

ALN VALLEY RAILWAY TRUST

Lionheart Station, Lionheart Enterprise Park, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 2EZ
 Company Registration Number: 03319861 Charity Number 1063332



2026 TRUSTEES' ELECTION PROPOSAL FORM PURSUANT TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE TRUST

ALL PARTS OF THIS FORM ARE TO BE VALIDLY COMPLETED AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON SATURDAY 20th JUNE 2026.

This is a legal document. Each nomination proposal needs to be executed (i.e. signed as a deed) by each of the Proposer and Seconder, as well as by the individual being nominated to serve as a Trustee. The same witness may, if present, witness all three signatures. All boxes must be completed in full - the use of 'ditto' or 'as above' is NOT permitted.

Please read the notes at the end of this form before completing.

- The Nominee is to read and complete the parts marked 'A'
- The Proposer is to complete the parts marked 'B'
- The Seconder is to complete the parts marked 'C'
- The Witness(es) is (are) to complete the parts marked 'D'

	Proposed Trustee's Full Name	Address	Date of Birth
A			

	Name of Proposer	Address
B		
	Name of Seconder	Address
C		

B	Dated	
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We, the above-named Proposer and Seconder, confirm we are both paid up members of the Aln Valley Railway Trust and hereby nominate the individual identified above for their appointment for election by the general membership of the Trust as a member of the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Trust. We believe this person is fit and proper and will pursue the Trust's aims to the best of their endeavours.

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This proposal form is executed as a deed by the persons identified on Page 1 on the date written.

Proposer's Deed

B	Signed as a deed by (proposer)	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
	In the presence of: (witness)	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
D	Witness' Address		
	Witness' Occupation		

Secunder's Deed

C	Signed as a deed by (secunder)	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
	In the presence of: (witness)	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
D	Witness' Address		
	Witness' Occupation		

A	Trustee eligibility and responsibility		
	<p>By completing and signing this form, you declare that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are a paid-up member of the Aln Valley Railway Trust for 2026 • are aged 18 or over • are willing to act as a trustee of the Aln Valley Railway Trust • understand the Trust's purposes (objects) and rules set out in its governing document, known as the Memorandum & Articles of Association • are not prevented from acting as a trustee because you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences listed here: see: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6992fb7875466636847f6b7f/Disqualification_Reasons_Table_v3.odt 		

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- have an IVA, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order
- have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)
- have been removed from being in the management or control of any body in Scotland (under relevant legislation)
- have been disqualified by the Charity Commission
- are a disqualified company director
- are a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation
- are on the sex offenders register
- have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement
- have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission.

Personal benefit - if the Aln Valley Railway Trust pays (or will pay) any trustee or person connected to them for providing goods and services, you declare that this will:

- be in the organisation's best interests
- be lawful and authorised
- help the organisation carry out its purposes (or be a necessary by-product of it carrying out its purposes).

You also declare that:

- the information you provide to the Charity Commission is true, complete and correct
- you understand that it is an offence under Section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information
- the Aln Valley Railway Trust's funds are held in its name in a bank or building society account in England or Wales
- you will comply with your responsibilities as trustees - these are set out in the Charity Commission guidance 'The Essential Trustee (CC3)'
- the primary address and residency details that you provide in a charity registration application are correct and you will notify the Charity Commission via the Company Secretary if they change.

Nominated Individual's Deed

A	Signed as a deed by (nominated individual)	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
	In the presence of: (witness)	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
D	Witness' Address		
	Witness' Occupation		

Nominee’s Statement

Complete a brief statement (100 or so words) about yourself for circulation to Trust members so they can make an informed decision. It is suggested to include a brief resume of yourself, if you are already a Trustee what you have achieved or did in your role, and what your ambitions and aims are if you were to become a Trustee or to remain as a Trustee.

A	Nominee’s Statement

Please use a separate sheet of paper if required.

Notes:

Only those individuals whose names have been incorporated into the register of members of the Trust, as maintained at the Trust's registered office, are entitled to make nominations and/or to vote at meetings. It is therefore imperative that anyone wishing either to stand as a Trustee or wishing to propose an individual for membership of the Board of Trustees must first ensure that they have applied to the Trust for membership using the appropriate form available from the Company Secretary or by downloading the same from the Trust's website and are up to date with any subscription payment due.

If the number of valid proposals made exceeds the number available positions, the membership will be polled to determine that number of candidates successfully elected to membership of the Board of Trustees. Each member shall be entitled to one vote for each candidate nominated. Candidates may vote in person, by post or by proxy. Further notices together with a proxy form will be made available to the Trust membership no less than fourteen days before the AGM. All proxy forms must be received by the Company Secretary no less than two days before the AGM otherwise they will be discounted.

If elected, the nominee will serve for a period of at least two years. The main qualification they will need is enthusiasm and a desire to see the railway succeed in its aims. No experience is necessary, there is no pay. They will be expected to attend Board meetings which are normally held monthly and to participate in other Trust activities as appropriate.

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The fully completed nomination form must be returned either by hand or by post, to be received no later than the date above to:

The Company Secretary
Aln Valley Railway Trust
Lionheart Station, Lionheart Enterprise Park
Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 2EZ

Role of the Trustee

Trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may also be known as directors, council members, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases.

The railway's Trustees have and must accept ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the railway, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it has been set up.

Compliance - Trustees must:

- Ensure that the railway complies with charity law, and with the requirements of the Charity Commission as regulator; in particular, they are to ensure that the railway prepares reports on what it has achieved and Annual Returns and accounts as required by law.
- Ensure that the railway does not breach any of the requirements or rules set out in its Memorandum and Articles and that it remains true to the charitable purpose and objects set out there.
- Comply with the requirements of other legislation and other regulators which govern the activities of the railway, e.g. health and safety regulations.
- Act with integrity and avoid any personal conflicts of interest or misuse of railway funds or assets.

Duty of Prudence - Trustees must:

- Ensure that the railway is and will remain solvent.
- Use charitable funds and assets reasonably, and only in furtherance of the railway's objects.
- Avoid undertaking activities that might place the railway's funds, assets or reputation at undue risk.
- Take special care when investing the funds of the railway or borrowing funds for the railway to use.

Duty of Care - Trustees must:

- Use reasonable care and skill in their work as directors, using their personal skills and experience as needed to ensure that the railway is well-run and efficient.
- Consider getting external professional advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the railway, or where the directors may be in breach of their duties.

The Charities Commission and other organisations provide a wealth of guidance for Trustees. Please ask the Company Secretary for further information.