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## **SOUTH TYNEDALE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT**

The South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society acknowledges and accepts its legal and moral responsibilities for securing the health, safety and welfare of all its trustees, employees, volunteers and all others affected by its activities.

The charity is committed to promoting and supporting a culture where harm to people as a result of its work activities is unacceptable.

To meet this commitment, the charity will provide healthy and safe working conditions for all its trustees, employees, and volunteers, and will follow safe work practices that do not endanger the health and safety of business visitors, contractors and the public using the railway.

In particular, the charity 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 leadership and commitment through all its trustees, employees and volunteers.
- Ensure that responsibilities and duties of all trustees, employees & volunteers with regard to health and safety are clearly defined to ensure they are understood, accepted and carried out.
- Be accountable for health and safety performance in all its areas of work.
- 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 company wide written health and safety procedures, which are easily available to all relevant trustees, employees, & volunteers and are reviewed as required to maintain adequacy.
- Involve and consult with trustees, employees, & 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 jobs.

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- Strive to continuously improve the charity’s health and safety performance by setting 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 to ensure its continuing adequacy.

Overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy lies with the Trustees of the South Tynedale Railway Preservation Society. However, it is the duty of every trustee, employee, & 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.

**By Order of the South Tynedale Railway Trustees**

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