

**Registration number 311556**

**The Irish Railway Record Society Company Limited By Guarantee**

**Directors Report**

**For the Year Ended 31st August 2022**

**C.D. Mullock and Company  
Chartered Accountants  
Manor House  
3 Church Road  
Malahide  
Co. Dublin**

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**Directors and other Information**

Directors	Norman Gamble Anthony O'Shaughnessy Tim Moriarty Alan Hyland Shane Roberts Michael Walsh Richard McLachlan (United Kingdom) Ciarán Cooney Mark Merrigan Ken Fox
Company Secretary	Mark Merrigan
Company Number	311556
Registered Office and Business Address	Box 9 Heuston Station Dublin 8
Accountants	C.D. Mullock and Company Chartered Accountants Manor House 3 Church Road Malahide Co. Dublin
Bankers	Bank of Ireland AIB Bank Permanent TSB HSBC Bank Plc. (United Kingdom)

# **The Irish Railway Record Society Company Limited By Guarantee**

## **Directors Report**

### **For the Year Ended 31st August 2022**

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

#### **Principal Activity and review of the business**

The principal activity of the company is to bring together those interested in all aspects of the working of Irish railways and tramways, through meetings and outings. The company also plays a vital role in the preservation of records and memorabilia of Ireland's railway heritage and provides library and archival facilities for this material. The company also produces a journal three times per year detailing significant events as well as interesting articles on the history of the railway network.

Revenue is generated through an annual subscription paid by members of the society, rail tours and other auxiliary activities. The directors are satisfied with the financial performance of the company.

#### **Results for the year**

The surplus for the financial year amounted to €7,279. The surplus for the prior period amounted to €14,351

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The company considers that it has low levels of risk and uncertainty. There are large deposits held in the company's deposit accounts and it has no requirement for a bank overdraft or credit facilities.

Due to the ageing demographics of the society, the company is conscious of the need to attract younger members for the continued success of the company.

#### **Research and development**

The company did not engage in any research and development activity during the year.

#### **Events since the balance sheet date**

There are no events requiring comment.

#### **Future developments**

The directors are not expecting to make any significant changes in the nature of the business in the near future.

#### **Directors and Secretary**

The present membership of the board is listed on the Directors and other information page.

On 25th October 2021 Mr Gerald Beesley resigned as director.

On 13th November 2021 Mr Ken Fox was appointed to the Board.

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**Accounting records**


The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 281 and 285 of the Companies Act 2014, regarding proper accounting records are the implementation of necessary policies and procedures for recording transactions, the employment of competent accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and the provision of adequate resources to the financial function. In accordance with a Board Resolution of September 2016 the company's accounting records are held by the Honorary Treasurer for a period of three years after which they are deposited in the archives at the company's registered office.

**Relevant Accounting Information**

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's Independent Accountants are unaware, and the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's independent accountants are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Board on **21 Feb 2023** and signed on its behalf by

Director **A. O'SHAUGHNESSY** 

Director **MARK MERRIGAN** 

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**Statement of directors responsibilities for the members' financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and published by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

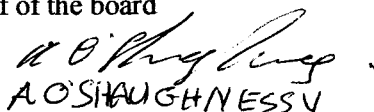
Irish Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' report comply with the Companies Act 2014. 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.

On behalf of the board

Director   
A O'SHAUGHNESSY  
Date: 21 FEB 2023

Director   
MARK MERRIGAN

**Accountants' Report to the board of directors  
on the Unaudited financial statements of The Irish Railway Record Society Company Limited  
By Guarantee**

In accordance with the engagement letter, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2014, we have compiled the financial statements which comprise the income and expenditure account, statement of income and retained earnings, balance sheet and related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

This report is made to the company's board of directors, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the company's board of directors that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's board of directors for our work or for this report.

**Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Accountants**

As described on page 4 the company's directors are responsible for ensuring that the company maintains adequate accounting records and for preparing financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at financial year end and its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

You are responsible for deciding, on an annual basis, whether the company is entitled to avail of the exemption from statutory audit in accordance with Section 358 of the Companies Act 2014.

It is our responsibility to compile the financial statements of the financial year from the accounting records, information and explanations supplied to us by the directors.

**Scope of Work**

As a firm regulated by Chartered Accountants Ireland our work will be carried out in accordance with the Miscellaneous Technical Statement No.41 Chartered Accountants' Reports on the Compilation of Financial Statements of Incorporated Entities and ISRS 4410 International Standard on Related Services - Compilation Engagements. In carrying out this engagement we have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet for the financial year ended 31st August 2022 your duty under the Companies Act 2014 is to ensure that the company has kept adequate accounting records and prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company at the end of its financial year and of its surplus or deficit for that financial year, and otherwise comply with the provisions of Companies Act 2014 relating to financial statements so far as they are applicable to the company. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the financial year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. 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.

**C.D. Mullock and Company**

**Chartered Accountants**

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**Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

		2022	2021
	Notes	€	€
<b>Income</b>	2	53,737	51,752
<b>Expenditure</b>		(46,471)	(37,407)
<b>Surplus on ordinary activities before interest</b>		<u>7,266</u>	<u>14,345</u>
Other interest receivable and similar income		13	6
<b>Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<u>7,279</u>	<u>14,351</u>
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	6	-	-
<b>Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<u><u>7,279</u></u>	<u><u>14,351</u></u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

**The notes on pages 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.**



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**Balance sheet  
as at 31 August 2022**

	Notes	€	2022 €	€	2021 €
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	7		2,753		1,480
Financial assets	8		25		25
			<u>2,778</u>		<u>1,505</u>
 <b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	9	3,032		3,415	
Cash at bank and in hand		171,954		159,929	
Stock on Hand		-		5,000	
		<u>174,986</u>		<u>168,344</u>	
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	10	(3,383)		(2,747)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
 <b>Net current assets</b>			171,603		165,597
 <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>174,381</u>		<u>167,102</u>
 Net assets			<u>174,381</u>		<u>167,102</u>
 Reserves					
Revenue reserves account	11		174,381		167,102
 Members' funds	12		<u>174,381</u>		<u>167,102</u>

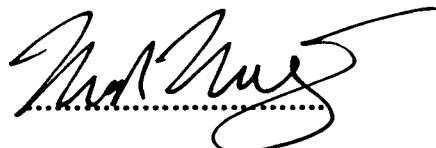
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Part 6 of the Companies Act 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board on **21 Feb 2023** and signed on its behalf by



Director

A.O'SHAUGHNESSY



Director

MARK MURPHY

# The Irish Railway Record Society Company Limited By Guarantee

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

### 1. Statement of accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

#### 1.1. Basis of preparation

The audited financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

#### 1.2. Income policy

Turnover comprises of the sale of books, tours and subscriptions made to the company.

#### 1.3. Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss. Cost includes all costs that are directly attributable to bringing the asset into working condition for its intended use.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer Equipment	- 12.5% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 12.5% Straight Line

#### 1.4. Financial assets

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Investments are reviewed for diminution in value if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Diminution in value is calculated such that carrying value of the fixed asset investment is the lower of its cost or recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of its net realisable value and its value in use.

#### 1.5. Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the Profit and Loss account.

#### 1.6. Taxation

The yearly charge for taxation is based on the interest received for the year and is calculated with reference to the tax rates applying at the balance sheet date.

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**Notes to the financial statements  
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**2. Income**

The whole of the turnover is derived from Ireland and the United Kingdom. An analysis of turnover by business operation is given below:

	2022	2021
	€	€
<b>Class of business</b>		
Subscriptions	49,140	49,361
Railtours	554	-
Book sales	1,933	62
Donations	650	-
Meetings income	1,460	2,329
	<u>53,737</u>	<u>51,752</u>

**3. Surplus**

	2022	2021
	€	€
Surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	432	432
Accountants' remuneration	2,214	2,214
Net foreign exchange loss / (profit)	(179)	(1,153)
	<u>432</u>	<u>432</u>

**4. Employees**

There were no employees during the year apart from the directors.

**5. Transactions with directors**

The directors and company secretary are related parties. All directors and secretary serve in a voluntary capacity. They are personally liable for membership fees and at the year end all membership fees in respect of the directors and secretary had been paid in full.

**6. Tax on surplus on ordinary activities**

	2022	2021
	€	€
Analysis of charge in period		
Corporation tax	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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7. Tangible assets

	Computer equipment €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 September 2021	20,563	30,677	51,240
Additions	1,949	-	1,949
At 31 August 2022	<u>22,512</u>	<u>30,677</u>	<u>53,189</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 September 2021	19,535	30,225	49,760
Charge for the year	449	227	676
At 31 August 2022	<u>19,984</u>	<u>30,452</u>	<u>50,436</u>
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31 August 2022	<u><u>2,528</u></u>	<u><u>225</u></u>	<u><u>2,753</u></u>
	Computer equipment €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 September 2020	20,563	30,677	51,240
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>20,563</u>	<u>30,677</u>	<u>51,240</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 September 2020	19,330	29,998	49,328
Charge for the year	205	227	432
At 31 August 2021	<u>19,535</u>	<u>30,225</u>	<u>49,760</u>
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31 August 2021	<u><u>1,028</u></u>	<u><u>452</u></u>	<u><u>1,480</u></u>

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8. Financial assets

	Other unlisted investments €	Total €
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**Cost**

At 1 September 2021	25	25
At 31 August 2022	25	25

**Net book values**

At 31 August 2022	25	25
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	Other unlisted investments €	Total €
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**Cost**

At 1 September 2020	25	25
At 31 August 2021	25	25

**Net book values**

At 31 August 2021	25	25
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9. Debtors

	2022 €	2021 €
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Trade debtors	-	-
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	3,032	3,415
	<u>3,032</u>	<u>3,415</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 €	2021 €
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*Other creditors*

Accruals	3,368	2,732
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*Taxation creditors*

Corporation tax	15	15
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	<u>3,383</u>	<u>2,747</u>
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**11. Reserves**

	<b>Profit and loss account €</b>	<b>Total  €</b>
<b>At 1 September 2021</b>	167,102	167,102
Surplus for the year	7,279	7,279
<b>At 31 August 2022</b>	174,381	174,381
<b>At 1 September 2020</b>	152,751	152,751
Surplus for the year	14,351	14,351
<b>At 31 August 2021</b>	167,102	167,102

**12. Reconciliation of movements in members' funds**

	<b>2022 €</b>	<b>2021 €</b>
Surplus for the year	7,279	14,351
Opening members' funds	167,102	152,751
Closing members' funds	174,381	167,102

**13. Capital commitments**

There were no capital commitments at the year ended 31 August 2022.

**14. Contingent liabilities**

There were no contingent liabilities at the year ended 31 August 2022.

**15. Related party transactions**

There are no related party transactions other than those disclosed in the Transactions with Directors note.

**16. Branches**

The financial statements for the year incorporate the income and expenditure of the Branches located in Cork and London. The assets and liabilities of these Branches are also included in the Balance Sheet of the company at the year end.

**17. Post balance sheet events**

There are no events requiring comment.

**18. Company limited by guarantee**

The company is one limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of the company being wound up is €1.27.

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**19. APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Small Entities**

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our independent accountants to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

**20. Accounting periods**

The current accounts are for a full year. The comparative accounts are for a full year.

**21. Approval of financial statements**

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on

**The Irish Railway Record Society Company Limited By Guarantee**

**Detailed income and expenditure account  
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

	€	2022	€	2021	€
<b>Income</b>					
Subscriptions	49,140			49,361	
Railtours	554			-	
Book sales	1,933			62	
Donations	650			-	
Meetings income	1,460			2,329	
		<u>53,737</u>		<u>51,752</u>	
 <b>Expenditure</b>					
Journal production costs	26,544			25,737	
Railtour costs	107			-	
Heating	4,649			250	
Meeting costs	89			100	
Insurance	4,159			3,582	
Repairs and maintenance	1,163			1,202	
Security	1,363			978	
Library and archives	1,522			1,447	
Secretarial	1,584			1,248	
Accountancy	2,714			2,714	
Bank charges	202			206	
Loss / (Profit) on exchange	(179)			(1,153)	
General expenses	1,878			664	
Depreciation	676			432	
		<u>46,471</u>		<u>37,407</u>	
 <b>Surplus for the year</b>		<u><u>7,266</u></u>		<u><u>14,345</u></u>	