



38th Annual General Meeting

Saturday 30th August 2025



Reports and Accounts

LNER Coach Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1183387 Registered in England

Address: Unit 10, Beansheaf Industrial Park, Tofts Lane, Kirby Misperton, Malton, YO17 6BG

LNER Coach Association

The Thirty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the LNER Coach Association will be held at:

The Bothy Conference Room

The White Swan Inn,
Market Place,
Pickering,
North Yorkshire,
YO18 7AA

The meeting room will be open from 10:00 AM on Saturday, 30th August 2025, and official business shall start promptly at 11:00 AM

Schedule

10.00 Coffee/tea

11.00 AGM starts

13.00 Lunch *

14.00 Optional visits to the Atkins shed to see progress on 189 and Unit 10 for 3087.

** Please contact the Secretary if lunch is required so we can work out numbers with the White Swan **

Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh AGM held on Saturday, 7th September 2024
 - a) Matters arising from the minutes.
 - b) Approval of the minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Reports of the H&S Officer and the Membership Secretary.
6. Treasurer's report and presentation of accounts for 2024
 - a) Approval of accounts for 2024
7. Election of Independent Examiner.
8. Election of Trustees.
 - a) To approve the re-election of three Trustees at the end of their terms.
 - i) Murray Brown
 - ii) Neil Cawthorne
 - iii) Bill Monks
 - b) Debbie Cross wishes to stand down at this meeting.
9. Strategy Presentation
10. Presentation on activities during FY24/25
11. Restoration and Maintenance Progress
12. Any Other Business.

MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LNER COACH ASSOCIATION HELD AT PICKERING STATION AT 11.00 ON SEPTEMBER 7th, 2024

The AGM was attended by 26 members, including 9 Trustees, chaired by Murray Brown.

Welcome

Murray Brown, acting Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Martin Barker, Debbie Cross, John Carr, John Broadley, John & Marion Pearse, Martin Parry, Simon Cox, Peter & Deborah Wilson, Marcus Woodcock, Jean Kay and Christopher Johnson.

2. Minutes of the Thirty Sixth AGM held on Saturday, 2nd September 2023

These were approved with no amendments and no matters arising.

3. Acting Chairman's report

Murray's report tabled. Summary highlights:

- Expenditure on carriage maintenance exceeds income from NYMR contract.
- Finance team working on how we could take on all maintenance and remove the NYMR having to find capex for many mechanical renewals (like tyres).
- Unit 10 lease renewal – conversations to start with landlord.
- Contract work for other railways.
- The teak set may be running next season, hopefully marketed appropriately.

4. Trustees report

Report tabled.

5. Health & Safety Officer's report

Report tabled.

- The meeting commended Neil's effort during the HSE investigation.
- Neil reported that A.W. Safety was scheduled to conduct a site visit to Unit 10 during September and prepare a report.

6. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts for 2023

- Thanks to Ramparts for allowing staged payments on work done on 88339.
- LNERCA awarded the contract to remediate NYMR FFA carriage 43632.

The meeting APPROVED the accounts.

7. Election of Independent Examiner

Following a proposal by Neil Cawthorne, seconded by Jim Kay, it was AGREED to re-elect Axiom Accounting (Ian Philpott), as Independent Examiner.

8. Election of Trustees.

a) The following Trustees were due to retire by rotation. All were willing to re-stand for another term:

- Murray Brown (1-year)
- Adrian Laming (3-years)
- Paul Johnson (3-years)

- Peter Wilson (3-years)
- Russ Whitwam (3-years)

b) The following Trustees were nominated to undertake these roles:

- Chairman – Bill Monks
- Vice Chairman – Murray Brown
- Treasurer – Adrian Laming
- Membership Secretary – Peter Wilson

Following a proposal by Neil Cawthorne, seconded by Paul Johnson, Trustees appointments were confirmed by the AGM. New Chairman, Bill Monks gave a quick update on how he saw the Chairman role going forward. He mentioned the contract with the NYMR and how it may change in the future.

***There was then a short break in proceedings. ***

9. Presentations

- Restoration Progress over the last 12 months - Photographic record of work this year.
- Prestige Carriages of the LNERCA - Presentation aimed at the NYMR Marketing & Catering Teams outlining the potential of carriages 189, 945 and 3087

10. Any Other Business & QA Session

- Steve Hone raised the issue of track maintenance that had caused issues on all the carriages, including the teaks, as they had poor cleaning methods.
- It was noted that the NYMR never marketed the teaks as something special. The NYMR has an educational responsibility and should be promoting the teak set.
- Richard Hayward highlighted the risk of not having standby people to fill key roles (Secretary, Treasurer, etc).
- Would the NYMR's rules and regs put so many restrictions on volunteers that many would stop coming?
- Heritage Open Days – maximising our profile/attracting new volunteers/members/donations.

Members were invited to write ideas on Post-it Notes to contribute to strategy meetings.

The meeting closed at 13:10

Dave Cullingworth, Secretary.

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

Bill Monks – Chairman

Murray Brown – Vice Chairman

Neil Cawthorne – H&S Officer

Debbie Cross

David Cullingworth – Secretary

Paul Johnson

Adrian Laming – Treasurer

Shaun Saltmarsh

Gordon Wells

Russ Whitwam

Peter Wilson – Membership Secretary

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Chairman's Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Our duty as Trustees is to envision the future trajectory of our Association, particularly as our heritage assets require increasingly larger sums of money for their restoration, operation, and maintenance.

As we transition from our historical role as an Association primarily concerned with the preservation of vehicles to a charitable incorporated business that needs to sustain and develop its assets, attract restoration funding, and engage a wide support base, the ability to maintain essential craftsmanship and skills becomes increasingly important.

You have, as a separate booklet, the summary of our deliberations on the future strategy of our Association. Yes, it is a long document (too long!) – however, it provides a great deal of context and breaks down what we need to do (from our charitable objectives) and how we will get there, along with some measurements that will be useful to track progress along the way.

Following on from our work on the NYMR fuss-free coach (43632), we are actively pursuing further contract restoration work to fund our ongoing projects and facilities. We have a pipeline of interested parties from railways across the Midlands and North of England who have visited our workshop locations, and where talks are ongoing to secure suitable work.

This year will see us facing the lease renewal on our Kirkby Misperton facility. Our landlord has been understanding thus far, and we hope to be able to renegotiate this renewal on mutually acceptable terms. We are also having to invest in changing the access to our paddock storage facility. We have expanded its capacity to a potential maximum of 9 vehicles, with the increased frequency of moves in/out, the access issues are becoming ever more problematic. Reconfiguring gates and fences will remove these constraints.

One of the findings of our recent survey of working volunteers was a clear preference for restoration work, particularly at the Atkins Shed location. We have reached an understanding recently with the NYMR that we will continue to have space allocated for one vehicle. For the foreseeable future, this will be where 189 resides whilst restoration is completed.

We are in the final stages of negotiating the placement of 3087 at the Yorkshire Dales Railway, and 945 at Kirkby Stephen East. Our friends at both locations share our commitment to high-quality heritage services, and we hope to secure members' train privileges on an annual basis once contracts are agreed.

At a personal level, it is somewhat galling to see high-profile former LNER locomotives visiting the NYMR without being able to offer the full heritage experience of our coaches at the same time. Members can be assured that this is most certainly not for want of effort and flexibility on our part. We regularly offer the NYMR the very best of our collaborative efforts to make this happen, alas, with no take-up thus far. We firmly hope this position changes in future.

I conclude by offering my sincere thanks to all of the many individuals who make exceptional contributions to the success of our Association.

- **our working volunteers**, led by **Marcus Woodcock** have had a very productive year indeed, with significant progress on 189, 3087, and 43632 being of particular note;

- our Treasurer **Adrian Laming** for keeping us on the financial “straight and narrow” with yet another year of accounts passing independent inspection in good time for member perusal at our AGM;
- **Mark Allett** has facilitated our strategy development process with great adroitness and provided key inputs to our 23896 restoration appeal;
- Secretary **Dave Cullingworth** has, yet again, made an immense contribution. It is no exaggeration to say that our Association would struggle to function without him;
- the safe pair of hands that belong to **Neil Cawthorne**, maintaining our H&S compliance; and,
- **Gordon Wells** and **Clive Gault** who are gradually developing a full set of measurements for all our tyre, bogie, and spring assets.

The list would easily be many times longer were I to include our generous donors, members, and supporters, all of whom are essential to our future plans. Please do excuse me if I have inadvertently left anyone out.....

Bill Monks, Chairman

Secretary’s Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

We have brought the AGM forward by a week from previous years, as some of the Trustees were unavailable. Unfortunately, the Classroom at the NYMR was booked on the 30th August, so we have chosen the Bothy conference room at the White Swan Inn in Pickering. This is an excellent facility with on-site parking.

Lunch will be provided, but please can you contact me beforehand so we can plan the numbers with the venue.

Trustee elections

We have three existing Trustees at the end of their respective terms; all are willing to stand for a three-year term.

Debbie Cross is standing down at this point. Last year, Debbie took over as Chair of the Vintage Carriages Trust and has additional responsibilities there. We wish Debbie well and thank her for her contributions over the last 2 years.

At this point, we are not looking to fill any of the Trustee vacancies; however, this may change during 2026, and so anyone considering a more active role within the organisation should contact me.

Partnerships with other organisations

We have been in discussions with other heritage railways regarding some of our carriages that are currently under restoration. We hope we may be able to announce more at the AGM.

Carriage Storage in the Paddock

The two privately owned carriages (43654 and 23890) have now left the paddock for restoration elsewhere. We have recently added another length of track, allowing us to accommodate seven carriages. It is likely that some of the unrestored, long-term project

carriages on the NYMR will move to the paddock in the next few months. The cost of moving these (3291, 1077 and 1299) will be at NYMR expense.

The main issue with the paddock is that access is extremely difficult and results in additional costs with hauliers and aggravation with the local farmers as the farm access track is blocked for protracted periods of time. We have been in discussion with the landlord and have agreed to pay for an additional set of gates at an angle to the road, which will allow lorries easier access while also segregating us from users of the remaining part of the compound.

Constitution

Many thanks to everyone who voted in the ballot to change the objectives with the constitution. This is now a more streamlined and wider-reaching set of words.

Dave Cullingworth, Secretary

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

I am pleased to report that we have maintained our strong financial position throughout the year, and I have every confidence that we will continue to target our expenditure where it can produce the best results for our Association. I would like to thank my fellow members of the Finance Committee for their contributions towards this.

We are very aware that we are embarking on a different direction for the Association, aiming to reach a point where we are self-financing through contracting out our skills and services, and hiring out our carriages to various heritage railways. This will be enhanced by targeted appeals (e.g., 23896) to fund specific restorations.

I must also thank Ian Philpott (our Independent Examiner) for his unqualified opinion on the accuracy of our accounting records (appended) and his usual speedy turnaround of his due diligence work.

Adrian Laming, LNERCA Treasurer

Health & Safety Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

In November 2024, we had our site visit by Martin Hoyland from AW Safety, an independent firm of consultants.

The Trustees had previously decided to utilise their services, as they would keep us informed about all Health & Safety requirements in the workplace.

At the time of the visit, effectively the HSE investigation was still an open case, as we had been informed there would be a Coroner's Inquest once HSE had concluded on their part.

This was all outlined to Martin, including the HSE Inspector's concluding comments of how everyone concerned at LNERCA had been cooperative and professional in their approach to his investigation.

A big thank you at this point to Melissa Arnold, who is no longer in our employ, for her knowledge and professionalism in helping us through the entire investigation process.

The HSE Inspector complimented the Association on how impressed he was with a small Charitable Association like us for the procedures we already had in place, and other recommendations taken on board and implemented. This was truly a positive reflection of the Association's approach not only to the importance of Health & Safety, but also our whole approach to all aspects of coach restoration.

Concluding the HSE investigation, the Inspector informed us that due to the unfortunate outcome of the accident, his findings would have to be referred to his superior and subsequently to his superior also. Following that the case would finally be subject to the Coroner's Inquest.

Following the Coroner's Inquest earlier this year, we were informed, albeit indirectly, that the outcome was deemed an unfortunate accident.

A big thank you to all my colleagues for their assistance throughout this whole process, it was a very stressful time for all concerned.

Back to the AW Safety Site Visit, all in all, was a very positive, with a number of recommendations being made, some of which have already been implemented, while others are ongoing. It should be noted that no serious discrepancies were raised regarding our procedures and day-to-day working practices.

We have also been given access to AW Safety's database of health and safety information, which can be of assistance as we move forward in our usual positive and professional manner.

A big thank you to my fellow Trustees, Volunteers and Contractors in taking on board the various recommendations as and when they come along.

Neil Cawthorne, Health & Safety Officer

Membership Secretary's Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Income from 235 members' subscriptions was £ 3,170, and we received £ 2,520 as donations, along with these memberships, totalling £ 5,690 through the membership account (some payments, totalling £310, were made directly to the Treasurer). Almost 80% of our members Gift Aid their subscriptions, which provides a very welcome increase in income. If you do not currently claim Gift Aid, please consider doing so. A form is available on our website.

We occasionally send out urgent news and other correspondence by email, which we prefer to do as it is both economical and rapid. Similarly, our Newsletter can also be sent by email and this offers significant savings in both printing and postage. We recognise that this does not suit all members; however, we would be very grateful if you could help us keep costs down by switching to email distribution if you have not already done so. Please do advise me directly if you wish to change.

Your support of the Association's work is invaluable and greatly appreciated by the Trustees.

Peter Wilson, Membership Secretary

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025 as
approved by the Independent Examiner**

Receipts and Payments

Receipts	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Hire income	2	50,904	-	50,904	47,420
Other sales	3	32,898	-	32,898	13,740
Donations	4	78,193	1,585	79,778	152,559
Membership fees		3,280	-	3,280	4,024
Other income	5	18,127	-	18,127	67,233
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>183,401</u>	<u>1,585</u>	<u>184,987</u>	<u>284,976</u>

Payments	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Carriage Costs – Labour	6	123,066	1,162	124,228	108,072
Carriage Costs – Materials	7	21,177	-	21,177	74,290
Workshop Expenses	8	6,972	-	6,972	10,236
Administration & General Expenses	9	34,182	-	34,182	27,143
Haulage		2,450	-	2,450	18,199
Storage of Carriages and Spares		723	-	723	2,512
Training		-	-	-	1,740
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>188,570</u>	<u>1,162</u>	<u>189,732</u>	<u>242,192</u>

Statement of Funds

	Note	Total for year	Total for prior year
Total Funds brought forward	10	90,714	42,913
Total Income		184,987	284,976
Total Payments		(189,732)	(242,192)
VAT Adjustments	11	5,764	5,017
Total Funds carried forward	10	<u>91,733</u>	<u>90,714</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2025

- 1.1 In accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, these accounts are produced on a cash basis. All amounts are denominated in Sterling.
- 1.2 Independent examination is set out in Part 8 and Sections 145 and 152 of the 2011 Charities Act to allow Trustees of smaller charities to opt for this simpler form of external scrutiny in place of an audit.
- 1.3 Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further the charity's general objectives. Restricted funds are those given by a donor for a specific purpose.
- 1.4 Notes to these accounts are not a requirement. However, they are included in the interests of transparency and historical record to assist members in understanding the financial position of the Association.

2. Hire income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Service Set to NYMR	50,004	-	50,004	41,670
Polar Express	-	-	-	5,000
Hire of 1706	900	-	900	750
	<u>50,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,904</u>	<u>47,420</u>

3. Other Sales

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Contract Restoration Work	28,440	-	28,440	-
Sales of parts and timber	2,208	-	2,208	9,240
Storage charges	2,250	-	2,250	4,500
	<u>32,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,898</u>	<u>13,740</u>

4. Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Unrestricted donations	9,564	-		114,977
From Stringer legacy	68,629		68,629	28,608
189	-	100	100	100
3087	-	850	850	6,993
3857	-	135	135	318
18477	-	200	200	100
23896	-	300	300	363
Calendar	-	-	-	600
PASMA training course	-	-	-	500
	<u>78,193</u>	<u>1,585</u>	<u>79,778</u>	<u>152,559</u>

5. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Balance from closure of sales account	27	-	27	-
Bank Interest	1,421	-	1,421	600
Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile	168	-	168	128
Gift Aid receipts	6,234	-	6,234	13,690
Legacy receipts	10,000	-	10,000	52,815
Other receipts	277	-	277	-
	<u>18,127</u>	-	<u>18,127</u>	<u>67,233</u>

6. Labour Costs by Carriage

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
189	16,537	120	16,657	4,022
945	384	-	384	1,837
1623	948	-	948	-
1706	-	-	-	24,219
3087	19,619	850	20,469	18,644
23896	168	-	168	7,655
23956	-	192	192	192
43567	7,761	-	7,761	9,627
43632	32,443	-	32,443	44
56856	8,466	-	8,466	37,573
88339	29,419	-	29,419	9,637
Carriage Labour Costs – other	5,891	-	5,891	621
Volunteer organisation	1,430	-	1,430	3,628
	<u>123,066</u>	<u>1,162</u>	<u>124,228</u>	<u>108,072</u>

7. Material Costs by Carriage

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
189	1,556	-	1,556	-
3087	1,324	-	1,324	32,718
43567	227	-	227	-
43632	454	-	454	-
56856	7,680	-	7,680	1,105
88339	1,309	-	1,309	-
Materials - other	8,627	-	8,627	40,467
	<u>21,177</u>	-	<u>21,177</u>	<u>74,290</u>

8. Workshop Expenses

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Broadband and computer	1,124	-	1,124	1,538
Cleaning	-	-	-	485
Electricity, wood, buildings insurance	2,298	-	2,298	2,538
Fire alarm	510	-	510	949
Heater maintenance & heating	457	-	457	495
Rates	2,122	-	2,122	2,263
Tools and equipment	-	-	-	496
Waste removal	461	-	461	314
	<u>7,232</u>	-	<u>7,232</u>	<u>10,236</u>

9. Administration Expenses

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Admin staff	0	-	0	2,070
Employee costs	16,074	-	16,074	18,499
HSE Consultancy	825	-	825	0
HSE Fees	9,844	-	9,844	-
Independent examiner fees	350	-	350	225
Insurance	5,122	-	5,122	4,213
Marketing	-	-	-	667
Newsletter	643	-	643	914
Office consumables	906	-	906	755
Other expenses	67	-	67	102
Postage	76	-	76	202
Website	275	-	275	251
	<u>34,182</u>	-	<u>34,182</u>	<u>27,143</u>

10. Breakdown of Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total for year	Total for prior year
Old Current Account	-	-	60	692
Current Account	6,482	-	6,482	5,294
Deposit account	28,647	3,720	32,367	83,595
Membership Acc	2,325	-	2,325	1,205
Cash	-	-	-	560
32 day notice savings account	25,254	-	25,254	0
95 day notice savings account	25,395	-	25,395	
	<u>88,013</u>	<u>3,720</u>	<u>91,733</u>	<u>90,714</u>

11. VAT Adjustments

VAT is accounted for on a cash basis, and returns are made quarterly. HMRC settles the returns in the following quarter. Therefore, there is a time lag that requires reconciliation.

Period 03/24 repayment received in April 2024	6,249
Period 03/25 repayment received in April 2025	(545)
Prior year VAT adjustment	60
Net Adjustment	<u>5,764</u>

12. Summary of Restricted Funds

	Balance brought forward	Receipts	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
189	2,550	120	120	2,550
3087	-	850	850	-
3857	1,245	0	1,245*	-
18477	730	120	-	850
23896	-	300	300	-
Calendar	600	-	-	600
	<u>5,125</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>2,215</u>	<u>4,000</u>

*Donor agreed to transfer donations to general funds.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees	LNER Coach Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31 July 2025	Charity no (if any)	1183387
Set out on pages	Accounts One to Accounts Five		
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 July 2025. As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
Independent examiner's statement	The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 in the prior year and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: - the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or - the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or - the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.		
Signed:			Date: 21 July 2025
Name:	Ian Philpott		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	Axiom Accounting 39 Limited		

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Thompson CL 88839 at Ramparts Engineering Ltd for repaneling and mechanical overhaul. (P.Ramsden)



56856 with reupholstered seats. Paul Clayton and Jim Chittock testing their comfort. (M.Brown)

Cover page photo – Sarah Elizabeth, professional signwriter at work lettering GN saloon 3087 on 5th July. (D.Cullingworth).