

## Marple Local History Society Treasurers Report 2022/23

I am pleased to be able to present the accounts for the eleven-month period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. At the EGM held at the November 2022 meeting the accounting year end was changed to the 28<sup>th</sup> February each year. This means that for this year I am presenting accounts covering an eleven-month period only.

I hope that members will find the accounts clear and straightforward enough although I am of course happy enough to take any questions either at the AGM or alternatively by email if members want to seek any clarification in that way.

There are just a few points I would like to bring to members attention first however.

1. As we leave Covid and lockdowns behind membership continues to grow generating much needed extra income. We also welcomed 52 visitors to our meetings which generated £156.
2. Revenue from book sales also increased driven partly by the new publication An Ideal holiday resort. Many thanks to those involved for generating this income.
3. Income from Gift Aid of £386.43 covers a two-year period as the 2021-2022 claim was not paid in that financial period.
4. Our expenditure continues to rise in line with the cost of living and as the society does more, this year we have produced a new book and organised the Memorial Park Centenary Exhibition in the Library.

Despite our generating a modest surplus for the year I have had to make the committee aware that our income from subscriptions no longer covers our basic expenditures and that we have been fortunate in the last two years in that we have received one off items of income which has allowed us to generate a surplus. I have therefore had to raise with the committee the issue of membership subscriptions which have remained at £10 for the last sixteen years. After consideration of various alternatives, the committee agreed to propose an increase in members subscriptions to £15 for 2023/24. This will be considered as a separate item at the AGM.

In order to make joining and re-joining the society quicker and easier we will be looking at alternatives to the traditional cash/cheque on the night process with which members will be familiar. We will be laying out alternative in the July and August Newsletters. Any new methods of payment which are introduced will be in addition to the traditional cash/cheque system which will be retained.

Finally wish to remind members that in 2020/21 we invested £500 in a bond in The Wharf development. We continue to hold that investment however it is not shown in the accounts as we do not generate a Balance Sheet.

Neil Derbyshire.

Treasurer