



Stonehouse History Group
Treasurer's Report 2021- 2022



Notes to the Balance Sheet.

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

Income

Membership fees – Our highest ever total of 77 paid up members

Meeting fees - These dropped by over a third as we only collected fees for the 7 meetings held in Park Junior hall.

Raffle proceeds – Dropped by half as opportunities were lacking

Journals – We were able to sell to members but still lacked opportunities to sell at local events.

Calendars – The 2022 calendar proved very popular selling all 200 copies

Information Boards – We received a generous donation from Valerie Blick's will (see Annual Report)

Expenditure

Speakers – Speakers' charges are gradually rising – the average now being £45 per talk. We have been grateful to members and friends who have given talks for no charge.

Room hire - Hire of Park Junior School hall has been increased from £30 to £40 per meeting

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. Webroot Security for the SHG laptop.

Milestones – We have bought paint and fixings for the new plate (sponsored by Knights Brown Construction Ltd) on the Bristol Road milestone. Special paint was bought for the plate which has also been used on the plate for the High Street milestone.

The bank balance is satisfactory at £1,322.14 after liabilities. We aim to keep around £1000 in hand.

The next big expenditure will be Journal Issue 10 at approx £674 to be paid in autumn 2022. This will be offset by Journal sales. We have the money in hand to pay for the new information board to be erected in Queen's Road.

We hope that face to face meetings and raffles will allow us to maintain a reasonable balance, despite increases in speakers' fees and hall hire. We have decided to keep membership fees and meeting fees at the same level for another year and review at the end of 2022-23.

We hope to be able to resume other local history activities that have been on hold this year, which will open up opportunities to recruit new members and sell our journals.

Treasurer/Secretary April 2022