

East Anglia Transport Museum

The museum was fortunate to be able to open to the public for 31 days in 2020 but that resulted in a drop of visitors, in comparison with 2019, of 78.1%. Clearly this has had a significant impact on income for the society, although this has in part been offset by some grant aid from various sources. Without the grant aid income our position would be precarious.

Even so, despite our best efforts there have been financial losses that the society could not avoid, although these do not add up to really huge sums of money. For instance, most of the money spent on producing thousands of hand-out leaflets for 2020 was wasted as the great majority were never distributed and the information on these in relation to opening times etc was nullified by events anyway. Then, for the first time ever, the cafe ran at a loss, most of which was caused by having to write-off quantities of food items which went unsold when the cafe was unable to open, and had to be disposed of because they became outdated.

Various vehicle restoration projects are still moving ahead, although progress at times has been delayed due to Covid restrictions.

Now the museum is looking forward to the 2021 season to see what it brings. Our original schedule for opening from the 1st April has seen the loss of 14 days of hoped for opening days. The museum is now looking to re-open on 18th of April and is looking to have the extended East Suffolk Light Railway in operation. (Photo of the train leaving Mutford Thorpe Station attached).

