

## **Hampshire Ornithological Society - Treasurer's Report for year ending 31/12/2021**

The Society's independently examined accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 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 £44,917.41 and expenditure was £27,808.03 thereby giving an excess of income over expenditure of £17,109.38 for 2021.

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

The dreadful pandemic, as in 2020, has had both positive and negative effects on the HOS finances and cash flow. The Members' Day was cancelled again and the money we paid in advance for the use of St Swithun's school will be carried forward for the 2022 event. The income from Members' Day, raffle, clothing, publications etc. was zero again.

On a positive note we paid out £5,348 in grants in 2021 as some of the projects, which were delayed due to Covid in 2020 were able to progress. We look forward to paying more grant monies as soon as possible.

As expected the survey income in 2021 was not as high as it was in 2020. There is no guarantee of further survey income in subsequent years.

The very good news in 2021 was that membership income increased due to an influx of new members.

The costs associated with the Bird Report were more expensive than the previous year and costs for the Kingfisher newsletter were lower.

The Society's finances, I believe, are still very satisfactory even in another pandemic 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. The use of Zoom again limited travelling expenses to meetings for committee members in 2021.

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

**Andy Mitchelmore**  
**Honorary Treasurer**  
**19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**