

SECRETARY and TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019

THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY: To promote for the benefit of the nation the preservation of public transport vehicles and items of allied transport interest which are of historic and educational value. Further details are given in the Society's constitution, a copy of which may be obtained by application to the Hon. Secretary at the above address.

THE TRUSTEES: I.M. Dougill (Chairman), J.M. Hindes (Vice Chairman), J.B. Holmes (Secretary), A. Cowell (Treasurer), J. Soper, M J Waring and M Reuben. The Trustees were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 8th April 2019 and form the Society's Committee. All Trustees serve in an honorary capacity and are elected annually. Nine meetings of the Committee were held during the year.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: This came from a variety of sources including the sale of books and photographs, models, video tapes, DVDs and donated items that were sold through the internet and at transport-related events.

Copies of the audited accounts for the Society are available from the Secretary at the address above.

SALES STANDS: We attended six events where we had sales stands. These were Pudsey Civic Hall in January, the Middleton Railway in June, Sandtoft Trolleybus Museum in July, Otley Vintage Transport Extravaganza, the Leeds Model Railway Society Exhibition in October and at the Samuel Ledgard Society Collectors' Fair at Pudsey Civic Hall in October.

DISPLAY: At the October Samuel Ledgard Collectors Fair the organisers gladly allowed us to set up a "60th Anniversary of the closure of the Leeds City Tramway" display with photos, destination blinds, timetables, and models of Leeds trams. The Tramway closed on the 7th November 1959.

PUBLICATIONS: The book "Leeds Transport in Colour 1880-1952" which was published in July 2017 is still selling well, and we have less than 50 copies left. The Society produced a new book in August 2019 "Leeds Pubs and Cinemas by Tram" The book in hard book only, written again by Jim Soper, is set in the post war period up to the end of tramway in 1959, the book is selling reasonably well at £19.95. We have two new books in production that will be produced in the next few years. Our Internet and postal sales are selling steadily with sales up on last year.

RESTORATION WORK: Unfortunately, the Tramway Museum Society at Crich in Derbyshire, has a lot of restoration backlog, so our Leeds Horse Tram 107 is having to wait for a slot in the workload and 107 can be fitted into the workshop for the outstanding snagging items.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES: We have now been meeting at the Leeds Postal Association Club at Kirkstall, Leeds for a full year, we have found the Concert Room at the Club ideal for our meeting always comfortable and warm, with the added benefit of being able to store our large screen and projector stand at the club. Members are interested in all forms of public transport and met at the Leeds Postal Association Club for ten social meetings from January to June and from September to December. Because of the new premises, we have found attendance at the General Meeting has steadily increased. The General meetings which were held on the second Monday Evening of each month had several member and visiting speakers giving talks using slides, films, digital images, video and DVD's to cover a variety of transport topics including technical and museum subjects in many parts of the world. Four News Sheets were published in 2019 with reports on our activities and articles and 'snippets' of information and the usual picture and word quizzes. A separate programme of meetings was also issued. In addition to research into and writing of the various Society publications, work has continued with the digitisation of Leeds transport photographs and slides given to the Society.

VISITS: The Society organised two visits last year, one to the Shipley Glen Tramway near Saltaire in the Aire Valley. Here we rode up and down the rope hauled narrow gauge tramway several times, we were shown the operating mechanism and power sources, with an end to the evening visiting their museum and old fashion sweet shop. Our second visit was to the Middleton Railway in July 2019, with a guided tour of the Workshop and Museum, travelling a couple of return trips on the running line to Middleton Park Halt, hauled by a vintage locomotive “Mary” built at the Hunslet Locomotive Company in Leeds. The visit ended with hot drinks and biscuits in the railway café. Both visits were well attended.

Jim Soper: Two days before Christmas, on the 23rd December 2019, Jim one of our Trustees and prolific editor of all the LTHS books, had a severe stroke at home and was taken into the Leeds General Infirmary, and later transferred to the Harrogate District Hospital nearer to his family. Jim in his eighties is making very slow progress and is unable to speak or eat normally. The Members offers its best wishes to Jim and his family.

John Holmes
Hon. Secretary

Notes to the Accounts - Year ending 31s

Accounting Policies and other information.

1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards.

2. Fundraising and Publicity.

No expenditure on fundraising and publicity has been incurred during the year.

3. Management and Administration of the Charity.

No expenditure on management and administration has been incurred during the year.

4. Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable in the year to any trustee or to any person known to be connected with any of them.

5. Restricted Fund

The fund is to be used for future unspecified projects.

6. Society Status.

Under the provisions of the Charities Act 2011 a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was formed on the 11th February 2015 and all the assets and liabilities of the old charity were transferred to the CIO following a resolution to close the old charity being passed at the Annual General Meeting.

7. Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year and a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus or deficit of the trust for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a- select accounting policies and apply them consistently
- b- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence;
- d- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

