



Stonehouse History Group
Treasurer's Report 2023- 2024



Notes to the Balance Sheet.

Income

Membership fees – Membership increased from 71 to 85.

Meeting fees – Income from these increased as we increased the fees from £1 members, £2 non-members to £2 members, £3 non-members.

Raffle proceeds – These decreased by about 20%. This may be because of slightly lower attendance. We didn't have a raffle in October. Attendees may be spending less on raffle tickets as the entrance fees have gone up.

Donations and grants - We received a grant of £670 from the Government's Build Back Better scheme to buy a new projector.

Journals – Issue 10 is still selling gradually, as well as back issues.

Calendars –As we sold fewer copies in 2022 we decided to reduce the number ordered from 200 to 150. We sold out and could have sold more.

Outings – The cost of the trip to Chavenage manor was equal to the amount collected from members.

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 1 was free of charge. Spaniel in the Works cost £300.

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

Subscriptions/Insurance. We subscribe £15 to the Gloucestershire Local History Association and £90 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 from Ionos. This has increased for the first time since 2019 from £8.39 to £10.80 per month.

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 None this year but we are planning one for next year.

The bank balance has increased to £2186.01.

Future expenditure for 2023-24 will include a 2025 calendar, possibly another information board and perhaps the Shops Project. We also expect to produce two more history displays.

Treasurer/Secretary April 2024