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Officers' Newsletter 236

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Dear All

I apologise that this Officers' Newsletter appears to be so lengthy but this is mainly because it includes the draft minutes of the 2024 Officers' Conference which were written some time ago. Including them in ON 235 would have made that newsletter unnecessarily lengthy and it was more sensible to separate publication of the Regional Meetings Summary and Précis from the Officers' Conference Minutes.

Officers Conference Minutes for September 2024

All Officers present at Conference on Sunday 29 September 2024 in Portsmouth are invited to advise me of any corrections or omissions including from the list of those present – in case anyone did not sign in; and apologies that were provided prior to Conference but are missing from the list. Unfortunately, apologies given after Conference cannot be included. Please see Appendix 1 for the Minutes with the lists of those present and apologies for absence.

Locomotive Database

I hope you will all have read your November *RO* and especially the information about the Society's new Locomotive Database. A lot of volunteer hours and a four figure funding investment has gone into the project which has now gone live – locodata.org.uk . This is a major project that is available to all with a modest charge after an initial three months free access. RCTS Members will only pay half the price charged for non-members, to use the site.

Please highlight this new asset to all your Branch Members both at meetings and in any Branch circular email/newsletter and recommend them to read the article about it on Page 726/7 in the November 2024 *RO* which explains how it works and how to access it.

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Members' Weekends

2025

After a successful Members' Weekend in Portsmouth in 2024 organised by Chichester Branch in conjunction with Solent Branch, next year's event is already confirmed and will be based in Darlington, taking place **24 – 26 October 2025** – sponsored by North East Branch.

2026

It is now time to start thinking about 2026. We are looking for a Branch or group of Branches – perhaps even a Regional Meeting Group, to take on the organisation for 2026. After the last three full Members' Weekends being based at more southerly locations - Taunton in 2021, Reading in 2022, Portsmouth in 2024 - ideally, we would be seeking a location somewhere in the Midlands, North West, or further north up into Scotland. The one day 2023 Officers' Conference was a 'stand alone' event at Danum, Doncaster and not part of a full Members' Weekend of activities as there was no volunteer Branch or group ready to take up the challenge. If you would like to know more please contact me for an informal chat. There will be help and support if you are interested in taking this on.

2027

We are also looking for a Branch or group to consider organising the 2027 Members' Weekend.

2028

Cheltenham Branch is already looking into the possibilities for 2028 which will be the 100th Anniversary of the RCTS hence looking at Cheltenham where it all started.

Branch Returns

I am aware that concerns have been expressed in some quarters about what Branches are expected to do, the returns that have to be made and the added burden this places on volunteers. Working both at Branch and national level, I can understand this and that running a Branch is supposed to be about enjoyment without too much bureaucracy. However, there are good reasons for requiring the returns hence addressing those reasons now. Current requirements are as follows and this is quite a list:

- Branch Accounts – every six months for the periods to 30 April and 31 October;
- Branch Publications Returns – every six months for the periods to 30 April and 31 October;
- Branch Attendance Statistics – after every indoor meeting or outside visit;
- Branch Annual General Meeting Minutes – one set of minutes every year.
- Branch Venue Risk Assessment – once for each venue with a review each year;
- Digital Equipment – annual update in November
- Active Volunteer Recognition nominations.

Branch Accounts

These are required to ensure the financial probity of the RCTS even at Branch level, to show that the Society's finances are managed in keeping with our responsibilities as a registered charity, and for the benefit of our Members. For anyone struggling with these returns please ask the Assistant Treasurer Branches for help – or a fellow Branch Treasurer.

Branch Publications Returns

These are required to keep track of the stock of Society publications. If your Branch does not hold any stock belonging to the Society then this is a nil return. Any queries please ask the Assistant Treasurer Publications.

Branch Attendance Statistics

It is hoped that once we have consistently collected the information for long enough, this will provide useful detail about how the Branches are doing, where help may be needed, and may highlight ways we can improve what we do for the benefit of all our Members and the Society in general. These should be sent to Society Chairman James Milne and NOT to me.

Branch Annual General Meeting minutes

Each Branch is required by the Society's Rules (currently Rule 3a) to hold an Annual General Meeting for which minutes must be taken. This return is about making sure that everything is carried out properly, Branch Members are informed, and a record is kept. These are historical documents and part of the history of our activities too. These should be sent to the Branch Liaison Officer.

Branch Venue Risk Assessment

The Society's insurers asked us to make sure that we have a Health & Safety Policy and that we carry out risk assessments for our activities. The Policy, Guidance and Risk Assessment information are all on the Officers' pages of the website. It is not meant to make life more difficult but rather to make sure everyone is aware that we do not take unnecessary risks and try to mitigate against any that we cannot avoid. For most of you it is common sense and something you have been doing for years. Unfortunately, now we need to keep a record so that we can show that we have done what is required. Please ask me if you have any queries.

Digital Equipment

The reasons for asking for details from Branches regarding the digital assets that they hold is purely and simply so that the Society can provide adequate insurance cover in the case of theft, damage or loss by any other means. No information, no insurance cover. These should be sent to the Branch Liaison Officer.

Active Volunteer Recognition

At last, a reward for the hard work put in by all Society Officers and others who regularly give of their time even if they do not hold a formal post within the Society or Branch. Branches, Governance Groups and other discrete Society groups, are reminded in the run up to the renewals process to put forward nominations for what is currently zero rate membership of the Society for a year, as a thank you for what they do. The Board of Trustees has to do this too. These should be sent to the Branch Liaison Officer.

Returns in General

I appreciate that this seems like something of an imposition with extra expectations of mainly Branch Officers, but I hope that the explanations above help to explain why we have to do these returns. I do need your help with this, and can provide you with help and support in return.

Would it be helpful to include a list of all required returns – perhaps in the same format as the quick checklists - in the Officers' Handbook (OH)?

A more detailed list with brief notes could go in the main body of the Branches section of the OH.

Please let me know what would be most helpful going forward, how we might make this easier, and how or if you would like to see this covered in the Officers' Handbook which is available on the Officers' pages of the website.

Footnote

Thank you to everyone for their support over the past year and for all the volunteer hours that you put in supporting Society activities in whatever form. For those who are struggling, please ask for some help. Being an RCTS volunteer is meant to have an element of enjoyment including taking pleasure in providing a service to others, as well as sharing our common enthusiasm for railways whatever form it takes.

As this will be the final Officers' Newsletter before Christmas, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Kind regards

Irene

Appendix 1

Minutes of the Officers' Conference

Sunday 29 September 2024

The Royal Maritime Hotel
75-80 Queen Street, PORTSMOUTH PO1 3HS

1 Opening of Conference by Society Chairman

Society Chairman James Milne welcomed everyone to Conference. Emergency evacuation procedures were outlined; those present were reminded to make sure that they had signed in (see Appendix 1 for list of those present).

Officers attending for the first time were especially welcomed:

Geoff May – Chichester Branch

Chris Basford – Assistant Treasurer, Branches

David Cross – Trustee – who would be arriving a little late

The purpose of today was to inform those present about developments and to encourage debate - essential for the long term future of the Society.

2 Apologies for Absence

Further apologies were invited in case these had not been received prior to the meeting. All apologies received are listed as Appendix 2 to the minutes.

3 Confirmation of the Officers' Conference 2023 Minutes

Comments on last year's minutes and any matters arising not covered elsewhere were invited. The Branch Liaison Officer confirmed that the list of Officers present had been amended to show the correct Branches and that the corrected list had been circulated.

Acceptance of the 2023 Officers' Conference minutes:

- Proposed by: Malcolm Hammond – North East Branch
- Seconded by: Denis Horsman – Solent Branch
- Accepted unanimously.

4 Health & Safety

Callum MacLeod opened the subject of Health & Safety (H&S), particularly Risk Assessments for Branch meeting venues. Each group was asked to discuss an example meeting venue risk assessment from one of their Branches using the list of Things to Consider (Appendix 3 to these minutes) as guidance for discussion. Potential risks and mitigations/solutions were to be included in discussions. Evacuation and safety for today's venue had been briefed at the start of the meeting, and other potential risks were briefly covered before individual group discussions took place.

('Someone' tripped over a computer cable, no harm done on this occasion, but it highlights the need to take care!)

Each group in turn presented their version of a completed example risk assessment for a Branch venue going through the issues raised and problems highlighted and how these could be resolved.

Issues and questions raised included:

- Using and not using lifts in case of fire – the whys and wherefores;
- Accessibility – does the venue accessibility match the wheelchair symbol against the venue in the RO?
- Who is responsible for the meeting register; anyone leaving early should let this person know in case of later evacuation;
- Ensuring that the speaker and anyone they have brought with them is included in the Register;
- Emergency contact telephone number for the venue owners;
- Restricted access to facilities;
- Responsibility for locking up premises; knowing who else may be using the premises at the same time;
- Shared storage – security;
- Keeping track of more vulnerable attendees eg in the universally accessible wc;
- Location of first aid kit;
- Trip hazards –someone tripped over the projector wire at Conference!
- Is there a defibrillator, if so where;
- Fire extinguishers – what type and where located;
- Checking fire safety certificates;
- PAT testing;
- Drying up cups properly, where applicable, to avoid possible salmonella infection;
- When is it safe to return after an emergency evacuation;
- Ensuring no-one leaves until all have been checked off at the assembly point.

A question was raised about why we should carry out a time consuming venue risk assessment. A full risk assessment should only need to be carried out once, followed by annual reviews to ensure that nothing has changed. Any review should be relatively quick and much easier. However, any change of venue requires a new risk assessment. The completed assessment should be emailed to the Branch Liaison Officer, noted at the Branch AGM and included in the minutes for the record.

It was noted that no qualifications are required to do basic first aid. The same applies if the venue has a defibrillator. We are not expected to fight fires at our venues but we are expected to ensure that all present at our meetings are safely evacuated and emergency services called if necessary.

John Redgate spoke of the Society's insurance cover. The insurers are concerned that we should reduce our risks. Having a Health & Safety Policy and Branches each having their own meeting venue Risk Assessment helps to show that we are mitigating our risks. South Wales Branch has twice had digital equipment stolen from their venue so it is important to keep the digital equipment register up to date.

5 Finance

Society Treasurer Reg Wood introduced and welcomed new Assistant Treasurer Chris Basford attending his first Officers' Conference.

Charity Commission and Branch Financial Returns

The Charity Commission is becoming more pro-active about charities operating properly according to their Constitutions and Objects and it is Reg's responsibility to ensure that there is financial compliance throughout the Society. It is the joint responsibility of Branch committee members to ensure that Branch financial returns are completed and submitted on time. While there may be extenuating circumstances for a delay, the returns still need to be completed.

Reg clarified what is meant by committed and uncommitted funds. Any uncommitted funds over £2000 held at Branch level require additional governance. Branches have the choice of placing this into central funds – ring fenced for the Branch, or retaining them and ensuring that an independent examination of the Branch accounts is carried out but NOT by a member of the Branch committee. A signed copy of the independent examination must be provided to Chris together with the Branch financial returns.

Bank Charges for Handling Cheques

Banks are charging for handling cheques at national level which can be costly whereas electronic banking is free. Please use electronic payments wherever possible. Reg and the Financial Team are looking at financial processes – eg renewals, to avoid cheques and their associated charges as far as possible. However, all should be aware of potential security issues with regards to electronic payments.

A question was raised about paying for outside visits and the best ways to avoid cheque payments.

Gift Aid

A benefit of becoming a Charity is the ability to apply for Gift Aid which the RCTS has done successfully at national level. Questions have been asked about doing so with donations at Branch level. This would result in an administrative burden at Branch level. It is not intended to force Branches to do this but two Branches have volunteered to trial the process. A question raised from the floor asked if including Gift Aid information on the Branch membership list is possible. However, this would require an additional Finance Team volunteer to manage. Unfortunately, the rules do not allow for Branch door donations to be classed as small donations which would not require the additional administrative burden.

Branch Finances

Chris Basford took over at this point. He has gone over the Branch Financial returns forms and Treasurers' Guidance Notes. A little revision and updating is required and consultation with Branch Treasurers has begun. Chris has financial experience and will provide general advice as requested. He confirmed the details from Reg regarding Branch committed and uncommitted funds.

The deadlines for Branch financial returns and the need for compliance were confirmed; the need to complete the requisite forms including a NIL return rather than no return for Form 105 (VAT) or the publications and sales returns (Forms 106 A, B, C) – endorsed by Denis Horsman; the Travel and Subsistence form is to be uploaded onto the website. The latest editions on the Officers pages of the website should be used. Chris asked that Branch returns should NOT be submitted at the very last minute.

All Branches should send a bank statement with their end of October six monthly returns which is the Society's financial year end. If the Branch Treasurer is not available then it is the responsibility

of the Branch Committee to talk to Chris to avoid compliance problems with the Charity Commission; Branches can sign off their financial returns electronically;.

Chris is looking at arranging local training sessions to meet the need for training as several Branches have will shortly have new Branch Treasurers

Long Service

Finally, Dave Beeken of West Riding Branch is stepping down after 53 years of service. It was agreed to record our collective gratitude to Dave Beeken.

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6 Commercial Governance Group updates

This item was hosted by David Bird – Publications Officer and Chairman of the Commercial Group who covered a number of topics.

RCTS Locomotive Database – has been in gestation for some time but is now in the process of going live. It was demonstrated on screen and the payment system for using it was shown. Members will be able to access information at a reduced rate.

RCTS Publications Update – the 3 latest new books are selling fairly well; 2 more are now quoted for printing - it is not yet certain whether or not these will be ready before Christmas. There are 8 other publications in the pipeline including the 8Fs, and a second DEMU book. There was an update on another LNER book with an author already engaged. A book on the HST project is also going ahead with a number of people involved in the project already contacted and willing to help.

Questions from the floor asked about cost/benefit of publications and sales - while sales may be lower than in the past, we cover our costs and generally make a profit with only rare exceptions to this. It was noted that many exhibitions have been lost and that it is harder to make sales.

7 Strategic Developments

Society Chairman James Milne introduced David Cross who leads the Strategy Governance Group welcoming him to his first Officers' Conference. David confirmed the need to look after the current membership but also the importance of attracting new and younger members.

a) Outside Visits

The locomotive Beachy Head will be in steam next weekend at the Blue Bell Railway bearing the Beachy Head nameplate owned by the RCTS. The formal part of the event is expected to take place at 11.00am and members of the RCTS can attend free of charge. The original number plate is also expected to be in place so a double opportunity.

Yesterday's visit to Eastleigh was welcomed and the Crewe visit last month was also popular. Next year's plans include 150 places over 10 venues with the list appearing shortly in the *Railway Observer (RO)*. Visits will be at various locations around the country to places that are otherwise difficult to arrange. This will be a benefit for our Members and an attraction to encourage new membership.

Railway 200

This started well but the direction and original vision seems to have changed. The originally planned exhibition train where the RCTS had expected to help is going ahead but there is currently no detail

on where and when. Once the itinerary is available, David will be asking if any local Branch would like to be involved. Events have been planned at some heritage railways and at noon on 1 January 2025 all heritage railways will be blowing whistles and letting off detonators to start the celebrations. James Milne summarised the discussion re Railway 200, how the project has lost focus and how the RCTS might fit in. If there are opportunities, they will be shared.

Branches

Many Branches already have (mostly informal) links with heritage and other transport organisations in their area. David would like to encourage the development of these links and would be happy to talk about the possibilities so please contact him via development@rcts.org.uk.

Vacancies

A volunteer to organise and coordinate external visits is being sought. There are also vacancies on the Strategy Group – looking for new ideas, reviewing what we do already etc. Please contact David to find out more.

Questions and discussions followed regarding young people, who are clearly interested in railways, uploading to You Tube almost immediately – how can we get them involved, encourage them to join the RCTS, come to meetings? There is no easy answer but outside visits may prove attractive particularly if the visits are to places not generally accessible. Further questions involved publicity that should include some details of what we do and the benefits of membership. The Society's advertising is currently under review.

David ended by confirming that there are plans in place building towards a Rail Tour in 2028 to celebrate 100 years of the RCTS. The idea is still embryonic and ideas are welcome. A joint venture is one possibility.

8 Administration Group updates

Richard Morris thanked all the team in Administration by name and thanked all Branch Committees for keeping their Branches going.

The website has now been running for 4 years and Digital Officer Matthew Shaw is carrying out a 'ground upwards' revision in consultation with Branches and other stakeholders with examples given of on-going improvements. The digital archive now has approximately 56,000 images available; several out of print RCTS publications have already been digitised with sales of these producing income for the Society. Further books from the back catalogue are in process of being scanned in consultation with the Publications Officer with a view to future digital sales.

A question was raised about the recent issue of unusual PayPal donations. It was confirmed that this has been fully resolved.

Steve Ollive – Assistant Treasurer Renewals and Chairman, Windsor & Maidenhead Branch gave a big thank you to Matt for all that he does digitally behind the scenes.

9&10 Branches, an update on the SLS

Due to time constraints, these two agenda items were taken together.

An article in the September *RO* updates the current situation re the Stephenson Locomotive Society (SLS). All members are encouraged to take the opportunity to attend SLS meetings in their area

and vice versa to build relationships and help with working together, whilst each retaining our separate identities.

Further talks with the Locomotive Club of Great Britain (LCGB) about collaboration are likely to go ahead but **nothing** will be done that might jeopardise the RCTS.

The importance of the historical value of the RCTS records was confirmed, particularly the factual nature of the content of the *RO* – with nearly 100 years of records to date. You Tube clips and similar are uploaded within a few minutes, then quickly gone and lost to the record.

James spoke of the relationship between Branches and the Board of Trustees (BoT). The idea is not to impose but to understand how Branches operate and what they achieve hence requesting Branch Attendance statistics. A one-line email giving date and numbers of members/guests attending is sufficient as additional information can be sourced elsewhere. This will help to show how Branches are doing and if support is needed should problems be spotted. Re the website, 3 Branches still do not have a welcome message; 2 have no photograph; some are missing information or reports. If your Branch needs help with updating web pages, please ask.

John Day – Chairman Ipswich Branch, described the problems with trying to increase attendances and getting new committee volunteers to take over key roles. He is very concerned about the continuance of the Branch. There are people to help at meetings but none yet for the committee roles. An aging and dispersed Branch membership, and lack of response to consultation is a major problem.

Discussion on the possibilities of exploring different models, eg meeting centres and a central organisation (the SLS model), followed. Seeking volunteers is a common problem, not just within the RCTS. Whilst the BoT is looking at it, there is no monopoly on solutions but a need to work together to find a way forward. Ideas are welcome but there is no magic wand. Should we consider enhancing the social side of meetings rather than overloading a presentation with too many images? Are the protocols of Branch Administration too wearing? There was a question on combining a CIO (RCTS) and a Company Limited by Guarantee (SLS) – the Charity Commission is being consulted. It was made clear that we are **ALL** volunteers.

Steve Lacey has produced a simple checklist of what to do when booking speakers which will be shared via an Officers' Newsletter.

Steve Ollive gave a reminder about renewals – reminders coming out 1 November 2024; please encourage your members to renew as soon as possible.

As time was running out, James confirmed that Constructing a Branch Programme discussions may take place via Zoom at a time and date to be advised.

11 2025 Members' Weekend and Officers Conference

Malcolm Hammond - Chairman North East Branch, confirmed that this will be held in Darlington from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 October 2025. The hotel contract has been signed and the rest of the weekend's programme is already planned to include Beamish, the Officers' Conference and Locomotion, Shildon. Put the date in your diary and watch out for further details.

12 2025 Society AGM

This will take place in Wolverhampton at the same venue as this year on Saturday 5 April 2025*. Speakers booked are Sir Peter Hendy and it is hoped that the second speaker will be Pete Waterman.

James closed the meeting by saying that he was pleasantly surprised at the debate and discussion today but was concerned about the tight timing. Maybe it is time to review Conference arrangements.

Everyone was thanked for attending and taking part.

*Date has been confirmed as Saturday 5 April 2025 rather than the date provisionally provided at Conference.

2024 Officers' Conference - Attendance			
Branch	Abb.	Name	Role
Bristol	BTL	Reg Wood	Branch Treasurer, Trustee, Society Treasurer
Cheltenham	CHM	Richard Morris	Branch Treasurer, Trustee, Society Secretary
Chichester	CHR	Roger Sandford	Branch Chairman
		Geoff May	Branch Treasurer
Croydon & South London	CSL	Jeremy Harrison	Branch Chairman and other Branch Roles
		Rob Burrige	Branch Secretary and Exhibitions Officer
Furness, Lakes & Lune	FLL	Alan Sattenstall	Branch Secretary, Deputy Chairman
Hitchin & Welwyn Garden City	HTC	Steve Lacey	Branch Chairman, Society Exhibitions Officer
Ipswich	IPS	John Day	Branch Chairman
Windsor & Maidenhead	MHD	Steve Ollive	Branch Chairman, Assistant Treasurer Renewals
		Sally Goddard	Branch Secretary
		David Goddard	Branch Treasurer, Trustee, Society Membership Officer
		Beatrice Goddard	Honorary Committee Member
Milton Keynes	MKY	Mark Richards	Branch Secretary
North East	NEA	Malcolm Hammond	Branch Chairman
Scottish	SCT	Callum MacLeod	Branch Treasurer, RO editorial team
Solent	SOE	John Godfrey	Branch Chairman
		Denis Horsman	Branch Secretary
		Peter Ifold	Branch Treasurer
Surrey	SRY	Andy Davies	Branch Chairman, Trustee, Chief Archivist
		Irene Rabbitts	Branch Treasurer, Trustee, Branch Liaison Officer
		Bob Ellison	Branch Committee Member
Thames Valley	TVY	Gordon Adams	Branch Web Coordinator
		Nigel Farebrother	
Watford	WFD	Geoff Plumb	Branch Chairman
Society Officers			
		Chris Basford	Assistant Treasurer Branches
Trustees not already included elsewhere			
		James Milne	Society Chairman
		David Cross	Trustee, Society Development Officer, leader of Strategy Group
		David Bird	Trustee, Society Publications Officer
		John Redgate	Trustee

2024 Officers' Conference Apologies			
Branch	Abb.	Name	Role
Bristol	BTL	Rev Brian Arman	Society President, Branch Chairman
		Paul Udey	Secretary
		Stewart Jolly	Treasurer
		Tony Horstman	Committee
Cambridge	CBR	Full committee	All committee roles
Cheltenham	CHM	Richard Neale	Publicity
		Steve Wilson	Chairman
Chichester	CHR		
Croydon & South London	CSL		
East Midlands	EMD	Robin Gibbons	Chairman
		Rodney Allen	Treasurer
		Dave Coxon	Secretary
South Essex	ESX	Rodger Green	Chairman
		David Cope	Secretary
		Sheila Green	Treasurer
Furness, Lakes & Lune	FLL		
Hitchin & Welwyn Garden City	HTC	Paul Holloway	Treasurer
		David Elsdon	Secretary
Humberside	HSD	Carey Vessey	Chairman/Secretary
Ipswich	IPS		
Lancs & North West	LNW	Ian Derrick	Secretary
Merseyside, Cheshire & North Wales	MCN	John Cashen	Chairman
		Nigel Bowker	Secretary
		Eric Rattray	Treasurer
Windsor & Maidenhead	MHD		
Milton Keynes	MKY	Steve Dexter	Chairman
North East	NEA	Tony Skinner	Treasurer
		Margaret Fraser	Sales
		Jim Sedgwick	Secretary
		Barry Burns	Website
Northampton	NHN	Richard Deacon	Branch Chairman, Secretary
		All committee members	All committee roles
Peterborough	PBR		
Scottish	SCT	Richard Thorburn	Secretary
		Ronnie McAdam	Wwebsite
		William Miller	Committee
Sheffield	SFD	Full Committee	All committee roles
Solent	SOE	Dave Doulton	Website/internet
South Wales	SWL	Jeremy Segrott and all committee members	Chairman (was planning to attend but had an accident), all committee members

Surrey	SRY	Peter Bosomworth	Committee member
		Alan Nichols	Fixtures
Thames Valley	TVY	Ian Baird	Secretary
		Stuart Hicks	Treasurer
		Andrew Jenkins	Fixtures
		Phil Darlaston	Chairman
West of England	WEN	Charles Woodland	Secretary
		David Mitchell	Chairman
		David Hunt	Treasurer
		David Dornom	Website
Watford	WFD	Robert Davidson	Secretary
West Midlands	WMD	Derek Huntriss	Secretary
		Paul Smith	Treasurer
		Alan Jelley	Chairman
		Ian Reid	Committee
West Riding	WRD	Mike Holt	Committee
		Bob Green	Secretary
Society Officers			
		Matthew Shaw	Digital Officer
		Andrew Lait	RO editorial team
Trustees not already included elsewhere			
		Paul Chancellor	Trustee
		Mike Robinson	Trustee, RO Managing Editor