

## **Hampshire Ornithological Society - Treasurer's Report for year ending 31/12/2020**

The Society's independently examined accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 are available on the HOS Website.

The accounts are produced on the receipts and payments basis and a copy will be filed, as required within 10 months of the year end, with the Charity Commission.

In summary it has been a good year for us financially; the Society's receipts totalled £47,099.78 and expenditure was £24,040.75, thereby giving an excess of income over expenditure of £23,059.03 for 2020.

I would like to make a couple of observations on the accounts.

The dreadful pandemic has had both positive and negative effects on the HOS finances and cash flow. The Members' Day was cancelled and the money we paid in advance for the use of St Swithun's school will be carried forward for the 2021 event. The income from Members' Day, raffle, clothing, publications etc. was zero.

In addition the grants awarded in 2020 have not been paid out yet as Covid has delayed the recipients ability to spend the money. We look forward to paying the grant monies as soon as possible.

The excess income over expenditure was augmented by the extra survey income received in 2020. This income, £17,353, exceeded that of the previous year. The survey income in 2021 is not expected to be as high and there is no guarantee of further survey income in subsequent years.

Membership income has also been Covid affected. The cancellation of the walks programme limited the opportunity for guest walkers to become new members and the number of new joiners was lower in 2020 compared with 2019.

The costs associated with the Bird Report were more expensive than the previous year, but some costs for the report produced in 2019 were not paid until the beginning of 2020.

The Society's finances, I believe, are still very satisfactory even in this Covid 19 affected year.

The committee's policy remains to gradually reduce the funds held and allocate more money to grants and conservation work.

The Society paid no sums by way of remuneration to committee members and trustees. As some committee members not only give up their free time, but often travel some distance to attend meetings, they are reimbursed for their out of pocket travelling expenses. However the use of Zoom significantly reduced this cost in 2020.

I would like to give many thanks to Society member Joy Aubin, our Independent Examiner and a chartered accountant. Joy examined the accounts at no cost to the Society.

**Andy Mitchelmore**  
**Honorary Treasurer**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**