

Treasurer's Report 2023

2023 ended with under £17,000 available to the Society for capital work to meet ongoing maintenance and approved projects. This is considerably lower than the £32,000 available at the end of last year. The reduction is primarily due to the cost of replacing the piggery canopy at Gordon Road. The wooden structure of the existing canopy had become rotten and was considered beyond repair. The opportunity was taken to improve the environment of the piggery by paving the seating area under the canopy, hedging the perimeter and installing a large water butt to conserve water. The project was completed within budget and on time. The plant sale, the main source of income for the Society after subscriptions, significantly exceeded last year's takings, while the trading hut was marginally down on 2022. After holding subscriptions and charges unchanged for several years, the General Committee considered it prudent to increase service charges for 2024, to offset some of the continuing rise in costs due to inflation. The Committee also anticipated that the plant sale of 2024 would be at a reduced level of income compared with 2023.

Accounts

The accounts which follow are set out over three pages which hopefully will make them easier to read. The figures for 2023 are shown with those of 2022 for comparison. The first page shows the total receipts and payments for both years. They show that expenditure exceeded receipts for 2023. The second page itemises payments over £100. Both water and electricity charges are subject to meter readings. The third page shows the accumulated funds and reserves held by the Society. The page concludes with signatures of the Chair and independent examiner. We are grateful to Jane Healy for continuing to be our independent examiner.

Chris Ouseley

Finchley Horticultural Society
 Receipts and payments : year to 31 Dec 2023

RECEIPTS		2023	2022
Subscriptions		811	892
Trading hut sales		1843	2083
Plant sale		3677	2990
Allotment rents	Gordon rd	5603	5436
	Bees	120	120
	Brent way	440	405
	Nethercourt	876	860
Donations		145	175
Events and socials		1591	1279
Seeds		0	343
Key deposits		20	60
Bank interest		95	8
Insurance claim		0	3150
Total receipts		15221	17801
PAYMENTS		2023	2022
Affiliation fees	NSALG	309	309
	BAF	258	206
Website/computing		0	58
Printing		87	92
Events and socials		1499	796
Insurance	RHS	285	285
	Trustees	137	137
Legal advice		0	1407
Gordon rd	total	24240	10401
Brent way/n'court	total	448	604
Green bins charge		360	360
Supplies for plant sale/trading hut		1374	2517
Seed orders		154	319
Misc expenses		42	60
Other		70	55
Total payments		29263	17478
Net receipts		-14042	323

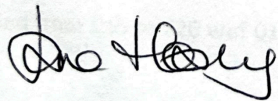
Payments	over £100	2023	2022
Allotments			
Gordon rd			
	Water	1450	1920
	Electricity	765	418
	Water leak	0	1738
	Skips	972	912
	Polytunnel cover	28	329
	Tree work	75	840
	Toilet clean	780	0
	Padlock repairs /new keys	0	207
	BBQ trays	0	247
	Shelving	0	170
	Maintenance	228	292
	Fence repair, erection	0	3200
	Fire risk assessment	960	0
	Electrical testing	714	0
	Tea hut maintenance	177	0
	Mowers service	298	0
Piggery canopy project			
	Procurement, erection		
	water butt and hedging	17793	0
	Gordon rd total	24240	10273
Brent way			
	Maintenance	154	38
Nethercourt			
	Water	216	258
	Maintenance	0	9
	Wheelbarrow	0	54
	Mower	0	245
	Land search	78	0
	Brent way/N'court total	448	604

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	2023	2022
Accumulated Funds and Reserves		
Emergency Fund	10000	10000
Key deposits	2021	2001
Capital works fund	16799	32296
Cash in hand	300	162
Total funds	29120	44459
Cash in bank and at hand	29120	44459

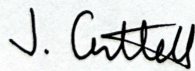
Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention
 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect
 the requirements (in accordance with the rules of the FHS) to keep accounting
 records: and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records
 for presentation to the membership have not been met; or
 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a
 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jane Healy (independent examiner)

Date 6th Feb 2024



Jo Cottell (Chair)

Date 19th February 2024