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SOUTH TYNEDALE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY, HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

The South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society (STRPS) acknowledges and accepts its legislative, regulatory and moral responsibilities for securing the health, safety, and welfare of all its volunteers, visiting site workers, passengers and the public who are affected by its activities.

The STRPS is committed through system of the effective governance of health and safety to promoting and supporting a culture where harm to people as a result of its work activities is unacceptable.

To meet this commitment STRPS trustees have established the railway Safety Management Group in order to lead the provision of healthy and safe working conditions for all the above groups of people.

In particular, the STRPS will:

- Provide and maintain, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe plant and equipment, safe places of work and a safe working environment.
- Provide safe systems of work.
- Provide adequate and sufficient information, instruction, training, and supervision.
- Comply with all relevant statutory requirements.
- Demonstrate the leadership and commitment of the board of trustees to run a safe railway.
- Ensure that responsibilities and duties of all trustees & volunteers with regard to health and safety are clearly defined to ensure they are understood, accepted, and carried out.
- Ensure suitable and sufficient risk assessments are conducted on all activities that may affect the well-being of any person and that effective control measures are implemented and maintained.
- Maintain written health and safety procedures, which are easily available to all trustees & volunteers & which are reviewed as required to maintain their effectiveness.
- Involve and consult, on health & safety matters, with trustees & volunteers through effective mechanisms throughout the organisation and ensure they are involved in the creation and review of risk assessments and work procedures associated with their roles.
- Through the leadership of the Safety Management Group to continuously improve the STRPS health and safety performance by putting in place an annual Safety Management Group business plan.
- Set measurable objectives, plans and performance measures and regularly reviewing progress against the targets set and rectifying deficiencies when detected.
- Ensure that control of non-employees such as contractors and visitors is a priority and systems are in place to ensure their well-being and that their activities do not pose a risk to others.
- Provide support, and allocate resources, to ensure the commitments of this policy are met.
- Review this policy as often as is necessary and at least annually to ensure its continuing effectiveness.

Overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy lies with the Board of Trustees of the South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society working through the Safety Management Group.

However, it is the duty of every trustee and volunteer to support and implement this policy and to comply with any systems and procedures to protect the health and safety of themselves and others, including the public, using the railway.

Signed:

Ian Millward – Chair, South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society January 2025