Hampshire Genealogical Society

Annual General Meeting – 11.00 am – Saturday 12th June 2021

Treasurer's Report

As I indicated in my report last year 2020 was indeed a very different year. Three of our main areas of expenditure: groups, attendance at family history fairs and our conference day had considerably lower costs during the year. Normal group meetings ceased in February/March, with many groups starting to meet virtually via Zoom from the middle of the year onwards. Our Bookstall manager, Elaine Boyes and her team attended some virtual family history fairs and the Conference day had to be postponed. As a result the Society had an income surplus of £7,000 and the reserves are now £82,000.

We were able to maintain our levels of income during the year, despite all of us operating remotely as the Research centre and admin office at Cosham remained closed for most of the year. I'm very grateful to our membership secretary, Margaret Bowman, Trevor Bumstead, our office manager and Elaine, for their hard work.

2021, so far, has been very similar to 2020. Groups are still meeting virtually, Elaine and her team have attended virtual family history fairs continuing to promote the Society and the Conference Day has been postponed again. This reduced expenditure, together with the maintenance of our income levels has resulted in the year to date accounts showing a surplus.

However there will be additional one-off expenditure costs this year, related to our move from the Cosham office to the new office in Winchester. The lease on the Cosham office expires in August 2021 and we are responsible for any dilapidations and redecoration as we move out. Moving forward, the move to Winchester will result in a reduction to the costs of running the office.

Copies of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 have been made available on the website. A copy of this document is included in the Official Minute Book. The accounts have been approved by the Trustees and signed off by the independent examiner Paul Underwood of Morris Crocker, Chartered Accountants.

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