MIDDLETON RAILWAYS TRUST

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER, 1972

Audit

The Audit of the Books of the Trust has, this year, been confirmed by an independent Firm of Accountants and is a procedure which I consider essential in view of our Charitable Status.

1972 Accounts.

The Accounts have again be produced to show the detailed sources of income and expenditure with a modest su plus, £686, seen when compared with 1971. The surplus has resulted from:-

- (a) Increased "Sales" profit +£223
 Increased sales of scrap +£122
 Additional subscriptions
 and Conations +£ 64
- (b) A reduction in Mechanical Maintenance costs, - £154 (1971 included A.P.C.M. Spares, £75 and Smokebox, £84-50).
- (c) A reduction in "Old Run" costs, £98 (Winter edition Invoice, £29, not included however).
- (d) A reduction in General Administration costs, £69.

It will be seen that a full season of Visitors Traffic increased the Revenue but the high price of coal cuts profitability and £274 can be set as direct costs against receipts.

The reduced Goods Traffic tonnage is reflected in receipts but remains as the basic income in maintaining a viable Railway.

Income Tax Assessment.

Agreement was received from the Inland Revenue during the year that we could claim relief from Assessment under Part XIII of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, provided that the purpose and workings of the Trust remain unchanged. This is an important concession allowing the refreshment/souvenir sales to be untaxed, providing that they remain as ancillary to the main objects of the Trust.

Value Added Tax.

The Trust can remain as unregistered, total sales turnover not exceeding £5,000, and I consider that we should adopt this procedure during the first year of V.A.T. when a comparison may be made of Tax reclaimable under Railway Operation Costs which are zero rates as compared with Tax payable after Registration on Sale items.

Deeds of Covenant.

The Inland Revenue have now confirmed that we may claim Tax repayment on Deeds of Covenant completed after our Formal Charitable Status was registered. A form of Covenant will be available at the Meeting, together with the Claim Form which has to be completed by the Donator, each year, and returned to the Treasurer who can then claim repayment from the Inland

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Revenue of approximately 50p. for each £1-25 Subscription/Donation providing the Member is paying Income Tax at the standard rate of 30%. Please consider completing a Deed of Covenant, and help the Middleton Railway Trust.

Summary.

It has been a good year financially, but the Balance Sheet and accounts must be viewed in the light of future Capital and administration costs.

The Appeal account has slowly grown to £373-05, and the Estimates for the new Depot are now awaited to give a target which must be reached to enable our plans to push forward, whilst a modest increase in Subscriptions has to be considered to simply maintain the costs of Membership Administration and "Old Rur." distribution.

C.D. Ware, Treasurer.

"Pine Lodge", 4 High Street, Clifford, Wetherby.

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SALES ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st DECEMBER:-

			<u>1972</u> €
Sales			753
Less	Cost of Sales		
	Stock as at 1st January 1972	348	
	Purchases	<u>458</u> 806	
		000	
	<u>Less</u> Stock as at 31st December 1972	<u>308</u>	498
			Brown stores
			255
Less	Sundry Expenses		32
Surpl	us carried to Income & Expenditure Account		223

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INCOME A	ND	EXPENDITURE	ACCOUNT	for	the	year	ended	<u>31st</u>	DECEMBER:-
									1972
<u> 197</u>	1								€

<u>1971</u> £			<u>1972</u> €		
	Income				
_	Surplus from Sales Account	223			
601	Goods Traffic	479			
191	Visitors Traffic	422			
124	Sales of Scrap not Valued	236			
220	Donations and Subscriptions	284			
_	"Old Run" Income	10			
22	Bank Interest	11			
<u>30</u> 1188	Sundry Income	21	1686		
	Less Expenditure				
367	Mechanical Maintenance	213			
152	Traffic Expenses	292			
147	Insurance	160			
86	Safety, Plant and Track Expenses	42			
248	"Old Run" Expenses	150			
198	Locomotive Transport	45			
140	Administration	71			
64 1402		27	1000		

(214) Surplus of Income for the year

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER:-

<u>1971</u> €		<u>1</u>	<u>972</u> £
	FIXED ASSETS		
	Locomotives, Stocks, Tools etc.		
	at Cost or Valuation.		
2105	Balance as at 1st January, 1972.	2 26 6	
261	Additions - Half Share in Peckett Locomotive	360	
	Plant	14	
23 5 6	Town Diamond	2640	2640
<u>100</u> 2266	Less Disposal		2040
	CURRENT ASSETS		
-	Sales Stock on hand	358	
-	Less Provision for Dead Stock	<u>50</u> 308	
411	Cash at Bank - Current Account	501	
255	Deposit Account	486	
<u>34</u> 700	Cash in hand and Floats	65	1360
2966			4000
	Financed by:-		
	CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
3477	Balance as at 1st January, 1972.	2966	
<u>(511)</u> 2966	Add Surplus of Income for the year	686 3652	
2966	Add Value of Sales Stock as at 1st January, 1972.	348	4000
	We certify that this balance sheet is in accordance with the books of Middleton Railway Trust, and from information supply and is a correct copy of the original as audited by us. Dated this Twenty ninth day of January, 1		

Chartered Accountants, 10 Blenheim Terrace, Woodhouse Lane, LEEDS, IS2 9HX

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