

Ladies and Gentlemen

I hope you have all had time to look at the income and expenditure account. Most of the headings are self-explanatory but I would like to make some comments:

1. The Society now has 146 members, which is the highest figure ever.
2. Book Sales have increased by over £400 due in part to the sale of Warwick Burton's book on railways, which were donated to the Society. An increased demand for the Society's own publications has resulted in an increased cost in printing.
3. Visits: following the auditor's recommendations, there is no longer a separate visits bank account. The balance on this account was transferred to the general account in September (£400.74), and all income and costs are now dealt with in this account. It is still possible to state how much of the Society's funds relate to visits as can be seen by the figures at the bottom of the sheet. As the Society is non-profit making, we shall be looking to budget accordingly for future trips, so a small loss on each trip is acceptable.
4. Marple Wharf: A cheque for £500 was sent to the Marple Wharf Project as the committee felt it fulfilled the criteria of a local project of historical interest, which would benefit the community. This cheque has not been presented and so will be shown in the 2021 accounts should this project go ahead.

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Treasurer