

## Sarratt Local History Society

### Treasurer's Report on the year ended 30 November 2024

2024 has been a steady year financially for your Society. We made a small surplus for the year, but like all organisations we are suffering from rising costs, including in our speakers' fees, the cost of hiring the hall and even the cost of providing our refreshments. Since we increased our subs to £12 for 2024, I don't propose to increase them again this year, but I'm afraid, as some of you will notice, that we've had to put up the cost of our coffee and tea to £1.

The 2024 financial statements are presented here in unaudited form alongside the two previous years (those ending 30 November 2023 and 30 November 2022) for comparison – I shall be seeking to have the 2024 financial statements audit reviewed in due course and will report back to you once this is done.

Our membership is a touch down on last year at 108 members. For payments we receive by credit card, we pay a small fee, so the subscription revenue is no longer a round number. Our visitor income was down on 2023, especially after restating the 2023 figure up (by £43) where we hadn't fully adjusted the 2023 accounts to reflect our revised £4 visitor charge. The reduced number of visitors took less refreshment and so our refreshment income was also down on the 2023 figure.

Our printing and stationery costs were higher, partly as a consequence of higher third-party costs (programme printing for example) and partly because we also invested in some display items, such as our rather smart roller banners, which are particularly useful for our "pop up" exhibitions. Other meeting expenses were broadly in line with previous years. We invested strongly in our website last year and so this year we saw only the costs associated with maintaining the site. We may see these rise again if we are able to digitise the third scrapbook, but this seems entirely worthwhile given the great public resource that the digitised scrapbooks provide.

Finally, following our excellent National Heritage Week meeting there in September, we were pleased to be able to give a donation to Holy Cross.

*Jonathan Holmes, January 2025*

#### **A note on your data**

Sarratt Local History Society is a data controller for the purposes of UK GDPR, and holds the following information about you: your name, your address, your telephone number and your email address (where available). We also have a record of when you paid your subs. We collect your data when you give it to us directly, normally in the context of becoming a member or renewing your membership. By providing your data to us you consent to us processing it for the purposes of communicating with you and managing your membership of the Society. We keep your information for up to five years (so that at the end of any given year we can send you notice of the AGM and encourage you to re-join for the coming year). However, you can request at any time (by writing to the Treasurer) that we delete your data and don't communicate with you again.

We keep your data secure and confidential and, when stored electronically, your data is held in appropriately protected data files. Our policy is that we only use your data to contact you in relation to SLHS matters. We never share your data.

SARRATT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY											
Financial Statement for the year ended 30 November 2024					Comparable 2023 data			Comparable 2022 data			
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Balance at 1 December 2023				<b>2,198.21</b>			<b>1,832.36</b>			<b>1,959.60</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>											
<u>Subscriptions</u>											
Members	@£12	1,256.73			1,160.00			220.00			
Visitors	@£4	<u>160.00</u>			<u>419.00</u>			<u>311.00</u>			
		1,416.73			1,579.00			531.00			
<u>Sundry Other Income</u>											
Donations		<u>35.00</u>			<u>17.00</u>			<u>10.60</u>			
Refreshments		<u>49.20</u>			<u>149.70</u>			<u>71.81</u>			
Interest Income		<u>14.12</u>			<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>			
<b>Total Receipts</b>			<b>1,515.05</b>			<b>1,745.70</b>			<b>613.41</b>		
<b>Expenditure</b>											
<u>Printing, Postage and Stationery</u>											
		<u>258.76</u>			<u>20.00</u>			<u>36.28</u>			
<u>Meeting Expenses</u>											
Hire of Hall		368.10			396.43			270.97			
Speaker Expenses		175.00			180.00			150.00			
Refreshments		<u>240.48</u>			<u>248.42</u>			<u>248.40</u>			
		866.38			824.85			669.37			
<u>Donations</u>		<u>100.00</u>			<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>			
<u>Auditor</u>		<u>35.00</u>			<u>35.00</u>			<u>35.00</u>			
<u>Website / Sarratt Scrapbook</u>		<u>168.40</u>			<u>500.00</u>			<u>-</u>			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>1,345.74</b>			<b>1,379.85</b>			<b>740.65</b>		
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year				<b>169.31</b>			<b>368.85</b>			<b>(127.24)</b>	
Balance as at 30 November 2024				<b>2,367.52</b>			<b>2,198.21</b>			<b>1,832.36</b>	