

## **Treasurer's Report 2020-2021**

On behalf of Streatley Allotments Society I would like to thank Louise Schilizzi for examining the year end accounts, and Streatley Parish Council for their continued support.

The accounts were submitted to Louise Schilizzi for her inspection, and she has confirmed that they are a true and complete picture of the finances of the Society.

**Plot Fees** We remain mindful of the pandemic's financial impact on our allotment community. Plot holders can contact the Committee in confidence if it is helpful for the coming year.

**Refundable Deposits Cancelled** No deposits of tenants who left during the year were retained by the Society.

**Plant Sale Donations** Thank you to all who provided plants or gave a donation in return for some plants. Difficulties with the local post office accepting cash payments for TSB during the pandemic, meant a late payment of £47.60 plant sale donations received in 2020/2021 will be accounted for in the 2021/2022 financial year. We hope this small and effective exchange will continue.

**Other Donations** We were pleased to receive donations from two tenants for sheds.

**Site Improvement** Our costs remained low due to the skills of our outgoing Site Manager and a couple of regular volunteers. In addition, we continue to no longer externally sub-contract the maintenance of common areas of the site. The annual hedge trimming took place later than usual, and will be accounted for in the next financial year.

**Social** No social events took place due to the pandemic.

**Cash Reserve** I am pleased to report a healthy reserve with a significant increase on the previous year. This is mostly due to reduced costs on site improvement. However, a significant increase in site improvement and maintenance costs in the forthcoming financial year will bring the reserves back down to what the Committee proposes is an acceptable and sustainable level.

**Banking** Online banking has worked well. I would like to reassure members that we maintain good governance as two signatories are still required to authorise online payments. Cheques can still be received and issued if this is a preferred method of payment/reimbursement by plot holders.

**Conclusion** Overall our finances remain in reasonable health. However, the site is now some 9 years old, and significant outlay is inevitably likely in the coming financial years. All plot holders should therefore note that some concerted fundraising efforts may be required to maintain the site.

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