

Treasurers Report 2020 Accounts

Little did we know how the year was going to pan out and having a comfortable surplus in the bank has proved to be a real asset in the time of Covid lockdowns!

It has meant that not only could we cover the cost of the 3 speakers we had at indoor meetings at the start of the year but also Zoom meetings which Gill Hadland kindly organised for the latter part of the year.

Because of the pandemic the Plant Fair had to be cancelled and most of the Stall holders requested refunds of their fee. However, 5 were optimistic enough to request that we retain their fee to carry over for 2021, hence the £175 surplus.

The coach trip was also cancelled and refunds given. Giving refunds was made easier by most people requesting them by Internet transfer. As Treasurer I'm happy to not only make payments but also to receive payments this way in the future should members and Plant Fair stall holders wish to do so.

As you will see not surprisingly because of not being able to hold the Plant Fair which is our main fund raiser, there is a deficit for the year of **-£896**. This is obviously lower than might be expected due to not subsidising the coach trip.

It does include 2 donations that we made as 'goodwill gestures': £100 to the Methodist Church and £100 to the gardening charity Perennial who own the garden Fullers Mill that we were due to visit.

Although we have a deficit for the year, we still have a healthy balance of £8662 in the bank.

I hope the optimism of the Stall holders is rewarded and we can hold the Plant Fair in 2021. Keep an eye on the new look website for more information.