



Stonehouse History Group
Treasurer's Report 2019 - 20



Notes to the Balance Sheet.

Income

Membership fees - steady.

Meeting fees - slightly less because of no April meeting otherwise it would have been higher than the previous year.

Raffle proceeds - are less because we didn't do any raffles outside of meetings e.g. in the Co-op which we have done before.

Walks and talks - We have done about the same number but some for free e.g. Stonehouse Walking Festival.

Journals - In 2018-19 we didn't have a new issue, although we continued to sell a few of the old ones. This year we produced Issue 8 which has sold well. Approx 140 sold out of 200 printed.

Calendars - less than last year because we sold out last year but this year we have 20 copies left out of 200 printed. We made a surplus of £229 towards our funds.

Miscellaneous sales - this is mainly from the sale of our book collection which was housed in the Town Hall. Unfortunately we have nowhere to store a Group book collection and so we can no longer collect books or magazines. We are still collecting photos, postcards and documents which are stored in committee members' houses and scanned to computer.

Information Boards - This year we have received donations and grants from Viv Warren and from Midland Co-operative Community Fund. This money is in the process of being spent on new boards.

Expenditure

Speakers - The cost of speakers' fees has risen to an average of £50 per speaker. Some speakers request a donation to charity in which cases we donate the average £50.

Room hire appears to have gone up but it includes an outstanding bill from last year. Hall hire remains at £30 per session.

Subscriptions/Insurance. We subscribe to the Gloucestershire Local History Association £15 and the British Association for Local History £75. The BALH sub includes insurance for our Group activities.

Outings - These sums are always balanced by the collection of fees from attendees. We do not sponsor outings financially. The purchase of tickets from various organisations is done through the Group bank account so it appears on the accounts.

Miscellaneous includes new display boards which we bought expecting to be using our displays at a number of events this Spring and Summer. They will get used eventually! We have not had our new display printed yet due to the current situation.

Journals - The expenditure on Journals appears high because in February 2020 we ordered reprints of 25 copies each of Issues 1 & 2 with updates and improvements to layout. We did this because we were expecting several events commemorating VE Day and the end of WW1, at which we would have sold Journals to attendees from all over the district. At Stroud's exhibition in the Museum in 2019 we sold 18 Journals. Unfortunately these events have been cancelled but we will sell the reprints eventually.

The bank balance is satisfactory. We aim to keep around £1000 in hand. The next big expenditure will be Journal Issue 9 at approx £680.