

Historical Association West Surrey Branch

Treasurer's Report 2021-22

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet for the year-end figures as at 30 June 2021, which have been audited and submitted to the Historical Association's Head Office.

The branch was able to offer its members a full programme of ten lectures during the course of the year in a mixed format of Zoom and in-person lectures. Our core membership has held up well with 68 associate members renewing their subscriptions, but attendance at meetings has been lower than in the past. The committee are optimistic that an attractive programme and greater public confidence will see attendance at meetings rise.

The branch is carrying forward reserves of £2641.33 having recorded a net loss of £1118.49 during the year.

The following items in the accounts should be noted:-

- Purchase of a new branch laptop at £592.99 is an occasional expense
- The branch incurred unusually high lecturers' expenses during the course of the year
- Room/Zoom costs are almost double the previous year. Zoom meetings have generally been more expensive to run than in-person meetings because of the licence costs for a large audience.
- Our income from visitors has fallen significantly

The committee has reluctantly taken the decision to increase both associate subscription rates and the charge made to visitors in the light of our increased cost base. We feel, however, that at the equivalent of £1.50 per lecture associate membership of the branch still represents excellent value.

Jane Saul

Hon. Branch Treasurer