



## NOTICE OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 20 July 2024, at 17:00

Main Shed, Lionheart Station, Alnwick, NE66 2EZ

### AGENDA

Apologies for Absence

2. Chairman's Report

3. Treasurer's Report

To receive the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 together with the reports thereon of the Directors (Trustees).

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner

To appoint Richard Alsept FCA as independent examiner of the Trust on such terms of remuneration as is agreed with him by the Board of Trustees.

5. Election of Trustees

Nominations have been received in respect of:-

- ⌚ Colin Davidson
- ⌚ Penelope Ann Ford
- ⌚ Simon Graham Craster Hadden
- ⌚ Adam Hogg
- ⌚ John Peter Hurlbutt
- ⌚ Adam John William Stone

*Whilst votes are being counted, there will be a presentation on the Borderline Greenway.*

8. Board proposal that Alastair Connell be granted Patron Membership in recognition of the help, materials and advice he has provided to us over the last two years.

7. Motions put forward

None

8. 2025 AGM

The proposed date for the 2025 AGM is Saturday 19 July 2025.

If you are unable to attend in person you may vote via proxy. Proxy forms will be available on the Railway's website - [www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk/agm2024](http://www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk/agm2024) - from Monday 08 July 2024 or on request from the Company Secretary.

Every year, four Trustees automatically retire, although they can put themselves forward for re-election. This year, it is the turn of Adam Hogg, Richard Maughan and Adam Stone I to stand-down, and we also have 2 vacancies due to resignations. Information was published to members and volunteers and 4 nominations have been received for the 5 vacancies.

Copies of the 2023 Annual Report and Accounts are available at [www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk/agm2024](http://www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk/agm2024).

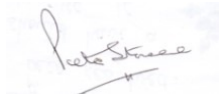
At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a barbeque - cost £10.00 per person. If you wish to attend the barbeque, please let Steph Stafford know - [steph.stafford@alnvalleyrailway.co.uk](mailto:steph.stafford@alnvalleyrailway.co.uk) and pay your £10.00 to our bank account - Reference AGM

**ALN VALLEY RAILWAY TRUST**  
Company Secretary



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**TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS**

<b>Nominee</b>	Colin Davidson
<b>Proposer</b>	Chris Shepherd
<b>Secunder</b>	Thomas Morrow
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I have been a volunteer at AVR for four years, I have worked briefly in the Carriage &amp; Wagon department but mainly with machinery in the Plant department. I also volunteer on operational days having started in Front of House &amp; then moving to the café. I have been closely associated with Santa during the Christmas specials.</p> <p>I believe that AVR is moving into a new phase. Since COVID many attractions have never recovered to previous levels and it's important to provide more than rides.</p> <p>We need to think more about what we can offer visitors and publicise our presence and what we offer more widely. For example, I believe that the mooted visit of a K1 engine in two year's time is a golden opportunity to put AVR firmly on the tourist map.</p> <p>We also need to improve and add to the current visitor experience.</p>	

<b>Nominee</b>	Penelope Ann Ford
<b>Proposer</b>	Peter Stonell
<b>Secunder</b>	Stuart Young
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I joined the AVR in 2016, impressed by the progress on the site and the vision behind it.</p> <p>I began in the shop and then in the café as well for 3 years. I also took on the role of volunteer coordinator, having recklessly offered to 'tidy the files'.</p> <p>All roles are interesting and involving; I very much enjoy meeting visitors in the shop and café and welcoming new volunteers, hopefully starting them off on a rewarding time with the Trust.</p> <p>I feel now I would like to be more involved with the running of the Trust and increase my contribution by becoming a Trustee.</p> <p>I hope to help further the aims of the Trust and make it an enjoyable experience for all as we work towards expanding the offering at Lionheart and arriving in Alnmouth.</p> <p>After a lifetime in the NHS I am very used to working with people and committees and will endeavour to do my best.</p>	

<b>Nominee</b>	Simon Graham Craster Hadden
<b>Proposer</b>	Mick Brennan
<b>Secunder</b>	Tim Sewell
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I've been a member of the AVR since 2020 and an active volunteer since 2021, when I retired. I spend most of my volunteering time maintaining the two Pacer trains, and also spend some time helping with the museum and photo archive, as well as assisting in the cafe.</p> <p>I'm a chartered engineer and worked in the power industry before I retired. There, team working was the norm and very effective, so I'm enthusiastic about working in teams to help the AVR flourish. There are many things that can only be accomplished if we pull together!</p>	



<b>Nominee</b>	Adam Hogg
<b>Proposer</b>	Chris Shepherd
<b>Secunder</b>	Mark Hayton
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I have been a trustee of the railway since 2018, during this time I have been actively involved in several key projects of the railway including most recently the Alnmouth Development group, using my knowledge of planning and development to assist the group in planning the extension to the railway beyond Bridge 3 and onwards to Alnmouth.</p> <p>I have a wealth of knowledge about Planning from serving on a local town council, attending meetings and having discussions with technical officers and have used this knowledge to help the railway go forward, as well as knowledge on Finance and good governance which have helped the railway also develop.</p> <p>I am also very much aware of current issues that affect the railway such as increased views on the environment and our effects on it and linking in with nature which uses the site, which is why I have led on projects such as Hedge planting along the railways route, Hedge laying, tree planting and reviewing our spaces which are not suitable for railway uses such as sidings, track, etc. to make them more supportive of the environment and nature.</p> <p>I have also been actively involved in identifying and writing grant applications for the railway to support the above to very specific funds such as the woodland trust, County Council and more, but also looking at what funding is available to help the railway expand in terms of extending the route and providing necessary infrastructure to support it such as a new carriage shed, station building, etc.</p> <p>I have actively supported the railway over the years since 2012 in terms of me purchasing construction plant to support the railways construction, identifying and negotiation of track and other infrastructure from industrial providers and network rail and generally getting involved in the hands-on work of the railway.</p>	

<b>Nominee</b>	John Hurlbutt
<b>Proposer</b>	Samantha Hurlbutt
<b>Secunder</b>	Mark Hayton
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I have been a member of the railway since 2011. I have worked as a Guard, Driver and passed out as a Fireman.</p> <p>I was a Trustee from May 2018 to April 2019 taking on the Deputy Operational Manager and Traction Manager roles. I also shared the task of looking after the AVR Facebook and Twitter pages.</p> <p>I believe the Trust should be run by members who are not department managers, removing any possibility of bias towards the manager's own department.</p> <p>My aim is to support the railway in expanding and achieving our goal of reaching Alnmouth without putting it at risk of financial or legal problems.</p>	

<b>Nominee</b>	Adam Stone
<b>Proposer</b>	Diana Stone
<b>Secunder</b>	Anne Stonell
<b>Nominee's Statement</b>	
<p>I have been an active volunteer at the AVR since about 2016. In that time, I have worked in carriage and wagon, PWay and more recently in the steam traction department.</p> <p>I have been a trustee for three years, but owing to unexpected family commitments (now resolved) was "missing for some 18 months"</p> <p>I have run my own roofing business, employing some 140 people, since 1988. The business was sold in May of this year, allowing me to devote more time to the AVR.</p>	

