

## **Trustees Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2023 - 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2024**

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

#### **Fundraising**

Major grants obtained to enable refurbishment of the former substation, installation of a defibrillator and lighting scheme for the 1873 building to be developed.

#### **Work parties Tues & Fri mornings**

Ongoing maintenance of grounds and developed a shrub and flower border. Work on site freeing up of Victorian engine. Archive group removing all metal work and cataloguing on site archive. Archive now housed in a suitable environment (converted former substation). Restoration of George Kent Flow Meter.

#### **Other**

Talks given about History of Sandfields and South Staffs Water & John Robinson McClean.

Took part in Lichfield and Hatherton Canal Restoration event.

#### **Major projects**

- \* restoration of the Victorian pumping engine. Removing surface rust and applying protective covering.
- \* Restoration of the Bamford portable engine (donated by South Staffs Water)
- \* Restoration of the George Kent Flow meter (on going)
- \* Substation converted to room for storing archive.

#### **Opening up Sandfields Pumping Station**

- \* Tours for group visits by arrangement and 'drop ins' shown around when on site.
- \* Welcomed art and photographic groups to the Pumping Station
- \* Two concerts held at Sandfields – all tickets sold
- \* Various events held to celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of starting the Cornish Engine. Plaque unveiled by the mayor and engine named in honour of Chief engineer William Vawdrey