

TREASURER'S REPORT For the financial year ending 30thSeptember 2020

Fundraising

The years fundraising started with a very well attended and successful Autumn Quiz. Apart from being a very enjoyable and entertaining evening, it added some £650 to our coffers. Thanks to Dom & Vicky for leading on this

The next fundraiser was the Autumn Jumble Sale. For some reason attendance was lower than we had come to expect and a lot of jumble was left over. On the day, we made a relatively modest £436. However, subsequent sales of clothing & books and of furniture stored in Simon's outbuilding, along with the sale of items donated from Mary's house clearance brought the total raised from jumble over the year to £850. Thanks to Jean for leading on the jumble organisation and Simon and Teresa for handling sales of left-overs.

The Christmas open morning was as enjoyable as ever and the generous contributions to the raffle ensured that we more than covered our costs.

Then Covid Struck – just as we were starting to organise the Spring Jumble - and that was the end of social and fundraising events for the year. The result was a drop in revenue of some £1200 compared to the previous year

Running costs

Running costs increase by about £3,200 over the previous year. This was largely attributable to the very welcome kitchen refurbishment and to increased costs of electricity.

Operating loss

Increased costs and reduced revenue show up in the accounts as an operating loss of just over £3,000 over the financial year.

Grants

Ward Member Community Grant Scheme: Councillor W Howard awarded BVH £800 from this scheme following our submission of a project to improve the usefulness and safety of the stage. The Covid restrictions seriously delayed the planning and implementation of these works. The current situation is that Alan Joynson has produced a schedule of work and is in the process of seeking quotes from local tradesmen.

Business Grant: Ashford Borough Council contacted us to encourage us to apply for a government grant aimed at small business' and village halls to compensate for the loss of income during the Covid crisis. After a pretty rudimentary application process we were granted what appears to be a standard £10,000. It is my understanding that this grant is specifically intended to cover on-going running costs during a period of reduced or no income rather than for new ventures.

Brook Flower Show

The village hall account administers the finances of the Brook Flower Show. Currently we hold £449.21 that is ring fenced for the use of the Flower Show.

Michael Holland (Treasurer)