



Stonehouse History Group
Treasurer's Report 2022- 2023



Notes to the Balance Sheet.

Income

Membership fees – Membership dropped slightly from 77 to 71.

Meeting fees – Income from these increased after the end of Covid restrictions when more meetings could be held.

Raffle proceeds – These also increased as above.

Journals – Issue 10 (published in February) is selling well and there will be more opportunities for sales at community events to be held in the summer.

Calendars – Printing costs rose considerably and, as a result, we decided to increase the price per copy from £4 to £5. We sold 165 copies out of 200 printed, making £284 - slightly less than in 2022. It is hard to tell whether the price affected sales or whether it is a result of more people moving to digital calendars rather than traditional paper versions. We propose to order fewer copies next year.

Outings – We are organising a summer outing for which people have paid for their tickets. This will be offset in due course by the payment to the venue.

Expenditure

Speakers – Speakers' charges are gradually increasing – the average now being approx £50 per talk. We have been grateful to members and friends who have given talks without charge. Of our 11 meetings 3 were free of charge.

Room hire - Hire of Park Junior School hall is now £40 per meeting.

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

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

Journals and calendars. Printing costs have risen. Calendar sales have been good but Journal sales are more gradual. We have made small losses on the last two issues, being unable to sell all the copies, although we are still selling a few of each issue.

Information boards and Milestones –The Blick's Builders board was researched and designed by committee members, thus saving money by not using a design firm. Wall-mounted boards are considerably cheaper than free-standing ones and the wall of the Town Council offices provided an ideal site. We bought materials for the renovation of the High Street milestone.

The bank balance of £1799.47 after liabilities is satisfactory. We aim to keep around £1000 in hand. Several local history and community activities are planned for this year, which will open up opportunities to recruit new members and sell our journals.

Future expenditure for 2023-24 will include a 2024 calendar, possibly another information board and perhaps a journal. We also expect to produce another history display.

Treasurer/Secretary April 2022