



Stonehouse History Group
Treasurer's Report 2020-2021



Notes to the Balance Sheet.

This financial year has inevitably been affected by the Corona virus pandemic and the subsequent national restrictions

Income

Membership fees – We did not charge for 20-21. The one payment is a late one for 2019-20

Meeting fees - No face to face meetings

Raffle proceeds – No raffles able to be held

Walks and talks – One walk in Summer 2020

Journals – We lost access to our normal outlets for sales but still sold a few copies from home.

Calendars – Because we lost access to normal sales outlets we decided not to produce a calendar for 2021.

Miscellaneous sales – We sold the old SHG laptop for £30 and some knitted dolls donated to the group.

Information Boards – We received a generous donation from Cotswold Printing Co. for a new board to be erected next to the Park Schools. This was in the form of making the board for no charge and so does not appear in the Accounts.

Donations – This income is almost entirely made up of donations from members and friends towards a new laptop. Because we provided virtual meetings via Zoom it was necessary to update our equipment in order to run the meetings efficiently. Donations enabled SHG to buy a new laptop and a spare webcam and microphone. These have all been put to good use at the monthly Zoom meetings. £528.75 was contributed via Just Giving and cash.

Expenditure

Speakers – Speakers at the Zoom meetings have been our own members or friends who have not made a charge. Two thank-you gifts were given.

Room hire Not applicable

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.

Website – An on-going expenditure for the monthly internet hosting fee.

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. This was a refund to members for a cancelled event.

Miscellaneous – The new IT equipment cost £511.86.

Information Boards – The Old Chapel Garden board which was sponsored by Vivien Warren and the Midcounties Co-operative Society.

The bank balance is satisfactory. We aim to keep around £1000 in hand.

The next big expenditure will be Journal Issue 9 at £674 to be paid in May 2021. This will be offset by Journal sales.

We also intend to resume charging membership fees from May 2021 and to resume face to face meetings as soon as it is allowed. This will incur the usual hall hire and speaker fees.

We hope to be able to resume other local history activities that have been on hold this year.