# GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT SOCIETY (a company limited by guarantee)

# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 31 MARCH 2022

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Company registration number: 3169301 Charity registration number: 509772R

## COMPANY INFORMATION

## Reference and administrative information

Charity name: Greater Manchester Transport Society

Charity registration number: 509772R

Company registration number: 3169301- The company is limited by guarantee

Registered office and Museum of Transport

operational address:

Boyle Street

Manchester M8 8UW

# **Board of Management (Directors)**

D J Talbot (Chairman)

A M D Anderson

P H Bradbury

J S Crankshaw

R Dowson

C Jarman

R Jarvis

C Lonergan

K W Platt

A Stephenson

C P C Williams

PF Wotton

# **Independent Examiner**

Wheawill & Sudworth Limited Chartered Accountants 35 Westgate Huddersfield HD1 1PA

# Bankers

HSBC Bank plc 109 Union Street Oldham OL1 1RT

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the report and financial statements of the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charitable company's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published in October 2019.

#### **Directors (Trustees)**

The directors of the charitable company are the Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

D J Talbot (Chairman)

A M D Anderson

P H Bradbury (appointed on 19 November 2021)

J S Crankshaw

R Dowson

C Jarman

R Jarvis

C Lonergan

K W Platt

J H A Pollock (retired on 13 November 2021)

A Stephenson

CPC Williams

P F Wotton

## Structure, governance and management

# Governing document:

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7 March 1996 and registered as a charity. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

## Recruitment and appointment of board members:

The board members are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law and under the company's Articles. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the board shall consist of not more than thirteen members of whom not more than twelve shall be elected by the full members of the Society and not more than one shall be a nominated Board member.

Transport for Greater Manchester or any successor institution, provided that it substantially succeeds to its function, shall have a right of nomination to the Board of the Society.

Board members shall have the power of co-option and termination of any co-option of up to two co-opted Board members.

Matters in connection with membership of the Board and officers of the Society are dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT** (continued)

#### Objectives and activities

#### Objectives

The principal activity and prime objectives of the organisation remain to encourage interest in the history of road passenger transport in the North West of England; to act as a focus for its study and to educate the public in this aspect of the United Kingdom's national heritage; and to operate a museum to conserve items of interest to these aims for the benefit, education and information of the public.

The Society will be organised in a way which encourages anyone with an interest in its aims to be involved and to participate in the Society's activities. However, it will act in a professional manner to safeguard and further its aims and the assets which are in the Society's care.

The Society will acquire, conserve, restore and display vehicles and artefacts associated with its aims. This will be done in a manner which faithfully and accurately portrays their places in road transport history, whilst working to conserve the fabric and integrity of the original.

The Society will seek to maintain and increase public access to its assets within and outside the museum.

The Society will not discriminate against anyone on grounds of race, sex, age or disability.

The Board members of Greater Manchester Transport Society are responsible for compliance with the Companies Act and Charity Commission requirements and agree the financial policy. All policies for the day to day running of the Society are decided by the board members.

# Achievements and performance

For the first two months of the year under review the Museum was not allowed to open to the public as the country followed the Government's 'Roadmap' out of the Covid-19 lockdowns. On 5 June 2021 the Museum reopened on just two days a week and then from August returned to opening on three days each week. Visitor numbers have been encouraging, with many local families visiting from the reopening and towards the end of the year we began to see a return of overseas visitors as travel restrictions were relaxed. By the last quarter of the year, visitor numbers had almost returned to pre-Covid levels.

This is the first full accounting year when all the Society's activities have been recorded in the Society's accounts as the GMTS (Sales) Ltd Company was made dormant after 31 March 2021. This gives greater transparency to this set of accounts as the results of shop and tea room trading are shown alongside the other income and expenditure flows, rather than as a net amount contributed from the Sales Company.

The closure of the Sales Company brought the transfer of the paid staff to the Society and that meant the remaining furlough or Job Retention Scheme payments were not available; the directors decided to continue to pay our staff the full amount they would have received had they been able to work.

In the first two months of the year a substantial amount was received in Government support grants for businesses. Once it was clear that we would be able to reopen, the directors decided to use some of this grant funding to benefit the Museum and its visitors. A passenger lift was installed between the two main halls to make the building fully compliant with disabled access requirements. A new shop and store room was designed and installed together with an all new heating system for the Entrance Hall, Shop and Board Room. New displays were installed around the museum including more video presentations and sounds. During the time the museum remained closed and as restrictions allowed, many other improvements were carried out, including floor painting to many public areas.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT** (continued)

## Achievements and performance (continued)

Early in the year a major boost to sales was the launch of an important new book about Manchester's buses, which generated a significant profit. The website was renewed and a new online shop introduced which has proved very popular. Using another specific grant received in 2020-21 a large format scanner has been purchased to digitise large posters and plans and these images are also offered for sale in several formats.

Valuable items continue to be donated to the Archives, enhancing the Museum's Collections and good progress has being made, often working from home, in cataloguing the many thousands of items to a professional standard.

The Museum's Facebook page now has around 8,600 followers and the Twitter account has 4,200. On four days each week new content is posted on both Twitter and Facebook and this attracts a good deal of interest, often involving people who were not previously aware of the Museum. During the closure periods the Society continued to improve visitor facilities in several ways, including, new displays and redecorations in the year under review Storage for spare parts has also received some investment.

Work has continued through the year on vehicle restoration with increased expenditure compared to 2020-21 once it was clear the pre-Covid income streams would return. Some long-term projects made good progress during the year.

The Board members are satisfied with the current level of activity of the Society.

#### Financial review

The attached financial statements show the results for the year. The Society has generated a surplus of income over expenditure for the year of £42,915 (2021: surplus of income over expenditure of £44,118).

#### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Society to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to at least twelve months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs.

# Risk management

The Board of Management have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Society faces and confirms that systems are established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

# Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details for the company are included on page 1 company information.

# **Exemption from disclosures**

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The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions within the SORP relating to smaller charities.

Approved by the board of directors on 30 September 2022 and signed by order of the board:

D J TALBOT Director

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 13

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of independent examiners' statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

# Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

RICHARD TURNER

For and on behalf of:

Wheawill & Sudworth Limited

Whealt + Sisheth (40)

Chartered Accountants

35 Westgate Huddersfield HD1 1PA 30 September 2022

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

# for the year ended

# 31 MARCH 2022

Notes	INCOME FROM:	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	Donations: Subscriptions and donations Grant income Donations from GMTS (Sales) Limited Gift Aid tax reclaimed	22,215 54,141 - 4,612	1,227 - - -	23,442 54,141 4,612	31,728 38,757 12,472 5,340
	Charitable activities: Door takings Shop and Tea Room income Event income Vehicle rental income Miscellaneous income Use of vehicles and facilities	25,916 59,503 24,048 9,340 1,416 6,750	-	25,916 59,503 24,048 9,340 1,416 6,750	2,570 - - 8,640 1,905
2	Investments	608	-	608	967
	Total income	208,549	1,227	209,776	102,379
	EXPENDITURE ON:				
	Charitable activities	162,321	3,540	165,861	56,561
	Governance costs	1,000	-	1,000	1,700
3	Total expenditure	163,321	3,540	166,861	58,261
	Net movement in funds	45,228	(2,313)	42,915	44,118
	Reconciliation of funds: Total funds brought forward	230,319	22,314	252,633	208,515
	Total funds carried forward	275,547	20,001	295,548	252,633

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

# 31 MARCH 2022

Notes		2022 £	2021 £
Notes	Fixed assets	L	T.
6	Tangible assets	59,190	13,355
7	Investments	1,000	1,000
		60,190	14,355
	Current assets	·	8
	Stocks	5,009	11,239
8	Debtors	5,374	5,340
	Cash at bank and in hand	237,901	230,216
		248,284	246,795
9	Creditors: amounts becoming due and payable within one year	(12,926)	(8,517)
	Net current assets	235,358	238,278
	Net assets	295,548	252,633
	Funds		
10	General funds – unrestricted	275,547	230,319
11	Restricted funds	20,001	22,314
	Total funds	295,548	252,633

For the year ended 31 March 2022 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 financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 30 September 2022 and are signed on their behalf by

Directors and trustees

Company registration number: 3169301

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these accounts.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 31 MARCH 2022

## 1 Accounting policies

# a) General information and basis of preparation.

Greater Manchester Transport Society is a registered charitable company limited by guarantee in the United Kingdom. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activity are detailed in the Directors report.

The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The accounts present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The group qualifies as a small group and group accounts are not required.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

# (b) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are used in accordance with restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the accounts.

## (c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

## (d) Grants

Grants in respect of expenditure on tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income which is amortised in the statement of financial activities over the expected useful life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy. Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the statement of financial activities of the period in respect of which they are paid.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 31 MARCH 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### (e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs, included within support costs in note 3, include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

## (f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives. In the year of acquisition tangible fixed assets are depreciated from 1 April.

Plant & equipment - 25% Per annum reducing balance Computer equipment - 33 1/3 % Per annum straight line

# (g) Heritage assets

The Society owns a number of heritage assets, the majority of which have been donated. The information on the cost or valuation of the heritage assets is not available and the cost of providing such information significantly outweighs any benefit to the users of the accounts. Further to this a value is not put on the heritage assets including, vehicles, vehicle consumables or other items as they are not practically realisable and the vast majority were donated at zero cost on the understanding that they would never be disposed of. The heritage assets are not recognised on the balance sheet.

#### (h) Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

#### (i) Taxation

As a registered charity, the company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from corporation tax but not from VAT.

## (i) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

2022

£

21,957

1,000

2021

£

4,033

1,700

# GREATER MANCHESTER TRANSPORT SOCIETY

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# 31 MARCH 2022

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Net income (expenditure) for the year

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Independent examiner's remuneration

This is stated after charging:

Income from investments			202 £	2	2021 £
Bank interest receivable				05	965
Other interest receivable			01	3	2
			60		967
				= =	
Expenditure on charitable activit	ies			2022	2021
	Dagia	Charitable activities	Governance	2022 Tetal	2021
	Basis		costs	Total	Total
Costs directly allocated to activity	log•	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activity		2 205		2 205	
Festival and rally	Direct	3,385	-	3,385	1.000
Publicity and education	Direct	2,479	-	2,479	1,088
Visitor facilities	Direct	4,043	-	4,043	2,864
Vehicle expenses and cost of restoration	D:	22.047		22.047	12.002
	Direct Direct	33,047	-	33,047	12,902
Shop purchases		15,664	=	15,664	:2
Tea Room purchases	Direct	10,181	=	10,181	1
Acquisition of objects for the Museum	Direct				2.660
				_	2,668
Support costs allocated to activiti		5.012		5.010	5.500
Journal and membership expenses	Direct	5,012	-	5,012	5,782
Rates	Floor	2,091	-	2,091	
Insurance	Usage	7,352	-	7,352	5,203
Building/Equipment maintenance	Floor	20,957	-	20,957	12,276
Administrative and running costs	Usage	28,990	1,000	29,990	6,900
Health and safety	Direct	279	_	279	1,257
Telephone, postage and stationery	**	5.500		5 500	0.555
and office equipment	Usage	5,523	=1	5,523	2,577
Card collection charges	Direct	4,560	=:	4,560	
Miscellaneous expenses	Direct	341	=	341	711
Depreciation	Direct	21,957		21,957	4,033
		165,861	1,000	166,861	58,261
£3,540 (2021: £3,473) of the above (£163,321 (2021: £54,788) of the abo					
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## 31 MARCH 2022

# 5 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The directors of the company who also act as trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration in the year ended 31 March 2022 (2021: £Nil).

During this year and the course of last year, the directors have claimed mileage expenses for travelling to director's meeting and on Society business. The directors have chosen to donate the amount of expenses received back to the Society that is eligible for Gift Aid. No further expenses have been claimed or reimbursed.

~	Toursthie Court agents	Plant and	Computer	
6	Tangible fixed assets	equipment	equipment	Total
		${\mathfrak L}$	£	£
	Cost:			
	At 1 April 2021	59,937	12,509	72,446
	Additions	64,939	2,853	67,792
	At 31 March 2022	124,876	15,362	140,238
	Depreciation:			
	At 1 April 2021	48,494	10,597	59,091
	Charge for the year	19,094	2,863	21,957
	At 31 March 2022	67,588	13,460	81,048
	Net book amount at:		***	
	31 March 2022	57,288	1,902	59,190
	1 April 2021	11,443	1,912	13,355

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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		2022	2021
7	Investments	£	£
	G.M.T.S. (Sales) Limited	1,000	1,000

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of G.M.T.S. (Sales) Limited a company registered in England and Wales.

The aggregate of capital and reserves of GMTS (Sales) Limited at 31 March 2022 was £1,000 (2021: £1,000) and its profit for the year ended 31 March 2022 was £Nil (2021: £15,419 loss).

The Directors carried out a review of its activities during the year ended 31 March 2022 in the light of current Charity Commission guidance and decided that it was no longer necessary to have a separate trading subsidiary. Accordingly, the stock and assets of G.M.T.S. (Sales) Limited were transferred at net book value to the Society on 31 March 2021. G.M.T.S. (Sales) Limited has been retained as a dormant company.

The results of the subsidiary G.M.T.S. (Sales) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2022 are set out below:

		2022 £	2021 £
	Profit and loss account		
	Turnover	10 <del>2</del>	7,143
	Cost of sales	a=	(3,239)
	Gross profit	12 <u>22</u>	3,904
	Administrative expenses	1=	(6,851)
	Gift Aid donation to Great Manchester Transport Society	:=	(12,472)
	Not profit (loss)		(15 (10)
	Net profit (loss)		(15,419)
8	Debtors	2022	2021
O	Debtots	£	£
		~	2
	Accrued income	5,374	5,340
		2022	2021
9	Creditors: amounts becoming due and payable within one year	£	£
	Too do and disease	4.014	
	Trade creditors	4,814	1 000
	Amount due to subsidiary	1,000	1,000
	Other taxes and social security	544	1 (00
	Accruals	1,000	1,680
	Deferred income	5,568	5,837
		12,926	8,517
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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10	Unrestricted funds			2022 £	2021 £
	Balance at 1 April 2021 Surplus for the year			230,319 45,228	184,845 45,474
	Balance at 31 March 2022			275,547	230,319
11	Restricted funds	Total £	84 Fund £	185 Fund £	436 Fund £
	Balance at 1 April 2021 Amounts received in the year Amounts expended in the year Balance at 31 March 2022	22,314 1,227 (3,540) 20,001	600	536	16,040 227 (2,271) 13,996
		368 Fund £	55 Fund £	Museum Fund £	Golden Key Fund £
	Balance at 1 April 2021 Amounts received in the year Amounts expended in the year	1,818	270	3,000 1,000 (1,219)	50 - (50)
	Balance at 31 March 2022	1,818	270	2,781	

- a) The Golden Key Fund The Society acquired the ceremonial golden key presented to the Lord Mayor of Manchester in 1906 to formally open Queens Road Bus Garage which is next to the Museum. Funding was successfully raised to fund this purchase and to cover the cost of a secure display case.
- b) Museum Fund This fund holds monies raised to pay for various displays at the Museum.
- c) Vehicle Restoration Funds The remaining restricted funds relate to funds raised less expenditure incurred for the restoration of a number of the Society's vehicles.

12	Analysis of net assets between funds		2022		2021
	•	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	Funds	funds	funds
		${f \pounds}$	£	£	£
	Fixed assets	60,190	-	60,190	14,355
	Current assets	228,283	20,001	248,284	246,795
	Current liabilities	(12,926)		(12,926)	(8,517)
		275,547	20,001	295,548	252,633

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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# 13 Constitution

The company is limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. Every member undertakes to contribute pro rata the sum of £10 to the assets of the Society in the event of the same being wound up while they are a member.

# 14 Control of the company

The company is controlled by its members.