



Stonehouse History Group
Treasurer's Report 2025 - 2026



Notes to the Balance Sheet.

Income

Membership fees

Paid-up members increased from 76 to 87.

Meeting fees

Reflect a higher average attendance.

Raffle proceeds

These have increased with the rise in attendance.

Donations and grants

Donations come from people wanting to support our group or thank us for information.

Journals

We are still selling a few of each issue. 17 sold in total.

Calendars

We ordered 175 and sold out. Making a surplus of £349.60 which more than covered the cost of the event below.

GLHA Summer Afternoon July 2025 (SHG hosts)

Sale of tickets last financial year = £228. Sale of tickets this financial year = £396 – total £624. Expenditure = £887.93. We did subsidise the event - mainly because we gave free teas to 16 committee and volunteers as thanks for the amount of work it took to prepare. But also because we attracted fewer visitors than hoped for. We aimed at maximum 70, hoping to get 60, but only sold 52 tickets.

Highways and Byways book

Sept 2025 -We loaned FVLHA £500 towards printing the book with Kelex.

We received 30 copies of the book to sell at £12 each. We sold 20 of these to make £240.

Unfortunately we were given a fake £20 note in the Co-op which SHG replaced. We returned 10 unsold copies to Marion Hearfield (Stroud LHS).

December 2025 – we kept the £240 and received £260 back from FVLHA balancing the £500 loan. Total £520 because of the fake note.

April 2026. Marion consulted the groups concerning the profits made from the sales of the book. SHG share would amount to £65. Most groups agreed to donate their share to Stroud Museum for their support with exhibitions. SHG agreed for Marion to donate our share to the Museum.

Expenditure

Speakers

Speakers' charges are gradually increasing – the average now being approx £66 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.

Donations and gifts

Thank you gifts to people who have helped us e.g. by selling calendars. Donation to Stroud Museum for hosting displays. We sponsored Park Schools Bunny Trail.

Room hire

Hire of Park Junior School hall is £22 per hour and we now book 2.5 hours (6.30 pm to 9.00 pm) so £55 per meeting.

Subscriptions/Insurance

We normally 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. GLHA are not making a charge this year.

Website

An on-going expenditure for the monthly internet hosting fee from Ionos. This is now £13.80 per month plus £25.19 for the domain name.

Journals and calendars

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

We have not created any new boards this year. The oak posts on the boards by the Millennium Stone and the Globe Inn are deteriorating and need replacing. Colin Matthews is replacing the ones on the Millennium Stone board and will do the Globe ones in due course.

The bank balance has decreased by 48p to £3254.51.

Future expenditure for 2026-27 will include a 2027 calendar and information boards by the Methodist Church and possibly by St Cyr's Church. We are replacing old posts. We hope to update some of our displays and may create others.

Treasurer/Secretary May 2026