

RAILFUTURE LIMITED

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

RAILFUTURE LIMITED

No 05011634

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COMPANY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Directors

J C Alderson (Financial Director)
R Blake
I Brown CBE FCILT
A Cosgrove (Vice Chairman)
G J Ellis (resigned 17th March 2020)
C Hyomes (resigned 12th September 2020)
N G Middleton (appointed 28th November 2020)
C Page (Chairman)
S H Palmer
M W Rose (appointed 28th November 2020)
P B Travis (resigned 16th January 2020)
W Thorne
A W Whiting (resigned 21st July 2020)

Secretary T A Davies

Company number 05011634

Registered office

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2020

Review of activities

The principal activity of the Company continued to be that of a campaigning organisation for the protection and development of rail transport in Great Britain.

Uniquely, because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Board did not meet face-to-face at all during 2020. However, there were five formal virtual Board meetings, relating to the running of the company, and several shorter meetings to decide strategy and policy. There were substantial cost savings at national level (Board and national groups) plus branches from not hiring meeting rooms or contributing towards long-distance travel expenses. No money was lost by cancelling bookings for venues, although some payments have been carried forward to restaged meetings in 2021. Some branches have adopted virtual meetings very successfully, whilst others have been less keen. Attendance has often been greater at virtual meetings as people have not have to give up time to travel, but Railfuture is conscious that not everyone has good-quality broadband.

Once COVID-19 is behind us, Railfuture intends to hold both physical and virtual meetings as both a cost-effective and convenient way of campaigning for our aims.

Ironically, despite saving money by holding virtual meetings, our successful "Attracting passengers back to rail" webinar cost more than £400 because of the publicity and expanded Zoom licenses to support it, without any revenue from attendees.

Railwatch and branch newsletters can now be received via email, which is starting to show a cost saving. It is hoped that more people will choose the email option, which can easily be selected using Self-Care on the website

Results for the Year

The Directors report a profit after tax on the Profit and Loss Account of £3,910 leading to an increase in net assets of the same amount. This compared to a loss of £4,896 in 2019.

Income from Subscriptions donations and Campaigning reduced from £43,085 to £38,829. Increased subscription receipts was offset by a reduction in donations and legacy income. Campaigning expenditure has slightly reduced from £33,366 to £31,507 mainly due to strong downward pressure on costs being maintained, and lower activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sales of own goods increased slightly.

Operating and administration expenses have decreased from £23,021 to £9,568 mainly due to decreased administration costs during the pandemic and no marketing and promotion costs.

The operating loss for the period was £3,901 compared with a loss of £13,302 in 2019.

Due to the continuing low interest rates on offer returns from money held on deposit have continued to be poor. The Company continues to take advantage of higher fixed term interest rates with £167,633 in fixed term deposits ranging from 12 to 24 months. The company managed to open new fixed-term bonds attracting around 1% interest per year

The Directors aim to use members' money wisely. Management Information is used to understand where costs are being spent, and effort is made to find ways to control costs.

All Directors are required, as a condition of holding office, to disclose a fully itemised list of their expenses while they are directors. [These can be viewed, along with a personal statement, at www.railfuture.org.uk/expenses.](http://www.railfuture.org.uk/expenses)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 proper accounting records, which 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.

The Directors are satisfied that appropriate controls and checks are in place to achieve these objectives.

Directors' interest

The Company is limited by guarantee. No shares have been issued.

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

Independent Examiner

The Members have resolved that the financial statements be subject to scrutiny by an Independent Examiner and their report is included on page 4.

On behalf of the Board.

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Trevor Davies
Company Secretary

Dated: 6th March 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members on the Unaudited Accounts of Railfuture Limited

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 5 to 12.

As described on page 3, the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the Company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures to enable us to report our opinion.

Our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the Company, and making such limited enquiries of the Officers of the Company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

In our opinion:

- (a) the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the Company under section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
 - (i) the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 396 of the Act; and
 - (ii) the Company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the period specified in section 477(2) of the Act.

and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to exemption specified in section 478.

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Independent Examiner

00th March 2021

RAILFUTURE LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	6		675		1,016
Investments	7		8,975		9,950
Current assets					
Stocks		1,265		1,347	
Debtors	8	2,481		2,364	
Cash at bank and in hand		256,484		256,595	
		<u>260,231</u>		<u>260,306</u>	
Creditors : Due within one year					
Creditors	9	<u>(6,654)</u>		<u>(11,233)</u>	
Net current assets			253,576		249,072
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>263,226</u>		<u>260,039</u>
Creditors : Due after more than one year					
	10		(604)		(1,327)
Net assets			<u>262,621</u>		<u>258,711</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
General fund	11		156,986		150,678
Fighting fund	12		105,636		108,033
Total reserves			<u>262,621</u>		<u>258,711</u>

In preparing these financial statements:

For the year ending 31st December 2020 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

the Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006,

the Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 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

These financial statements, which include the notes on pages 7-10, were approved by the Board on 6th March 2021

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C Page
Director

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J C Alderson
Director

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning		38,829	43,085
Campaigning expenditure		(31,507)	(33,366)
Gross profit		<u>7,322</u>	<u>9,719</u>
Operating and administrative expenses		(11,223)	(23,021)
Operating profit/ (loss)		<u>(3,901)</u>	<u>(13,302)</u>
Other operating income	3	4,436	2,027
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	5,451	4,800
Surplus/(Deficit) on revaluation of Investments	7	(975)	2,531
Profit/ (Loss) before tax		<u>5,009</u>	<u>(3,944)</u>
Taxation	5	(1,099)	(952)
Profit/ (Loss) after taxation being profit/ (loss) for the financial year	11	<u><u>3,910</u></u>	<u><u>(4,896)</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the accounting policies set out below. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, section 1A Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Cash flow statement and statement of other comprehensive income

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement or a statement of recognised gains and losses because the Company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under FRS 102, section 1A Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life on a straight line basis at 20% per annum.

The carrying amount of fixed assets is reviewed annually to determine whether any impairment loss has been incurred and what adjustment is required.

1.4 Investments

Listed investments are stated at market value. Unlisted investments are stated at market value, where a market exists, otherwise at cost less any provision for impairment.

1.5 Stocks

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

1.6 Donations and Subscriptions

Donations and annual subscriptions are credited to income and expenditure account in the year of receipt except in cases where subscriptions for more than one year are paid as a lump sum, where the payment for the second and any subsequent years is treated as deferred. Life subscriptions are credited to income and expenditure over the estimated lives of the members.

1.7 Fighting Fund

The proceeds of legacies, certain fund raising events and appeals are allocated to the Fighting Fund unless the donor has specified otherwise. The Fund can only be expended in support of promoting the railway, campaigns for building new lines and stations, reopening closed lines and stations and preserving closed lines for future use and in support of campaigns against major reductions in services or railway closures, as agreed by the Board.

2 Operating profit/ (loss)	2020	2019
	£	£
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	341	357
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3 Other operating income	2020	2019
	£	£
Sale of goods	664	364
Monthly lottery	3,272	1,174
Sponsorship	500	463
Sundries	0	26
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>4,436</u>	<u>2,027</u>

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4 Interest receivable and similar income	2020	2019
	£	£
Publishers royalties	3,283	2,690
Bank interest	1,789	1,782
Dividends	378	328
	<u>5,451</u>	<u>4,800</u>

5 Taxation	2020	2019
	£	£
Provision for UK current year taxation	1,099	952
	<u>1,099</u>	<u>952</u>

6 Tangible fixed assets	Total
	£
Cost	
At 31 December 2019	3,633
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,633</u>
Depreciation	
At 31 December 2019	2,619
On disposals	-
Charge for the year	341
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,960</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	<u>673</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,014</u>

7 Fixed asset investments	Listed investments	Unlisted investments	Total
	£	£	£
Valuation			
At 31 December 2019	9,945	5	9,950
Acquisitions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Revaluation	(975)	-	(975)
At 31 December 2020	<u>8,970</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8,975</u>
Cost			
At 31 December 2020	<u>16,104</u>	<u>3,404</u>	<u>19,508</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>16,104</u>	<u>3,404</u>	<u>19,508</u>

The fair value is £8,970 (2019 £9,950) and the change in value included in profit and loss is £(975) (2019 2,531)

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	2020	2019
	£	£
Listed shares at valuation		
3900 Tesco ordinary shares	8,970	9,945
	<u>8,970</u>	<u>9,945</u>
Unlisted shares at cost less impairment	2020	2019
	£	£
2 Railfuture Limited ordinary shares	2	2
2 Railwatch Limited ordinary shares	2	2
38 Wensleydale Railway Company ordinary shares	1	1
£1500 CKP Railways loan stock	-	-
CKP Railways Shares Ordinary Shares	-	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The CKP Railways Loan Stock was converted into CKP Railways Ordinary Shares during 2018
The Directors consider that the value of these is £NIL

Tesco shares: Since the year end Railfuture has received a special dividend of £1,986 consequent to Tesco's sale of its operations in Thailand and Malaysia. The Board continues to believe that holding these shares, which were originally gifted To Railfuture Ltd as a Legacy, is appropriate in view of their greater yield, when compared to the return from deposit accounts. This is regularly reviewed.

8 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade Debtors	-	-
Accrued interest	955	903
Prepayments	1,526	1,460
	<u>2,481</u>	<u>2,364</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	709	2,752
Taxation	1,099	953
Deferred income	3,886	6,297
Accruals	960	1,231
	<u>6,654</u>	<u>11,233</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Deferred income	605	1,328
	<u>605</u>	<u>1,328</u>

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11 General fund	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening general fund at 01 January 2020	150,678	154,935
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year after taxation	3,910	(4,896)
Transfers from / (to) fighting fund	2,397	638
Closing general fund at 31 December 2020	<u>156,986</u>	<u>150,678</u>
12 Fighting fund	2020	2019
	£	£
Opening fighting fund at 01 January 2020	108,033	108,672
Transfers from / (to) general fund	(2,397)	(638)
Grants paid	0	0
Closing fighting fund at 31 December 2020	<u>105,636</u>	<u>108,033</u>

During 2020 grants of £5,250 (2019 £1,861) were paid and grants to a total of £0 were accepted but not yet paid from the Fighting Fund. (2019 £nil was paid)

13 Financial transactions between Directors and the Company

Directors receive no payments from the Company except for out of pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties as a Director.

14 Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

Throughout 2020 the Company maintained an insurance policy indemnifying the Directors and Officers against loss attaching to legal liabilities arising in the course of their duties.

15 Liability of Members

Under the provisions of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, Members are liable to a contribution not exceeding £1 each in the event of the winding up of the Company.

Members are as defined in paragraph 3-13 of the Company's Articles of Association.

16 Employees

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was nil. (2019-nil)

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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Income from subscriptions, donations and campaigning				
Annual subscriptions		34,551		33,327
Donations - ordinary		3,791		5,506
Legacies		259		2,015
Conferences		0		2,095
Railwatch		228		142
		<u>38,829</u>		<u>43,085</u>
Less campaigning expenditure				
Railwatch	17,963		16,366	
Branch campaigning	1,659		4,275	
Branch newsletters	5,256		6,199	
Grants paid	5,250		1,861	
Group expenses	951		2,110	
Conferences	428		2,554	
		<u>(31,507)</u>		<u>(33,366)</u>
Gross profit/ (loss)		<u>7,322</u>		<u>9,719</u>
Less Operating and administrative expenses				
Opening sales stock	1,347		1,526	
Purchases	247		49	
	<u>1,594</u>		<u>1,575</u>	
Less closing stock	(1,265)		(1,347)	
Net cost of sales	329		228	
Monthly lottery	1,654		840	
AGM	686		2,085	
General administration -central	4,313		8,054	
-branches	1,232		4,160	
Promotion and marketing costs (excluding sales)	(97)		4,406	
Insurances	2,372		2,166	
Bank charges	393		581	
Sundries	0		145	
	<u>10,882</u>		<u>22,664</u>	
Depreciation	341		357	
		<u>(11,223)</u>		<u>(23,021)</u>
Operating profit/ (loss) for the period		<u><u>(3,901)</u></u>		<u><u>(13,302)</u></u>