

## 21/22 Accounts

### The Bitterne Local History Society

#### Shop

The year has been mixed with the steady donations from local areas, income with 8 months taking over £1,000 each month, in the shop considering we are still picking up from the last 2 years knock-on effect from Covid pandemic. The overall income from the shop was a good total of £19,627.03 considering our rental is £1,000 each month for both the shop and flat above needed for storage.

We have had the bonus of selling good quality items at the Mercantile Flea in West End Road to the total of £1791.18 for this financial year. Other income came from the Pump House at Droxford, auctioneers and Warwick Market at Wickham. We also benefitted from recycled clothing funds, crisp packets recycling scheme, and other moneymaking schemes through Steve Adams such as Just Giving and Paypal.

Helen manages the Staff Rota for the shop and we all seem to come together to keep the shop working and 'ticking over'

We manage to purchase and sell on the new local interest books, such as Dr Cheryl Butler and local Authors ie Martin Brisland and Wendy Stokes.

Ian continues to do talks occasionally so helps fill the coffers.

Our subscriptions for the membership maintain the cost of the printing for the magazines, which are such a good read for local supporters. Our editor Steve Adams does a sterling job and now thanks go to our new membership secretary. Pam West. A huge thank you must go to Barbara McCaffery for her past work as the retiring Membership Secretary.

The printing costs have increased but we manage to adapt, approximately £1309.52 for the printing costs but our membership is steady now after losing a few members last year. We are able to sell a few magazines at outlets like the Bitterne Library, events and stalls, including the Mercantile Flea. We were able to print our own calendars last year which proved very popular as Christmas presents and all year to admire the old photos. Sadly we didn't get the order in time for the 2023 run.

#### Expenses

Our Gas, Electric and utility bills of course have increased dramatically. Our total for this financial year is £1791.45. Still exceptionally high but we are just getting a little help from the government at present.

Our rates were £1494.24 for 2021 and £1455.64 for 2022. I will look into this as it might be able to adjust. I always find most bills are centred on both properties and the flat was used for domestic use once rather than our storage.

Last year the total in the banks HSBC 27,626.82 2022	RES Ace 33,782.92	47,433.56 47,520.19 (81303.11)
DIFFERENCE	6,156.10	86.63 (interest)

We are very fortunate to have had some big donations and left monies in their wills.

Bob Lavington was a passionate Bitternite, working as a steward in the Heritage Centre and he kindly left us a small legacy. His commitment to our Heritage Work was uppermost in his mind and thank you for this chance.

We strive to go forward and thank you all for continuing your support. We aim to keep Bitterne's History alive with all the artefacts and items we save for future generations. Do continue to join our membership and help us keep afloat.

Most of all we must thank Ian Abrahams for a lifetime of collecting all these items and the knowledge that goes with it. Many local people always refer to him for guidance and with all our Steward's help.

Mary Abraham  
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