facing the heritage railway community, the narrow gauge scene is vibrant and making strides forward.

We are well served by news and reports from English and Welsh heritage railways (although there are still a few notable exceptions). A number of railways have been very helpful in supplying reports and photos on request. This has proved successful as they recognise the value of the publicity their reports and photos in Narrow Gauge News can provide. I would like to thank them for their contributions and wish them every success.

Finally, I would please ask all members that when visiting railways or special events (or even volunteering on railways) to take the time to send me a brief report and photos for inclusion in Narrow Gauge News describing what was seen or any interesting news or observations. It is these reports which are the lifeblood of the section.

I look forward to working again with you all over the coming year.

Gerry Balding

(c) Miniature News Editor's Report

Report not currently available

Jonathan James

(d) Overseas Editor's Report

After two years of restrictions on travel caused by Covid, and an inevitable reduction in reports from abroad, 2022 felt almost normal. Although the number of reports received did not match that in pre-Covid years, we were able to produce a balanced view of activity around the world.

Our thanks as always to all the members, based in the UK and elsewhere, who take the trouble to write about their experiences. We rely on them absolutely. Thanks also to Paul Bennett for continuing to produce such a colourful publication

Alan Burgess



(e) Archaeology & History Editor's Report

As always thank you to all who have sent reports from visits, and historical information and photographs of former narrow gauge and miniature railways, during the past year. Together these ensure that the Archaeology & History (A & H) Section of each edition of NGN is always wide-ranging, which I trust is of interest to everyone.

Whilst today the use of narrow gauge is most likely to be found on a preserved railway or heritage site, it was once applied in many situations from extensive passenger-carrying lines through to complex industrial layouts, or just a simple line to transport materials from one point to another. The remains of many narrow gauge railways can still be found in the form of trackbeds, buildings, and even the occasional length or two of track set in a roadway or path and left when everything else was cleared. Additionally, many an industry has been commemorated by the local preservation of a wagon from their system, and none more so than the coal industry, where former mines or mining towns and villages across the country have a preserved narrow gauge tub as a reminder of the past.

Often the best way to explore the UK's lesser and largely unreported narrow gauge railway past is to start by looking at old large-scale OS maps, which are freely available on the internet. Information and photographs held by local museums is another good source. Why not try this for the area where you live, or for a holiday destination, and see what you can discover and, of course, don't forget to send in your report afterwards! I am also always pleased to try to help out with any queries where I can.

Exploring the world of narrow gauge railways, whether present or past, and understanding how and why they came about is always fascinating. Happy hunting!

Graham Feldwick

(f) Modelling Secretary's Report

The amount of copy for the modelling section in each NGN has been variable as, like all sections, I am reliant on reports and photos sent in by members, but I want to say thank you to the regular contributors.

When there are few reports, I have managed to "bulk" it out with the Exhibition Diary and New Product News.

An area that has seen very little from contributors is a "how I built it" in some detail. Can I put out a request for anyone to send in such information, even if the particular model is not finished. This could include non-railway items such as buildings and scenery. This, I feel, would encourage more to try modelling narrow gauge.

Leslie Tindall

(g) Event Diary Editor's Report

It is pleasing to see a number of railways returning to pre-pandemic operations, including special events, although the number of events is still down on pre-pandemic levels, probably due to (increasing) concerns about the price and availability of coal.

A number of railways are still taking a short notice approach to timetabling and special events this year, so just because an event isn't listed in its "traditional" date slot in Event Diary doesn't mean it won't be held. Therefore, the advice has to be that it is always worth keeping an eye on railways' websites and social media before travelling.

Iain McCall

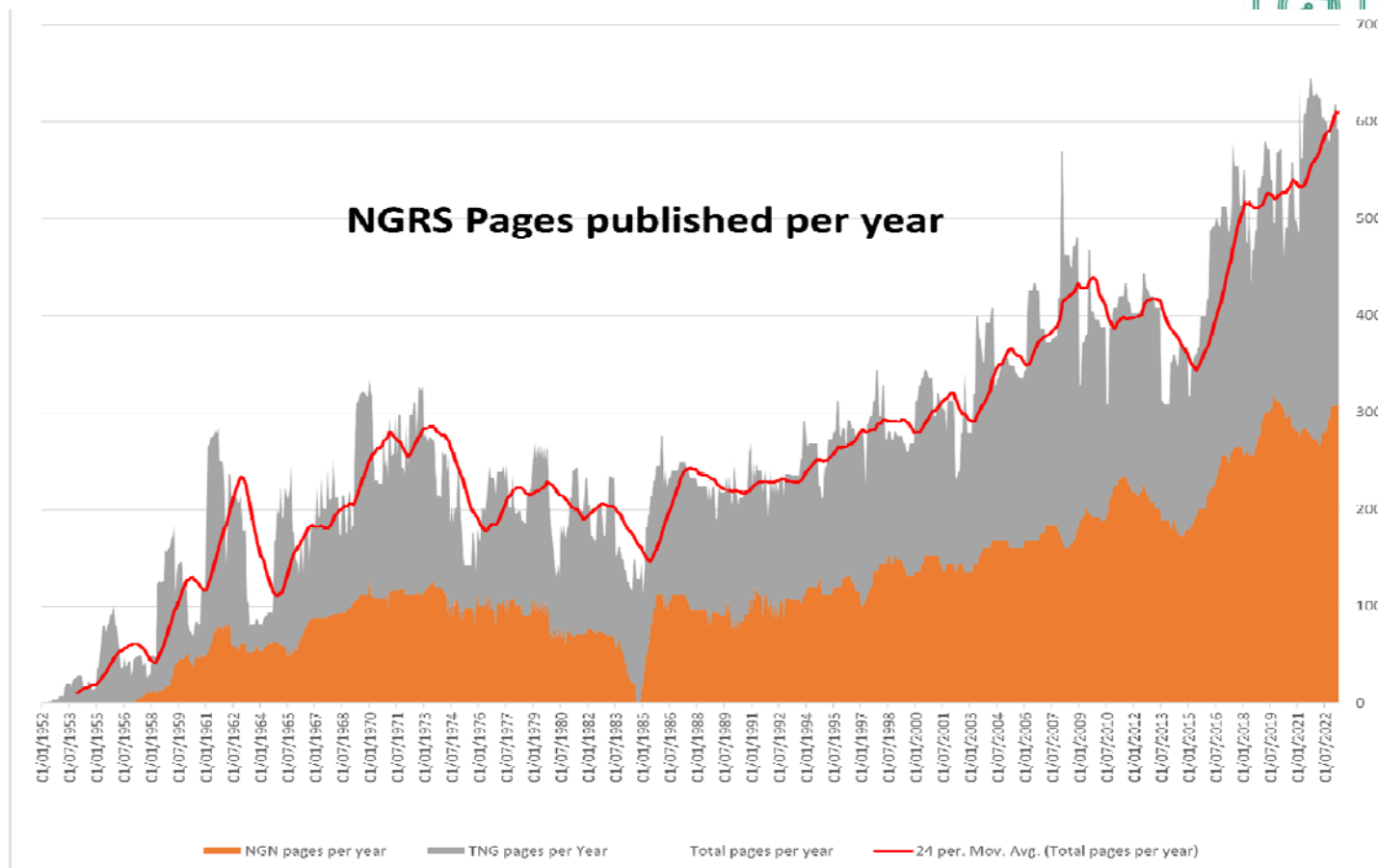
Sales Officer's Report

Report not currently available

Dan Holbrook

Publishing Report

Details included in the Editors Reports above



Steve Barber

Legal Assistant's Report

Once again, there were no significant legal matters referred to the Legal Assistant since the last report to the membership.

No legal action has been undertaken on the lease of library space from Moseley Railway Trust.

Ken Matticks

Librarian's Report

2022 to 2023 was another busy year for the Library team; covid restrictions finally enabled more frequent visits to the Library building at Apedale, and great progress has been made in sorting the collections, and in accessioning new gifts and legacies.

As always, I thank my colleagues *Iain Logie* and *Martin O'Keefe*, who are frequent and very busy visitors to Apedale, carrying out a huge amount of valuable work both there and at home. We are also assisted by *Stephen Teather* and *Brian Hillsdon* and [any other names you want to include Martin?]

The volume of new material gifted to the Library was not quite as high as previous years, which were exceptional, but we continued to receive a good range of books and magazines. Where this duplicates material already in the Library we retain the best quality and offer duplicates for sale to members through occasional sales via NGN, which has been a very helpful source of funds in the year under review. We must mention the huge gift by *Graham Briden*, a long time member of both the NGRS and the Ffestiniog Railway Society, a very large car load of books and magazines with a particular focus on the Ffestiniog, divided between us and the FRS.

We are very grateful for all these donations which continue to maintain your Library as the best on the narrow gauge in the UK.

We also buy selectively new books as they appear on the market – though alas, book prices are suffering from considerable inflation -and we continue to try to provide via NGN reviews of most of those so members know what is there.

The Mosely Railway Trust and the Apedale Railway continue to be much appreciated hosts and helpers to us; we are most grateful to them for their friendship and assistance. We occupy two rooms in their services building, which are full, though a vigorous de-duplication programme created a little space. We have the adjacent climate managed shipping container, which also has been slightly decluttered. As we flagged before, we have some concerns over the long term



health of the collection in the container, so we intend to step-up digitalisation of the microfiche and of the original drawings collection and then if we can, move some of the rarely accessed material to a local secure storage facility for safer storage. The plans for a new museum building incorporating a new Library have become somewhat becalmed with covid and other factors, but hopefully will soon resume.

This year we again have a few open days for members to call in and see what the Library holds, which will be advertised in NGN. We look forward to seeing you then, or by appointment.

In April this year *Martin O'Keefe* took over as Librarian; he has been involved with the Library for many years and is a perfect appointment. I have to step down due to very happy family reasons but have greatly enjoyed been involved over the last four years, and again must thank *Iain* and *Martin* for their great support.

Peter Wilson

Assistant Librarian's Report

Included in librarian's Report

Vacant Position

Film & Video Archivist's Report

Report not currently available

Mike Jackson

Webmaster's Report

Running the website and other digital content for the NGRS is always a tricky balance. When I send out digital copies every two months I get such lovely responses from members, but always with the strong undertone of how valued the printed version is and often a direct plea not to take it away and replace it with a purely electronic version.

I am, therefore, very clear my role as Webmaster is to enhance membership rather than revolutionise it which does bring about its own challenges because. Generally enhancements mean either more money or more time needs to be spent, and considering how well the rest of the committee undertake their roles, the last thing I want to do is disrupt them.

That said, there are plans afoot. The new website has settled in nicely over the last year or so and in the background there are a few features in final testing, including an online archive of previous publications and an enhanced rail guide for members. Because these features are for members only, the biggest challenge will be providing login details to all of you as members to allow you to access the information and integrating this with the data held in member-mojo is the final stage of that. Look out for more info in the coming months.

Neil Limbrick

Facebook Administrator's Report

The NGRS Facebook group has continued to experience growth and a high level of activity in 2023. Currently, we have over 3,800 members, with approximately 2,200 being active in the last 28 days (as of 13th April). In the same period, there were over 100 posts on a variety of topics, including a photo of the new build FfR Fairlie and reports from Apedale, Amerton and Bala railways.

We are committed to continuing using the Facebook group and page to promote the society to non-members, and we are actively working on creating engaging content to attract new members. We believe that Facebook remains an important tool to reach a wider audience and build our community.

As always, I am grateful for the support of my enthusiastic co-administrator, *Simon Guppy*. Together, we ensure that the group is well-moderated and that all posts and new members are approved in a timely manner.

While Facebook is just one of many ways to access news and content on our subject matter, we believe that it is an important platform for our society. We look forward to continuing to grow our presence on Facebook and to provide valuable content for our members and non-members alike.

Chris Roberts

Visits Reports

(a) National Visit's Officer's Report

During 2022, we have delivered 18 visits, spread over a 5 month period. These have comprised 4 visits over the AGM weekend in May; another 4 over the 70th Anniversary weekend in July; a couple of Open Days to which the Society was invited; a joint visit with the Industrial Railway Society; and 7 stand-alone visits to a variety of railways.

Overall, we attracted a total of 391 bookings, with several members attending multiple visits.

From a financial point of view, visits have shown a "surplus" of about £120; this is, however, offset by the costs of (a) dealing with online transactions, and (b) printing paper inserts for NGN. This figure excludes the free visits provided for the AGM weekend, and for the 70th Anniversary weekend.



It was disappointing that there was a higher than usual number of cancellations and “no shows”, both over the AGM weekend, and over the 70th Anniversary weekend; it is thought that the provision of free visits was a contributory factor to the high cancellation rate. This has been discussed at a Committee Meeting, and it has been agreed that the Society will no longer provide free visits (other than entry to the AGM site).

Overall, we are seeing around 85% of bookings made by Membermojo, and only 15% via paper booking forms. Breaking the latter down further, there have only been 13 members using paper booking forms during 2022 (quite a few making multiple bookings). We will continue to promote visits (a) via e-mails to members for whom we hold an e-mail address, and (b) via printed inserts with NGN; however, we will continue to keep the costs of producing the printed inserts down to a minimum.

I am pleased to have the additional assistance with visit organisation from *Martin Wootten* and *Terry Burnett*, together, we are forming an effective Visits Team, and the input from both *Martin* and *Terry* in preparing the ground for visits has been extremely valuable.

The 2023 Visits Season is already off to a good start, with a very enjoyable weekend of visits in North Yorkshire having taken place at the end of March. A good selection of visits is planned for the rest of the year.

I have also been organising the Annual General Meeting and associated visits for 2022 and 2023. However, given the amount of work involved in visit organisation in the early part of the year, I have informed my fellow Directors that I wish to step back from that role in the future. I am, nevertheless, happy to support whoever takes on this role in the future, especially with taking bookings for AGM weekend events.

Simon Guppy

(b) Visits Officer South Report

I joined up with National Visits Officer *Simon Guppy* in July 2022 and started off by submitting a list of 43 narrow gauge and miniature railways which were predominantly private lines as I believed these were the type of railways that our members would most appreciate visiting.

After some further discussion between *Simon* and myself another 17 railways were added making up a total of 60 railways. We split these equally between the two of us and we agreed who would contact which railway.

Generally, the majority of railway owners were on the whole very friendly and welcoming with only about 10% of railways emailed not responding at all.

Simon and I have made preliminary visits to 4 different railways to meet the owners or club chairman and discuss with them what we would like to do on our respective visits, these visits also gave *Simon* the opportunity to carry out a risk assessment of each location and we finally concluded with agreeing a mutually convenient date with the owners.

From these visits we have had to delay planning an intended Devon Miniature Railway weekend due to fact Taunton MES whose growing facility which is extremely impressive, that it was not quite in a position to facilitate a visit until perhaps later in 2023.

So far, we have managed to promote visits to 19 different railways in 2023 and a few more may be added in the Autumn.

I have a list of some 10 new miniature railways which are in varying stages of construction and rest assured we have already discussed in principle visits with most of them. Some are still in embryonic stages of planning, so we watch and patiently wait.

There are also 2 new to me railways which I have found via YouTube videos, one of which has been built up during Covid and is based in Lincolnshire. I think that Kent and Lincolnshire must be the two hot bed counties for miniature railways currently.

There are plenty more private railways which we will be contacting to discuss potential visits for 2024.

Enjoy this year's visits and please let us have your comments on past visits and any potential new visits that you would like to see organised. Please contact us on visitsofficer@ngrs.org

Martin Wootten

(c) Visits Officer North Report

Report not currently available

Terry Burnett

Publicity/ Exhibition Officer's Report

Report not currently available



Director for the Membership's Report

It has been a quiet year, which is a good thing because it means everybody is happy...

Iain McCall

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Electronic Presence sub-Committee Report

Neil Limbrick put together a set of recommendations in 2021, regarding the potential for the use of Office 365 by Directors and Committee. This has now been presented to the Committee, along with an Implementation Plan.

Apart from the implementation of Office 365, the only remaining task for the Electronic Presence sub-committee is to engage with the Library, in order to understand their requirements

I believe that the Electronic Presence sub-committee has run its course and should now be disbanded. Unfortunately, it has become almost impossible to arrange quorate meetings, and this has impacted the sub-committee's effectiveness. I have recommended that Neil engage directly with the Library Team, in order to understand their requirements in the electronic arena. I am happy to support, if necessary, but I do not feel that this requires a full sub-committee.

Simon Guppy

Area Group Secretary's Reports

Lincolnshire Area

Report not currently available

Tim Hudson

London & Southern Area

No-one else has come forward to take over the running of the London & Southern Area, so the group remains in abeyance. I suspect the utility of those sort of gatherings may now have run its course, anyway where London is concerned. I note however that our WLLR partners in the erstwhile Keen House meetings have continued successfully with their Zoom meetings.

Peter Lemmey

Yorkshire Area

Report not currently available

David Charlesworth



Formal business of the Narrow Gauge Railway Society as a Limited Company.

Resolution

To accept the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2022 and the accountants report thereon and the directors' report.

As separate resolutions, to elect the following Members to act as directors of the company

Alan Burgess (Chairman, The Narrow Gauge Editor & Overseas News Editor (Narrow Gauge News))

Steve Barber (Assistant Company Secretary)

Paul Bennett (Narrow Gauge News Editor)

Jill Everitt (Membership Secretary)

Simon Guppy (Visits Officer)

Chris Roberts (Facebook Administrator)

Jonathan James (Miniature News Editor (Narrow Gauge News))

Iain McCall (Director for the Membership)

Gerry Balding (British and Irish Editor Narrow Gauge News)

Other Informal Business

Committee Officers

Officers

The Committee Officers are currently: *Daren Chandler* (Treasurer), *Martin O'Keeffe* (Librarian), *Mike Jackson* (Film and Video Archivist), *Graham Feldwick* (NGN Archaeology & History Editor), *Dan Holbrook* (Sales Officer), *Neil Limbrick* (Webmaster), *Ken Matticks* (Legal Assistant), *Leslie Tindall* (Modelling Secretary), *Steve Moore* (Auctions Assistant), *Terry Burnett* (Visit Officer North) and *Martin Wootten* (Visit Officer South).

Vacancies

Currently there are Vacancies for:

- Secretary
- Assistant Librarian
- Publicity Officer(s)
- Exhibitions Officer(s)

Next Year's AGM

Next year's AGM will be held on 11th May 2024, we are hoping that Vale of Rheidol Railway's new facilities will be available to host us

Any other Business.

Member Voting form Comments

Other than Apologies no Comments were received.

Appendix A

2022 Accounts



Registered number: 09925208



**NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



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**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Company Information
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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Secretary	Mr Stephen Barber
Company Number	09925208
Registered Office	246 Hillbury Road Warlingham Surrey CR6 9TP
Accountants	Nigel Ricks & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants 42 Glebe Street Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 1JR



Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Company No. 09925208
Directors' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mrs Jill Everitt
Mr Alan Burgess
Mr Stephen Barber
Mr Paul Bennett
Mr Simon Guppy
Mr Jonathan James
Mr Iain McCall
Mr Christopher Roberts
Mr Peter Haward Appointed 24/10/2022
Mr Gerry Balding Appointed 27/10/2022

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

Mr Stephen Barber

Director

Date



**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

Chartered Accountant's report to the directors on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, I have prepared for your approval the accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society For The Year Ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

This report is made solely to the directors of Narrow Gauge Railway Society, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the directors of Narrow Gauge Railway Society, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Narrow Gauge Railway Society and its directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Narrow Gauge Railway Society has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of Narrow Gauge Railway Society. You consider that Narrow Gauge Railway Society is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed

Date

Nigel Ricks & Company Ltd
Chartered Accountants
42 Glebe Street
Loughborough
Leicestershire
LE11 1JR



**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
TURNOVER		36,301	30,685
Cost of sales		(39,849)	(43,002)
GROSS DEFICIT		(3,548)	(12,317)
Administrative expenses		(8,356)	(4,159)
OPERATING DEFICIT		(11,904)	(16,476)
Other interest receivable and similar income		1,024	425
DEFICIT BEFORE TAXATION		(10,880)	(16,051)
Tax on Deficit		-	533
DEFICIT AFTER TAXATION BEING DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(10,880)	(15,518)

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.



**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2022**

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible Assets	3		250		250
Tangible Assets	4		30,470		30,662
			30,720		30,912
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	5	1,500		1,391	
Debtors	6	1,560		7,285	
Cash at bank and in hand		85,995		91,608	
		89,055		100,284	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	(14,821)		(15,362)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			74,234		84,922
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			104,954		115,834
NET ASSETS			104,954		115,834
Income and Expenditure Account			104,954		115,834
MEMBERS' FUNDS			104,954		115,834

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

On behalf of the board

Mr Stephen Barber

Director

Date

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.



Narrow Gauge Railway Society Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 section 1A Small Entities "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006

1.2. Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

Sale of goods

Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods has transferred to the buyer. This is usually at the point that the customer has signed for the delivery of the goods.

Rendering of services

Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs. Turnover is only recognised to the extent of recoverable expenses when the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably.

1.3. Intangible Fixed Assets and Amortisation - Other Intangible

Other intangible assets are It is amortised to income and expenditure account over its estimated economic life of years.

1.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold	25% Straight Line
Leasehold	Not Depreciated
Fixtures & Fittings	33% Straight Line

1.5. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads. Work-in-progress is reflected in the accounts on a contract by contract basis by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses.



Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

1.6. Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other year and items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on timing differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable timing differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible timing differences can be utilised. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax liabilities are presented within provisions for liabilities and deferred tax assets within debtors. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and asset reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Current or deferred tax for the year is recognised in profit or loss, except when they related to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

2. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Office and administration	9	9
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

3. Intangible Assets

	Other £
Cost	
As at 1 January 2022	250
As at 31 December 2022	<u>250</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2022	<u>250</u>
As at 1 January 2022	<u>250</u>



Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

4. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property			
	Freehold	Leasehold	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2022	30,302	617	1,754	32,673
As at 31 December 2022	30,302	617	1,754	32,673
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2022	-	617	1,394	2,011
Provided during the period	-	-	192	192
As at 31 December 2022	-	617	1,586	2,203
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2022	30,302	-	168	30,470
As at 1 January 2022	30,302	-	360	30,662

5. Stocks

	2022	2021
	£	£
Stock - materials and work in progress	1,500	1,391
	1,500	1,391

6. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	-	1,384
Prepayments and accrued income	1,340	1,217
Corporation tax recoverable assets	-	533
	1,340	3,134
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	220	4,151
	220	4,151
	1,560	7,285

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,061	2,602
Accruals and deferred income	12,760	12,760
	14,821	15,362



Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

8. Share Capital

9. General Information

Narrow Gauge Railway Society is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 09925208. The registered office is 246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9TP.



Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER				
Sales		36,301		30,685
COST OF SALES				
Opening stock and work in progress	1,391		-	
Magazine Costs	25,875		27,159	
Visit Costs	3,533		2,710	
Binders and Other Costs	58		460	
Cost of magazine delivery	10,242		8,497	
Packaging costs	250		5,567	
Closing stock and work in progress	(1,500)		(1,391)	
		(39,849)		(43,002)
GROSS DEFICIT		(3,548)		(12,317)
Administrative Expenses				
Insurance	1,485		1,535	
Committee Expenses	419		442	
Accountancy fees	948		271	
Professional fees	419		13	
Library Costs	4,475		1,072	
Bank charges	418		574	
Depreciation	192		252	
		(8,356)		(4,159)
OPERATING DEFICIT		(11,904)		(16,476)
Other interest receivable and similar income				
Interest on short term deposits	1,024		425	
		1,024		425
DEFICIT BEFORE TAXATION		(10,880)		(16,051)
Tax on Deficit				
Corporation tax charge	-		(533)	
		-		533
DEFICIT AFTER TAXATION BEING DEFICIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(10,880)		(15,518)



Registered number: 09925208

**NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Nigel Ricks & Company Ltd
Chartered Accountants
42 Glebe Street
Loughborough
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**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2022**

Registered number: 09925208

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible Assets	3		250		250
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			<u>30,720</u>		<u>30,912</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	5	1,500		1,391	
Debtors	6	1,560		7,285	
Cash at bank and in hand		85,995		91,608	
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Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	(14,821)		(15,362)	
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**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Balance Sheet (continued)
As at 31 December 2022**

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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 and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The company has taken advantage of section 444(1) of the Companies Act 2006 and opted not to deliver to the registrar a copy of the company's Income and Expenditure Account.

On behalf of the board

Mr Stephen Barber

Director

Date

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these financial statements.



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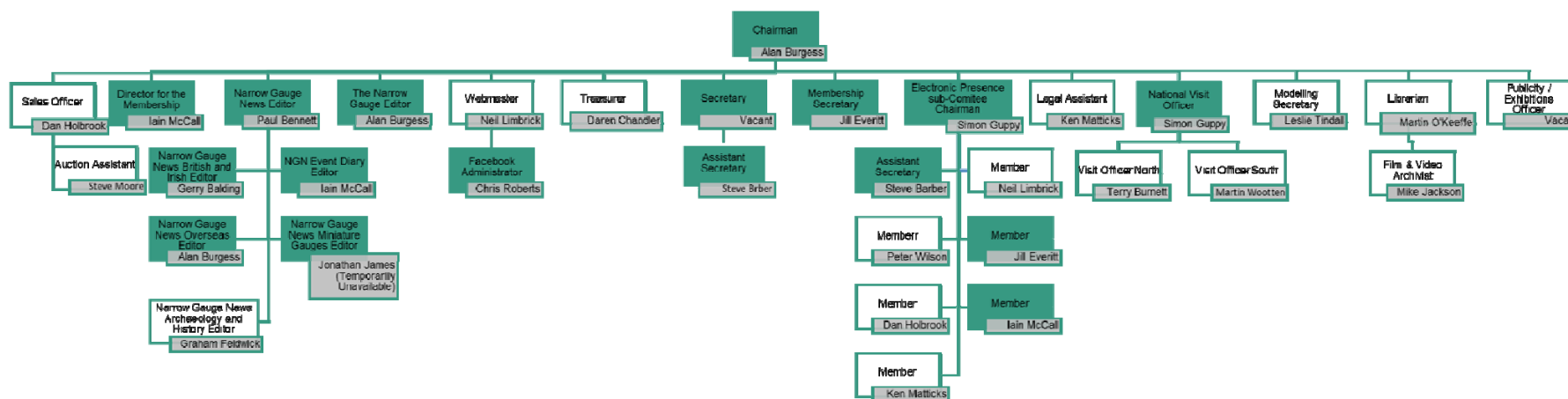
Directors, Committee Members & Vacancies 2023



Narrow Gauge Railway Society

Directors and Company Officers (13/05/2023) Proposed

subject to AGM election



Solid Shading indicates NGRS Company Director

NGRS DIRECTOR and COMPANY OFFICER CONTACT LIST – 13/05/2023 (Subject to AGM approval)



Chairman	Alan Burgess	Director	6 The Crescent, Orton Longueville, Peterborough. PE2 7DT	Chairman@ngrs.org
Secretary	Vacant			
Assistant Secretary	Steve Barber	Director	"Hillbury Cottage", 246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey. CR6 9TP	secretary@ngrs.org
Treasurer	Daren Chandler		11 Edwina Avenue, Minster on Sea, Sheerness, Kent ME12 2EB	Treasurer@ngrs.org
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Legal Assistant	Ken Matticks		3413 Fountain Way, Granbury Texas USA 76049	matticks@airmail.net



Society Officer Vacancies

The NGRS has a number of vacancies for people willing to help with the running of the Society. The duties are not greatly time-consuming and enthusiasm is more important than experience – help will always be available as you get to grips with the detail. Attending two committee meetings a year, one on the day of the AGM in May and the other in October are expected. Please contact Secretary: Steve Barber (246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9TP) or send an email to: secretary@ngrs.org or Alan Burgess (alanburgess390@outlook.com)

Secretary

Steve Barber has decided to retire as the NGRS Company Secretary, so we need a volunteer to take over his duties. – if you are interested, please contact either Steve Barber or Alan Burgess) for a full job description.

Whoever takes over will have the full support of Steve and other Directors and committee members during the handover period.

The role of the Company Secretary is wide ranging and he or she is required to be a Director and Society member. The role of the Company Secretary covers how the Society should be directed, managed, and controlled. This is also known as corporate governance, and it includes ensuring that the company complies with legal and regulatory requirements.

Assistant Librarian

The Assistant Librarian is responsible for assisting in the operation and management of the Society Library. There are a number of supporting members and the Assistant Librarian will also be involved in the Library management role, access to the collection at Apedale would be a considerable advantage, but may not be essential.

Publicity Officer(s)

1. We would like to recruit a Publicity Officer to progress the Society's image and presence. We have no fixed plan for this task, although attracting new members is the key objective and a knowledge of social media and PR would be important. Some liaison with the general railway press could also be required, as will an ability to write persuasively.

2. The NGRS library is a world-class resource and we need to find ways to exploit it both commercially and as a tool for recruitment. We have a huge collection of images and information which many publications and authors might pay to use and, initially, we need a plan to promote this.

The Society would also be happy for members to act as Publicity Assistants, perhaps liaising with their local Heritage Railway(s).

Exhibition Officer (s)

Our exhibition presence recently has been limited to events at Statfold, where we have enjoyed excellent recruitment results. There are venues in other parts of the country where we could raise awareness, and the exhibition officer would identify them, organise our presence, and man the stand (hopefully with the help of local members). Display material exists for exhibition stands. There is no reason why this cannot be handled by

General

The Directors are always pleased to be offered assistance with administering the Society. It should be noted that several of the Directors and Society Officers are fulfilling more than one role and it would be prudent to reduce their commitments.

Assistance in organising visits and AGMs etc. is also gratefully accepted and is usually required on a geographic basis.

If you believe you are able to help in any of the forgoing areas or you are prepared to give general assistance including assisting in cataloguing our library (books, images, moving images/ other) please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary or other Director or Society Officer for further information.



Appendix C

Minutes of Previous Meeting

(Draft) MINUTES OF 6th AGM OF THE NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY as a Company Limited by Guarantee and the 71st AGM of the Society since its formation

Held on 14th May 2022 at 15:00 at Statfold Narrow Gauge Trust

38 Members voted by proxy: *Bill Mason, Ian Robinson, Peter Arnold, Peter Lea, Bob Mason, David J M Brown, Brian Hicks, Andrew Roberts, David Collister, Henry Pryer, Ian Hurst, Michael Brigg, Michael Stevens, Patrick Farrell, Kim Bailey, Timothy Sanderson, Lionel Kay, Anthony Steele, Peter Fischer, Peter Kinnear, David Simpson, John Spalding, Colin Brazier, Peter Deacon, Ray Stanton, John Berry, Ken Matticks, Charles Bicheno, David Glenn, John Scholes, Mark Prescott, Tony Stratford, Mike Dickerson, Lindsay Ferguson, Mike Tebbett, Peter Moore, Richard Haste, Richard Pearson*

27 Members were present in person: *Andy Morgan, Mick Morgan, Sean Cullen, Nick Burton, Howard Everitt, Tony Bennett, Kate Bennett, Chris Page, Ruth Clifford, Paul Clifford, John Turner, Derek Burwell, Thomas Paul Dennis, Andrew Murray, Barry Hope, Robert Wood, John Davison, John Moore, Steve Dentith, Anne Hollindale, Peter Hollindale, Janet Beith, Steven Beith, Sydney Leleux, Iain Logie, Stewart Liles, Jonathan Bryant*

1 Member virtually present: *Norman Drake*. Unfortunately, the webcast technology failed to record details of the other virtual attendees.

8 Directors were present: *Alan Burgess* (Chairman), *Steve Barber* (Company Secretary), *Jonathan James* (NGN Miniature Railways Editor), *Iain McCall* (Director for the Membership), *Chris Roberts* (Facebook Administrator), *Gerry Balding* (NGN UK Editor), *Jill Everitt* (Membership Secretary), *Simon Guppy* (Visits Officer).

3 Officers were present: *Robert Watson* (Treasurer pro-tem), *Neil Limbrick* (Webmaster), *Peter Wilson* (Librarian).

The Meeting was chaired by *Alan Burgess*.

It was determined that a quorum (5 Directors and 25 full Members (in attendance or by proxy)) was present and the meeting could conduct business.

The Secretary determined that notice of the meeting had been properly given in accordance with the Articles.

A copy of the Minutes of the previous AGM was presented to the meeting, together with the Accounts, Officers' Reports and Appendices, which are available on the Society's website.

The Meeting commenced at 15:00

Informal business and reports from Directors, Officers and other groups

Apologies for Absence

Frank Thornton, N J Hill, Lionel Kay, John Scholes, Mike Dickerson, Ken Matticks, Mike Jackson, Les Tindall, Steve Moore, Richard John Pearson, Paul Bennett, Mike Swift, Graham Fairhurst, Dan Holbrooke, Martin O'Keeffe,

Minutes of 2021 AGM

See Appendix C.

No objections, corrections or items notified have been received, the minutes were accepted.
Proposed *Sydney Leleux* Seconded *Stewart Liles*.



Committee Reports

Chairman's Report

Hopefully, this will be the first time for three years that we have been able to hold our AGM in a normal manner, and not rely on technology to enable us to conduct our business. Let us hope that the emergence of a new normal continues without a return to pandemic conditions.

For a second year, Covid dominated our lives and it continued to affect the Society throughout 2021. We did, however run a successful series of visits during the summer and your committee was able to meet in person at the end of the year.

Our two journals continued as strongly as ever and I did not feel that fewer members' visits to fewer lines in the UK was reflected in a reduction in the content of NGN which remains, in my opinion, the premier source for news of the miniature and narrow gauges. Reverting to accessing web sites and other forms of social media is a successful way to find news when visits are not happening! Overseas news did, of course, suffer as there was virtually no leisure travel abroad. Thanks are due to all the editors for their hard work.

We published more issues of TNG than ever before – eight with over 350 pages – in 2021. This is a direct reflection of lockdowns: members have had more time on their hands for research and writing. There is still a large pile of material waiting to be published and we will gradually get through that.

Last year was challenging financially and although we did draw on our reserves; we have to remember that those reserves included cash from bequests donated to the society specifically for the benefit of all members. Extra and larger publications do precisely that.

We are still in a financially strong position, and again decided not to increase subscriptions for 2022/2023. Print and postage costs have already increased significantly this year and with inflation at every part of the economy, I anticipate increased subscriptions in 2023.

Maintaining membership numbers is our main priority and in particular attracting the younger generation. Happily, we held our own in membership terms during 2021.

The library, our great and underused resource, has also suffered from an inability to access the premises at Apedale but a return to normality means that open days are again planned this year.

We have recently gone online with a new design web site, thanks to the efforts of Neil Limbrick. This is clearer and crisper than its predecessor and we are now updating all the information on the site.

As always, I will end with thanks to all those who have played a part in the life of the society in the past year – directors, committee members, volunteers and contributors to both magazines.

Alan Burgess

There were no questions in respect of the Chairman's Report.

Treasurer's Report (Appendix A)

My apologies for the Draft Accounts only being available for circulation much closer to the date of the AGM than I would have wanted. The transition to Sage has continued to be less straightforward than hoped and that has led to a considerable amount of to-ing and fro-ing with our accountants to finalise the numbers.

As noted by our Chairman in his report, the committee has chosen to use some of our cash reserves to provide more and larger journals over the Covid period than subscriptions and much reduced sales of journals for the year could cover. The impact of this can be seen on the Balance Sheet, where Cash at bank and in hand has fallen from £105,312 at 31 December 2019 (documented in last year's Accounts) to £100,540 at 31 December 2020 and now to £91,608 at 31 December 2021. Note that this level of cash reserves still amounts to more than two year's expenditure.

Turning to Turnover and Costs for the year, the key underlying numbers are:

- Subscription income is around £33,000 per annum and much the same as pre-Covid (no change in subscription rates and similar number of members)



- Sales of journals (commercial and private) are around £1,200 – significantly down on pre-Covid (due to closure of specialist shops in particular)
- Payments by members for visits are also part of the turnover – around £2,400 in 2021
- Costs of our journals, including postage, are up from around £32,700 in 2019 to £35,400 in 2020 to £38,200 in 2021
- Visit Costs closely follow Payments by members and are largely donations made to the railways we visit
- Administrative costs (which include the library) run at about £4000 per year.

Put those together and with inflation now 'taking off' (unit costs from our printers having already increased considerably this year) cash reserves at the end of 2022 will again be lower and the committee will have to decide later in the year whether subscription rates need to rise next year and/or compromises made on the number and size of journals published.

The figures contained in the Detailed Income and Expenditure Account (particularly the Turnover) do not match closely with the above because of differing calculations of deferred income and, on the Cost side, there have been some changes in accruals made and cost allocations. If anyone would like to understand the detail, I am happy to go through this outside the meeting.

Robert Watson

There were no questions in respect of the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report

Many of you may have noticed that I have announced my intent to step down from the role of Secretary and several adverts have appeared for my replacement; suffice to say that I do not wish to let the Society down and *Alan* has persuaded me to remain in role until a replacement can be found.

This is the first time since 2019 that we have been permitted to meet at a physical location and to see you in person, however one of the upshots of the previous virtual AGM's, is that we have been requested to facilitate simultaneously having online delegates at the meeting, which means that it will be possible for overseas members to join us. I hope the technology will work successfully.

During these difficult years we have tried to reach out to the many of you who are online and over 90% of you have registered to receive NGRS emails; we are happy for you to use a friend or relative's email, so if you would like to join in please contact *Jill Everitt* to register. This does not mean that we will withdraw any of our printed or postal services for those that continue to use them.

Last years virtual AGM was held as a live event on the Internet and allowed members from the other side of the world to join us, so this is a trend we hope to continue by live streaming this year's event.

I would like to thank those of you who are not present but have taken the effort to vote as this provides feedback as to your feelings in respect of our management of the Society.

The corporate aspects of the Society (Company Limited by Guarantee) are now well established and there have been no recent changes to statute that affect us.

In the last 12 months I have dealt with around 2,000 pieces of correspondence, fortunately many of these have been internal to the Committee and have been part of normal administration.

There have been two Committee meetings in the last 12 months, one virtual and one in person, for me the virtual meetings are great, as they can be recorded so I don't need to take minutes during the meeting. The physical meeting was held at Apedale so that the Committee could see the progress that has been made in the library.

It is clear that one effect of the recent lockdowns is that many of you have been providing material to our publications, some for the first time, and I hope that this has inspired many to continue supporting the Society.

Finally, I would like to state what a pleasure it has been to work with my fellow Directors and executive members during my tenure and I hope that my successor will have an equally fulfilling and pleasurable experience.

Steve Barber

There were no questions in respect of the Secretary's Report.

Membership Secretary's Report



During 2021 the Society stand at Statfold Barn Railway was our primary membership recruitment vehicle with an impressive yield of 21 new members. We are grateful to all those members who volunteered to represent the Society during these events.

We closed the year with an additional 28 members. Overall, a good result given the difficult circumstances prevalent throughout much of the year. Sadly, 15 members passed away during the membership year.

At the time of writing (mid April) there are approximately 145 members who have not made their renewal intentions clear. Working from current renewals against the corresponding period last year numbers are holding steady.

We have slightly fewer new members so far this year compared with the corresponding period last year.

I have been amazed at the kindness of those members who have made financial donations to the Society during the annual membership renewal process. Last year, donations were an impressive £1,119 and have been exceeded this year, currently standing at £1,200. On behalf of the Society many thanks for your generosity

One other item to mention and with thanks to our member *Martin Wootten*, an updated Guide to Narrow Gauge & Miniature Railways is being produced. This publication will be welcomed by those members who have missed the guide for the last couple of years since *Lawson Little's* 2019 version. *Martin* has spent many months researching the internet and other sources gathering and updating information. We are very grateful for his diligence in compiling our new Rail Guide for the use of the membership at large.

Jill Everitt

There were no questions in respect of the Membership Report.

THE NARROW GAUGE Editor's Report

2021 was a record year in terms of number of issues and pages of TNG – eight issues and 356 pages, easily beating 2020 which itself was a record year. No wonder I'm tired. The reason for this burst of activity was a surge in activity from members, no doubt locked in because of Covid restrictions.

There were three special issues in 2021 – *Allan Baker's* account of Bagnall Locomotives working for Tongaat sugar in South Africa; *Jonathan James's* survey of narrow gauge railways in London and the southeast of England; and *Brian Palmer's* account of miniature railways in Suffolk gardens.

We have sufficient funds to allow us to spend more on publications which are the main benefit of NGRS membership – some from bequests gifted to the Society to be used for the benefit of members.

Contributions have continued to flow in, and I now have three special issues waiting in a queue, plus a far higher than normal backlog of articles for standard issues. We have already distributed three issues of TNG in 2022, including one special issue, and it looks as if this year might be as busy in the last two.

I believe that the quality of material matches the quantity and, for once, I do not have to reiterate my usual plea for more UK content.

Despite that comment, we do not receive many historical articles on industrial narrow gauge in the UK. Can we persuade members to dig out pictures and notes and share them for all of us to enjoy? There must be memories of industrial lines, and also the early days of preservation: please consider writing a piece for us.

My thanks as always to members who have provided articles for The Narrow Gauge, and particularly those who sent their first texts during Covid. Do please carry on, we rely on you absolutely.

Alan Burgess

There were no questions in respect of the Narrow Gauge Editor's Report.

NARROW GAUGE NEWS Editors' Reports

(a) Editor's Report

Since the last AGM, six issues of Narrow Gauge News have been produced; once again I cannot thank too much my colleagues who edit sections of the publication; they are invaluable. *Alan Burgess* edits the Overseas section and *Gerry Balding* the British narrow gauge; *Jonathan James* is responsible for the Miniature Gauges section. *Graham Feldwick* continues to produce an outstanding Archaeology and History section and *Les Tindall* is developing the Modelling section. *Gerry Balding* and *Alan Burgess* proof-read each edition for me and manage to remove most of my errors.



There have been issues of 36, 56, 48, 52, 40 and 36 pages. We have been able to maintain these excellent page numbers because there has been a lot of home news and our editors have resourced material both from members' reports and other sources. Overseas news has understandably been in shorter supply because of the many restrictions on travel, though we have felt the benefit of reports from overseas members. Strangely, the modelling section, which began to show great promise, has struggled a little recently, but that may be because people are getting out and about more! Do send *Les* your modelling reports.

I expect that travel will again become possible over the next twelve months (though world affairs may limit it severely) and so our overseas section will again flourish. It is always a great pleasure to read articles about places that I have never visited and to see photos of trains I have no hope of seeing in reality and I trust that our readers feel the same. Once again, may I encourage all members to send in reports and photos, however basic, so that we can present a true picture of society activity and so that we may all get pleasure from relaxing with a good read.

The final editing of NGN still takes about a week of work. The section editors do a great deal too. I am willing to continue for a while if the membership so wish.

Paul Bennett

There were no questions in respect of the Narrow Gauge News Editor's Report.

(b) UK and Ireland News Editor's Report

I would like to thank everyone who has been so helpful over the past year, including all the NGN Editorial Team, and to all the NGRS members who have submitted reports and photos.

Since the gradual lifting of the pandemic restrictions, railways seem to be coming back to life and members' reports are starting to flow once again. Overall, it's been an interesting year with the return of galas and other special events. There have been a number of significant projects brought to fruition including the completion of new-build locos and good progress being made on others.

We are well served by news and reports from English and Welsh heritage railways (although there are still a few notable exceptions). A number of railways have been very helpful in supplying reports and photos on request. This has proved successful as they recognise the value of the publicity their reports and photos in Narrow Gauge News can provide. I would like to thank them for their contributions and wish them every success.

Sadly, with the closure of the Bord na Mona peat railways, the flow of industrial news has all but ceased. If any member comes across any locations or news reports on the use of narrow gauge railways in industry, I would especially welcome any reports covering this topic.

Finally, I would please ask all members that when visiting railways or special events (or even volunteering on railways) to take the time to send me a brief report and photos for inclusion in next Narrow Gauge News describing what was seen or any interesting news or observations. It is these reports which are the lifeblood of the section.

I look forward to working again with you all over the coming year.

Gerry Balding

There were no questions in respect of the UK and Ireland News Editor's Report.

(c) Miniature News Editor's Report

We continued to receive a good supply of miniature railway reports for Narrow Gauge News during the past twelve months, perhaps helped by members holidaying at home, although various lockdowns and restrictions created their own issues.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to use all of the photographs sent to me, but as many as possible were used. We also decided to produce a 2021 Miniature Railway Review, which was distributed to members with the March 2022 member pack. Feedback received so far has been positive.

It would be great to hear from members who have private lines, so that we can keep the pages of Narrow Gauge News alive. Information about the location of these railways can be restricted to protect individuals' privacy. The same goes for model engineering societies and some of the lesser known railways that we often don't hear about..

Jonathan James

There were no questions in respect of the Miniature News Editor's Report.

(d) Overseas Editor's Report



2021 was, like 2020, a year best forgotten in terms of overseas news. International travel was restricted, railways were not operating, and when the Covid situation did seem to ease towards the end of the year, few had the confidence to travel.

We do, of course, rely to a large extent on reports from members for overseas news. The little that we did receive came from members living overseas, or various news sources covering the activities of lines that were either operating or concentrating on preparing for a resumption of activities.

At the moment 2022 looks like being a much better year. Foreign travel is, generally, back on the agenda and news is beginning to trickle in. Barring a return of the pandemic, I am looking forward to a much busier year.

Alan Burgess

There were no questions in respect of the Overseas Editor's Report.

(e) Archaeology & History Editor's Report

Thank you to everyone who has sent in reports of visits, historical notes and photographs of former narrow gauge and miniature railways during the past year. Clearly between us all there is a very wide range of interests, and it's been good to put together such a diverse mix for the Archaeology & History (A & H) Section of each edition of NGN. Thank you too for your subsequent comments on the items, and I trust that everyone finds this section of value.

It's an interesting thought that 100 years ago the use of narrow gauge railways was evident everywhere, from extensive systems down to the smallest tracks as part of a factory process, and that miniature railways were then still just coming into their own. Times have changed, of course, and whilst there is still so much to discover and enjoy, a large amount has been lost. And yet in many cases, a visit to a former railway location can also be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience, especially with a little prior research, or by reading, or re-reading, a book on the railway beforehand. As always, I hope that through the A & H Section we are keeping the memory of these lines alive and adding a little to their history.

Whatever you find, either 'on the ground' or through research, do please remember NGN and send me a report and, if you can, include a photograph or two. I'm also very happy to receive any queries and will try to help where I can.

Thank you too for the reports received on roadside narrow gauge wagons, often displayed as memorials to past industries and events. The booklet on these continues to progress and is in the queue to be published by the IRS. In the meantime, do please send a report in if you come across one in your travels.

Graham Feldwick

There were no questions in respect of the Archaeology & History Editor's Report.

(f) Modelling Secretary's Report

I have received a number of reports from members who have visited exhibitions along with their photos. However more recently, perhaps due to less exhibitions, the reports have dried up, to the point that one NGN had only the exhibition calendar and product news. I have occasionally received items submitted by members with build information on their own layouts which has been very useful. I feel that along with the exhibition visit reports this would be a good direction to "enhance" the modelling section of the magazine. It is difficult to know how many members do model, but perhaps a "plea" for short articles and/or photos might produce something that will keep this section going and make it informative for readers.

Leslie Tindall

There were no questions in respect of the Modelling Secretary's Report.

(g) Event Diary Editor's Report

It is pleasing to see a number of railways publicising their events again, although the number of events is still down on pre-pandemic levels, probably due to railways taking a cautious approach to their customer's willingness to attend mass participation events, and also (increasingly) concerns about the availability of coal. I am hearing that a number of railways are taking a short notice approach to timetabling this year, so just because an event isn't listed in its "traditional" date slot in Event Diary doesn't mean it won't be held. Therefore, the advice has to be that it is always worth keeping an eye on railways' websites and social media before travelling

Iain McCall

There were no questions in respect of the Event Diary Editor's Report.

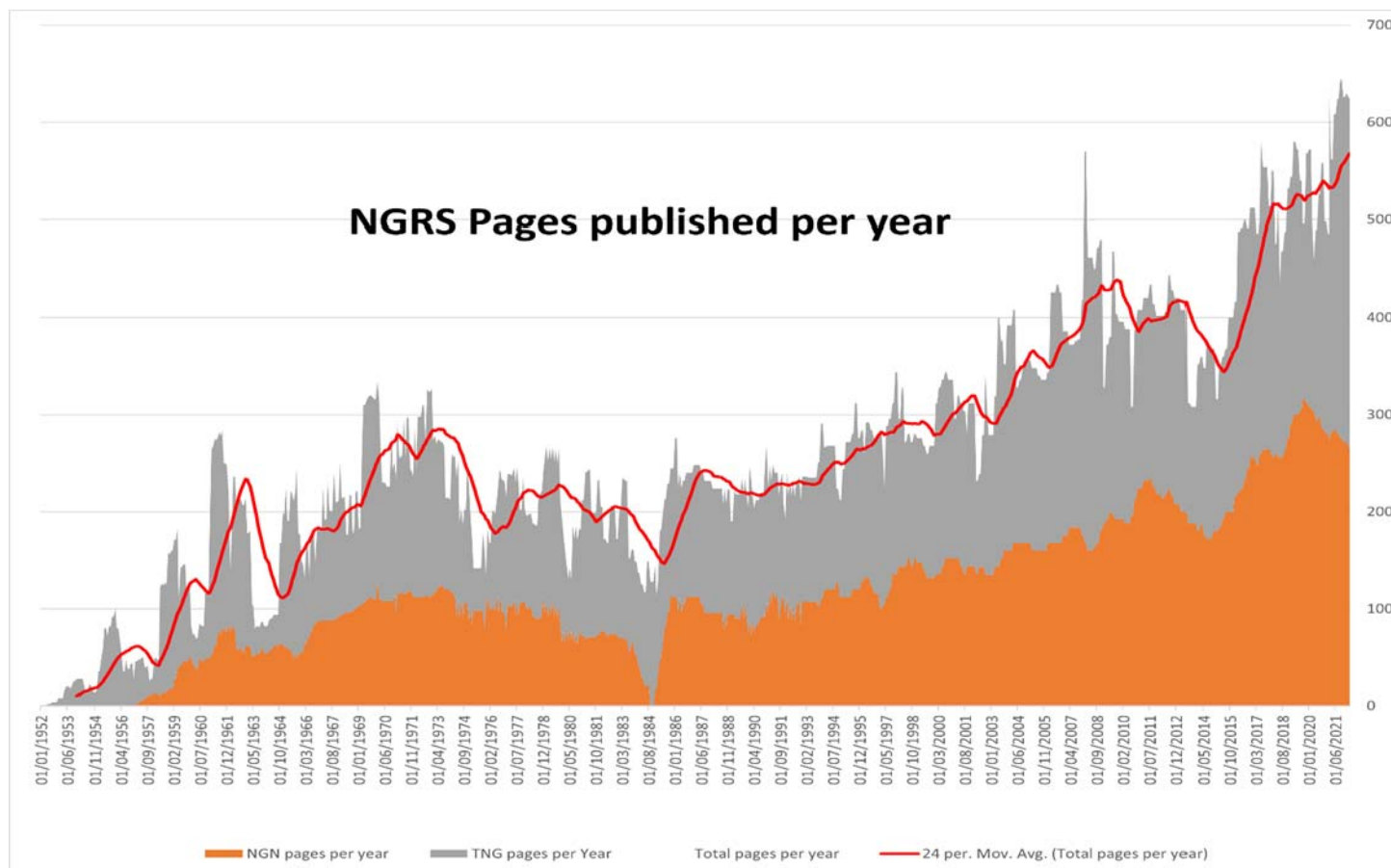
Sales Officer's Report

Report not currently available

There were no questions in respect of the Sales Officer's Report.

Publishing Report

Details included in the Editors Reports above.



Steve Barber

There were no questions in respect of the Publications Report.

Legal Assistant's Report

There were no significant legal matters referred to the Legal Assistant since the last report to the membership.

Ken Matticks

There were no questions in respect of the Legal Assistant's Report.

Librarian's Report

We had high hopes for 2021; alas Covid19 continued to interfere with our plans to realise them. Even so we were able to make considerable progress in the Library at Apedale and elsewhere.

Firstly, I must thank my colleagues *Iain Logie* and *Martin O'Keeffe*, together with *Stephen Teather*, who have continued to accession incoming material (of which more below), deal with loans and enquiries, sort out the extensive contents of the Library and our storage facility, deal with digitalisation, and whose knowledge of both the world of the narrow gauge and the Library is astonishing. We must also thank our fellow member *Kim Bailey* who in 2017 digitalised our entire back catalogue of in-house publications (Narrow Gauge News and The Narrow Gauge) in a searchable .pdf format, and keeps this updated for us, a very valuable facility.

2021 was a vintage year for incoming material, with the arrival of collections from *Phil Pacey* specialising in the Nordic countries and France; *Lawson Little* – a huge collection including many of the notes and researches for NGRS publications; and those of *John Oliveira*, *David Robinson*, *Ray Wilkinson*, and *John Townsend*. We are very grateful for these and other donations which continues to build your Library as one of the best narrow gauge railway resources in the UK.



We also buy selectively new books as they appear on the market – though alas, book prices are suffering from considerable inflation -and we try to provide reviews of most of those so members know what is there.

The Mosely Railway Trust, our hosts at Apedale, continue to be great supporters and helpers to us; we are most grateful to them for their friendship and assistance. We occupy two rooms in their services building, which may be best described as “full”, and also a climate managed shipping container adjacent – best described as “overfull”! We were offered a further container but before proceeding with that decided to make a very determined effort to sort out duplicates and material not relevant to the narrow gauge (it is surprising what creeps in!). That has resulted in some useful sales income from our offers to members and has released some space for us. Having some concerns over the long term health of the collection in a container, we may also move some of the rarely accessed material to a local secure storage facility for safer storage, especially post digitalisation.

We continue to support MRT on their plans for their intended new Museum building, the foundations for which are in place, which it is intended will contain a modern and larger dedicated Library space with easier access for all. That is a way off yet, but progress continues to be made. The digitalisation project continues to make good progress though we urgently need to find an archive system to enable easy search facilities as the collection grows – we think we have found something suitable for this subject to technical and board approval, which we will be advancing shortly.

This year we will again have a few open days for members to call in and see what the Library holds, which will be advertised in NGN. We look forward to seeing you then.

Peter Wilson

There were no questions in respect of the Librarian's Report.

Assistant Librarian's Report

Included in librarian's Report

Martin O'Keeffe

There were no questions in respect of the Assistant Librarian's Report.

Film & Video Archivist's Report

There is little interest in the Video Library with the last loan being made in October 2018.

No further progress with transferring the library content to external hard drives for archiving. A small number have been transferred.

With little interest by members in the library the hard drive project has not been pursued.

Currently not possible to supply an updated loans list due to computer failure & loss of data & ability to duplicate DVDs

The Librarian would like to pass the library on to a volunteer able to upgrade it - much of the upgrade suggestions being well beyond the meagre computer skills of the current librarian.

In the absence of a volunteer the Video Library should be returned to Apedale.

Mike Jackson

There were no questions in respect of the Film & Video Archivist's Report.

Webmaster's Report

The last year has seen a significant push on developing the website to improve the experience for both members and potential members.

The first stage was to rebuild the website to use a content management system to help make it quicker and easier to update. Once this was complete I was able to concentrate on a new look and feel, including a new menu structure.

It was hard to choose a colour scheme that was not too closely aligned with the livery of any particular railway, the option to choose your own colour scheme for the website.

Once these two stages were complete, the whole committee were able to focus on checking the content and updating it where needed. We also improved the way certain elements like the sales page were better laid out and easier to use.



The next focus for the website is to add additional features by adding a secure area that only members can access. This will allow us to offer a much wider library of downloaded content and more interactive tools. An example of this is the new interactive rail guide (<https://ngrs.org/rail-guide/>) where you can filter different railways by type and location.

We will also be looking for ways to link the website in with the Facebook group and other social media platforms to reduce the workload for the committee and offer members a range of different ways to engage with the Society.

Neil Limbrick

There were no questions in respect of the Webmaster's Report.

Facebook Administrator's Report

The NGRS Facebook group continues to grow and live a life almost of itself, with only a light touch of moderation required from time to time. Members stand at just over 3,500, and nearly 2000 of these were active in the group in the last 28 days (to 20th April). In the same period there were 120 posts on varying topics. For example, a popular recent post was Gerry Balding's report on a visit to Southwold Railway Trust.

There is scope for more use of the Facebook group and page to promote the society to non-members, and this is something I shall endeavour to do over the coming months. Meanwhile I am, as always, most grateful to Simon Guppy my co-administrator who is much quicker on the draw than me when it comes to approving posts or new members.

Facebook remains a useful tool for some, and anathema to others. In reality it's just one of many ways to access news and other content on whatever subject you are interested in

Chris Roberts

There were no questions in respect of the Facebook Administrator's Report.

Visit's Officers Report

After the disappointments of 2020, it is pleasing to report a successful visits season in 2021.

We were able to deliver 12 visits during a rather truncated visits season; we couldn't really consider arranging any visits prior to August, owing to the COVID restrictions. There was clearly a lot of pent-up demand from the membership, as over 100 bookings were made Membermojo within 24 hours of my sending out an All-Members e-mail, to announce that visits were open for bookings!

Overall, around 240 bookings were received across the season, with quite a lot of members booking for multiple visits.

The level of bookings via Membermojo has been in line with expectations (around 85-90%), with around 10-15% of participants preferring to book using the paper forms. Membermojo appears well received by those members using it, and I judge the introduction of online booking to have been very successful. Those members who book via Membermojo receive an automated receipt; they are also sent their Joining Instructions by e-mail prior to the visit. Members booking by post receive a receipt (manually, via the post), and their Joining Instructions are also sent via the post.

Financially, we made a slight loss on the year's visits. This is something which I have discussed with Steve Moore, and we have put the losses down to (a) charges made to us for online transactions, and (b) the cost of printing booking forms as inserts to Narrow Gauge News. As a result, we have agreed to slightly increase the amount which the Society retains from visit income. In general, we still aim to pass around 90% of income to the railway owner (or to a charity of their choice).

Looking ahead to this year, we already have a number of visits arranged, including a series of visits in July, to celebrate the Society's 70th Anniversary. We have quite a few new locations on this year's agenda, and I hope that these will be popular. I have also arranged one visit jointly with the Industrial Railway Society, and the door is open to continue to do so, as we have a lot of members and interests in common.

I would like to thank Jonathan James and Jill Everitt, who have stepped in to lead the visits on the occasions when I was unable to attend, and also to thank all of the Directors for their support in putting together a successful visit season in 2021

Simon Guppy

There were no questions in respect of the Visits Officer's Report.

Publicity/ Exhibition Officer's Report

Report not currently available

Vacant Position



There were no questions in respect of the Publicity/ Exhibition Officer's Report.

Director for the Membership's Report

I have had one piece of feedback which concerned the quantity of miniature railway material published. However, as I am sure the TNG Editor will mention in his report, this reflects the balance of material submitted - members wishing to see more publications on UK narrow gauge are invited to either write them or encourage others to do so. A reduction in miniature railway material published will not lead to a corresponding increase in UK narrow gauge material published because such an increase in material is not being written and submitted by the membership.

Other than that, there it has been a quiet year, which is a good thing because it means everybody is happy...

Iain McCall

There were no questions in respect of the Director for the Membership's Report.

Electronic Presence sub-Committee Report

Report not currently available

I would like to thank the following committee members for their input and contributions to this project:

- *Steve Barber*
- *Jill Everitt*
- *Dan Holbrook*
- *Neil Limbrick*
- *Iain McCall*
- *Ken Matticks*
- *Peter Wilson*

Simon Guppy

There were no questions in respect of the Electronic Presence sub-Committee's Report.

Area Group Secretary's Reports

Lincolnshire Area

Report not currently available.

Tim Hudson

There were no questions in respect of the Lincolnshire Area Report.

London & Southern Area

Report not currently available

Peter Lemmey

There were no questions in respect of the London & Southern Area Report.

Yorkshire Area

Report not currently available

David Charlesworth

There were no questions in respect of the Yorkshire Area Report.



Formal business of the Narrow Gauge Railway Society as a Limited Company.

Upon motion duly made the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2021 and the accountants report thereon and the directors' report was accepted (the Secretary to attach a copy to the Minutes. (Appendix A))
Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)

In accordance with the Articles, there was an election of Directors, each member virtually present or by proxy casting a vote. The Directors standing were as follows:

Alan Burgess (Chairman, The Narrow Gauge Editor & Overseas News Editor (Narrow Gauge News))	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>
Steve Barber (Company Secretary)	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>
Paul Bennett (Narrow Gauge News Editor)	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>
Jill Everitt (Membership Secretary)	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>
Simon Guppy (Visits Officer)	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>
Chris Roberts (Facebook Administrator)	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>
Jonathan James (Miniature News Editor (Narrow Gauge News))	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>
Iain McCall (Director for the Membership)	<i>Votes: 77 (38 Proxy+27in person+1 virtual+11 Exec)</i>

Upon motion duly made the foregoing persons were elected to serve as Directors for one year or until the next members meeting

Other Informal Business

Details of the Company Officer structure and contacts details are in Appendix B

Company Officers

The Committee Officers are currently: Robert Watson (Treasurer (Pro Tem)), Peter Wilson (Librarian), Martin O'Keeffe (Assistant Librarian), Mike Jackson (Film and Video Archivist), Gerry Balding (NGN British and Irish Editor), Graham Feldwick (NGN Archaeology & History Editor), Dan Holbrook (Sales Officer), Neil Limbrick (Webmaster), Ken Matticks (Legal Assistant) and Leslie Tindall (Modelling Secretary), Steve Moore (Auctions Officer).

Steve Moore has tendered his resignation as Treasurer and the duties of Treasurer will be undertaken Pro Tem by Robert Watson who has kindly offered his assistance. There will obviously be a transition period and we are currently advertising for a Treasurer.

Vacancies

Currently there are Vacancies for:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Visit Officer North
- Publicity / Exhibitions Officer(s)
- Assistants for the Library and to reduce the administrative workload on the Committee

Next Year's AGM

The Visits Officer informed the Members that next year's AGM will be held on 13th May 2023 at either the Isle of Man or the Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway in Kent, unfortunately the proposed AGM at the Vale of Rheidol Railway's new facilities will not be possible as those facilities will not be completed in time. We hope that this may be feasible in 2024.

There will be a 70th Birthday Weekend in East Anglia on 8th -10th July 2022 in lieu of the 2020 and 2021 AGM weekends. Further details in May NGN



Any other Business.

Member Voting form Comments

Other than Apologies no Comments were received

Questions and Comments from Members present

Sydney Leleux Addressed the members Present in connection with the lack of UK historical and current articles.

He recounted that the same was said at an AGM he attended in 1959, having been inspired by the Committee to submit something, he approached a member, and asked what he could do. The response was "where do you live", Northampton" he replied, after a pause he was told "There is the Leighton Buzzard Light Railway and Southam Cement Works". 10 years later the Leighton Buzzard Light Railway was published, it took 55years to finish the Southam book.

"I would encourage you all to put pen to paper and produce something. The message is do research, and the reward is to see your efforts in black and white." The Chairman added that would be in colour.

Sidney was thanked for saving the committee from having to make the request.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 15:15 on 14th May 2022

Appendix A 2021 Accounts



NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021



Nigel Ricks & Company Ltd

Chartered Accountants

42 Glebe Street Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 1JR

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Minutes of 6th Annual General Meeting V1.0
12/04/23

Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

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**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Company Information
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

Directors

Mr Paul Bennett

Mr Alan Burgess

Mr Jonathan James

Mr Christopher Roberts

Mr Robert Watson Mr Michael Morgan Mrs Jill Everitt

Mr Simon Guppy

Mr Iain McCall **Secretary**

Mr Stephen Barber

Mr Stephen Barber

Company Number

09925208

Registered Office

Warlingham Surrey

CR6 9TP

246 Hillbury Road

Accountants

Chartered Accountants

42 Glebe Street Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 1JR

Nigel Ricks & Company Ltd

Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Company No. 09925208
Directors' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr Stephen Barber

Mr Paul Bennett

Mr Alan Burgess

Mr Jonathan James

Mr Christopher Roberts

Mr Robert Watson

RESIGNED 08/05/2021

Mr Michael Morgan

RESIGNED 08/05/2021

Mrs Jill Everitt

Mr Simon Guppy

Mr Iain McCall

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the board

Date

**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

Chartered Accountant's report to the directors on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, I have prepared for your approval the accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society For The Year Ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

This report is made solely to the directors of Narrow Gauge Railway Society, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the directors of Narrow Gauge Railway Society, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Narrow Gauge Railway Society and its directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Narrow Gauge Railway Society has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of Narrow Gauge Railway Society. You consider that Narrow Gauge Railway Society is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the accounts of Narrow Gauge Railway Society. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed

Date

Nigel Ricks & Company Ltd
Chartered Accountants
42 Glebe Street
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**Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021**

2021			2020
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER		30,685	43,579
Cost of sales		<u>(43,002)</u>	<u>(37,843)</u>
GROSS (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		(12,317)	5,736
Administrative expenses		<u>(4,159)</u>	<u>(4,313)</u>
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		(16,476)	1,423
Other interest receivable and similar income		<u>425</u>	<u>635</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION		(16,051)	2,058
Tax on (Deficit)/surplus		<u>533</u>	<u>(376)</u>
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS AFTER TAXATION BEING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u><u>(15,518)</u></u>	<u><u>1,682</u></u>

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2021

	2021			2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible Assets	3		250		250
Tangible Assets	4		30,662		30,600
			30,912		30,850
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	5	1,391		1,391	
Debtors	6	7,285		5,490	
Cash at bank and in hand		91,608		100,540	
100,284				107,421	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	(15,362)		(6,919)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			84,922		100,502
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			115,834		131,352
NET ASSETS			115,834		131,352
Income and Expenditure Account			115,834		131,352
MEMBERS' FUNDS			115,834		131,352

For the year ending 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. 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.

On behalf of the board

Date

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

Sale of goods

Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods has transferred to the buyer. This is usually at the point that the customer has signed for the delivery of the goods.

Rendering of services

Turnover from the rendering of services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion of a contract is measured by comparing the costs incurred for work performed to date to the total estimated contract costs. Turnover is only recognised to the extent of recoverable expenses when the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably.

1.3. Intangible Fixed Assets and Amortisation - Other Intangible

Other intangible assets are It is amortised to income and expenditure account over its estimated economic life of years.

1.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold	25% Straight Line
Leasehold	%
Fixtures & Fittings	33% Straight Line

1.5. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads. Work-in-progress is reflected in the accounts on a contract by contract basis by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses.

Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

1.6. Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other year and items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on timing differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable timing differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible timing differences can be utilised. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax liabilities are presented within provisions for liabilities and deferred tax assets within debtors. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and asset reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Current or deferred tax for the year is recognised in profit or loss, except when they related to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

2. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Office and administration	9	10
	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

3. Intangible Assets

	Other £
Cost	
As at 1 January 2021	250
As at 31 December 2021	<u>250</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 December 2021	<u>250</u>
As at 1 January 2021	<u>250</u>

Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

4. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property			
	Freehold Fittings	Leasehold	Fixtures &	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2021	30,302	617	1,440	32,359
Additions	-	-	314	314
As at 31 December 2021	30,302	617	1,754	32,673
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2021	-	617	1,142	1,759
Provided during the period	-	-	252	252
As at 31 December 2021	-	617	1,394	2,011
Net Book Value				
As at 31 December 2021	30,302	-	360	30,662
As at 1 January 2021	30,302	-	298	30,600

5. Stocks

	2021	2020
	£	£
Stock - materials and work in progress	1,391	1,391
	1,391	1,391

6. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	1,384	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,217	1,339
Corporation tax recoverable assets	533	-
	3,134	1,339
Due after more than one year		
Other debtors	4,151	4,151
	4,151	4,151
	7,285	5,490

Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2021

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,602	1,506
Corporation tax	-	218
Accruals and deferred income	12,760	5,195
	<u>15,362</u>	<u>6,919</u>

8. General Information

Narrow Gauge Railway Society is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 09925208. The registered office is 246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9TP.

**Narrow Gauge Railway Society Detailed
Income and Expenditure Account For The
Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	2021		2020
	£	£	£
TURNOVER			
Sales		30,685	43,579
COST OF SALES			
Opening stock and work in progress	-		(1,391)
Magazine Costs	27,159		25,001
Auction Costs	-		82
Visit Costs	2,710		6,126
Binders and Other Costs	460		895
Cost of magazine delivery	8,497		-
Packaging costs	5,567		7,130
Closing stock and work in progress	(1,391)		-
		(43,002)	(37,843)
GROSS (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		(12,317)	5,736
Administrative Expenses			
Travel expenses	-		423
Insurance	1,535		471
Advertising and marketing costs	442		399
Accountancy fees	271		870
Professional fees	13		26
Library Costs	1,072		1,447
Bank charges	574		427
Depreciation	252		250
		(4,159)	(4,313)
OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		(16,476)	1,423
Other interest receivable and similar income			
Other interest receivable	425		635
		425	635
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Tax on (Deficit)/surplus			
Corporation tax charge	(533)		376
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**NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY SOCIETY UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Nigel Ricks & Company Ltd

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Narrow Gauge Railway Society
Balance Sheet
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The company has taken advantage of section 444(1) of the Companies Act 2006 and opted not to deliver to the registrar a copy of the company's Income and Expenditure Account.

On behalf of the board

Date

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Narrow Gauge Railway Society

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7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

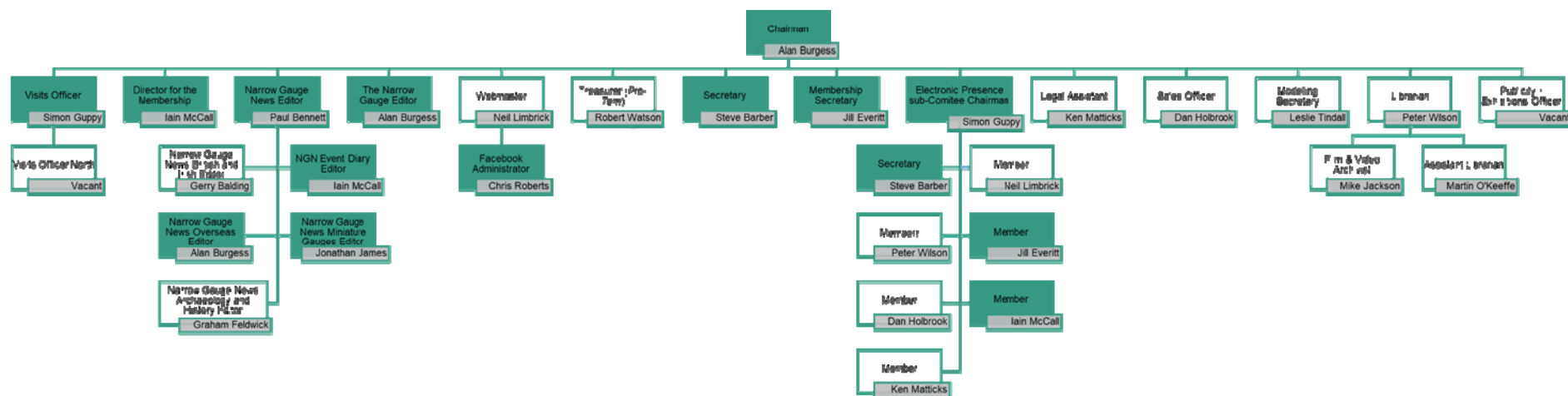
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subject to AGM election



Solid Shading indicates NGRS Company Director

NGRS DIRECTOR and COMPANY OFFICER CONTACT LIST – 04/05/2022



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Society Officer Vacancies

The NGRS has a number of vacancies for people willing to help with the running of the Society. The duties are not greatly time-consuming and enthusiasm is more important than experience – help will always be available as you get to grips with the detail. Attending two committee meetings a year, one on the day of the AGM in May and the other in October are expected. Please contact Secretary: Steve Barber (246 Hillbury Road, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9TP) or send an email to: secretary@ngrs.org or Alan Burgess (alanburgess390@outlook.com)

Secretary

Steve Barber has decided to retire as the NGRS Company Secretary, so we need a volunteer to take over his duties. – if you are interested, please contact either Steve Barber or Alan Burgess) for a full job description.

Whoever takes over will have the full support of Steve and other Directors and committee members during the handover period.

The role of the Company Secretary is wide ranging and he or she is required to be a Director and Society member. The role of the Company Secretary covers how the Society should be directed, managed, and controlled. This is also known as corporate governance, and it includes ensuring that the company complies with legal and regulatory requirements.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for supervising all aspects of society finances, bank accounts and electronic payments and the preparation of estimates and budgets as well as paying the Society's creditors. He or she will also work with our accountants to prepare an annual financial report. A background in accountancy or bookkeeping and a knowledge of the Sage software would all be preferred but are not essential.

Visit Officer North

Members' visits to lines otherwise difficult-to-access have become very popular, and we would like to have on board a volunteer to develop this activity in the northern half of the UK. Duties would involve identifying potential lines, negotiating access, and organising the visits themselves.

Publicity Officer(s)

1. We would like to recruit a Publicity Officer to progress the Society's image and presence. We have no fixed plan for this task, although attracting new members is the key objective and a knowledge of social media and PR would be important. Some liaison with the general railway press could also be required, as will an ability to write persuasively.

2. The NGRS library is a world-class resource and we need to find ways to exploit it both commercially and as a tool for recruitment. We have a huge collection of images and information which many publications and authors might pay to use and, initially, we need a plan to promote this.

The Society would also be happy for members to act as Publicity Assistants, perhaps liaising with their local Heritage Railway(s).

Library assistants

If you can help in cataloguing our library, particularly photographic images and drawings, please do not hesitate to contact the Librarian or Secretary for further information. It is possible for this to be done at home.

Exhibition Officer (s)

Our exhibition presence recently has been limited to events at Statfold, where we have enjoyed excellent recruitment results. There are venues in other parts of the country where we could raise awareness, and the exhibition officer would identify them, organise our presence, and man the stand (hopefully with the help of local members). Display material exists for exhibition stands. There is no reason why this cannot be handled by members on a regional basis.

General

The Directors are always pleased to be offered assistance with administering the Society. It should be noted that several of the Directors and Society Officers are fulfilling more than one role and it would be prudent to reduce their commitments.

Assistance in organising visits and AGMs etc. is also gratefully accepted and is usually required on a geographic basis.

If you believe you are able to help in any of the forgoing areas or you are prepared to give general assistance including assisting in cataloguing our library (books, images, moving images/ other) please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary or other Director or Society Officer for further information.

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