

Buckinghamshire Guild of Weavers Spinners and Dyers
Treasurer's report for years ended 31 December 2022

There was a deficit in 2022 of £830 and our total cash balance now stands at £2,752.

We took the decision late 2021 to extend existing memberships through to the end of 2022 as we were still feeling somewhat tentative about the level of activities we could hold in the year. New members paid £20.

We resolved the disposal of equipment from the Amersham hall selling the remaining looms for £208 however the balance of storage costs was £372 so there was an additional loss this year of £164.

We purchased a movable shelving unit for £48 to accommodate books etc at Haddenham hall and are being charged £13 quarterly for the storage of this.

We had three paid speakers in the year. The cost of this Debbie Tomkies event has been allocated to the Susan Mousley bequest - leaving a balance of £1060 to set against future events.

This naturally means that our reserves are now somewhat depleted and we are grateful to our members who have contributed time and effort in presenting at meetings as well as baking some amazing cakes so we can continue including refreshments free of charge. Additional thanks also to Haddenham hall who have remained very flexible in relation to bookings.

Member levels are currently low so we will need to be cautious as to expenditure for next year whilst delivering interesting events to build up membership subscriptions.

This is my last year as Treasurer. This task is not very onerous for someone of a logical mindset who attends meetings regularly and can spend about an hour each month keeping the records up to date. Please talk to me about what it entails and consider taking it on for the Guild.

Christina Spencer
January 2023

Bucks Guild of Weavers Spinners and Dyers				
Year End Accounts 31 December 2022				
Balance sheet / Movement of Funds				
			2022	2021
	Cash in Bank		2,825.87	3,554.13
	Cash in hand		39.37	41.36
	Total Assets		2,865.24	3,595.49
	Reserves b/d		3,622.57	4,411.49
	Surplus / Deficit for year		-730.25	-788.92
	Reserves c/d		2,892.32	3,622.57
Income and Expenditure Account				
		Note	2022	2021
Income				
	Members Subscriptions current year		180.00	75.00
	Members Subscriptions next year		210.00	
	Meetings Fees (Visitors)		25.00	0.00
	Workshop fees		480.00	0.00
	Competition fees		0.00	0.00
	Sales Table		18.30	8.40
	Share of speakers sales		108.75	
	Raffles		150.00	32.00
	Donations and Grants		10.66	0.00
	Equipment Hire		0.00	0.00
	Equipment sales	1	208.00	244.34
	Bucks Art Weeks - Member Receipts less SumU		0.00	296.00
	Misc (charity share of members equipment sold)			50.00
	Total Income		1,390.71	705.74
Expenditure				
	Hall Hire		856.00	560.88
	Speaker Fees		440.00	0.00
	Speaker expenses		161.55	0.00
	Competition prizes		10.00	0.00
	Affiliation Fee		118.75	76.50
	Website		78.54	29.80
	Printing, Postage etc		0.00	12.17
	Storage expense	2	372.00	385.00
	Bucks Art Weeks - Member Distributions		0.00	275.98
	Bucks Art Weeks - expenses		0.00	132.59
	Sundry other	3	84.12	21.74
	Total Expenses		2,120.96	1,494.66
	Surplus / Deficit for year		-730.25	-788.92
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I have reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income statement for 2022 together with the supporting accounting records and documentation. It is my opinion that the accounts as presented are correct.				
			Adrian Cooper _____	
			Date _____	

	Notes					
	1 The Amersham cupboard was cleared during 2021 and we had to store the contents. Equipment sales relates to final items sold £240 less milage £32.					
	2 Storage costs are £372 final re storing items form Amersham hall.Haddenham hall now charges of £13/quarter re shelving unit storage and this is included in hall hire where charged.					
	3 Sundry other: Shelving unit to keep at hall £48.22, £24 flowers, £11.90 alum for workshop					
	General notes					
	- Due to donated prizes there is no cost in the accountsfor raffle prizes in the year					
	- Likewise, generous donations of cakes etc meant no cost in for refreshments					
	Lastly, due to the generosity of members presenting at meetings we had 2 paid speakers only.					

Membership report 2022

We started the year with a notional tally of 34 members, notional because of the extension of the fees from 2021. Despite 9 new members at the end of the year we believe the numbers to potentially stand at 25 following a survey of people who have not attended meetings in the year. However a more detailed review in January 2023 puts the number of active members at around 16. This number is insufficient to keep us going, as they would bring in £560 in subscriptions against the cost of the hall of £1390 for 10 meetings

We have 3 life members, of whom only one (Alison Jolley) attends meetings.

We urgently need to reach out to new potential members by personal contact, social media and also by ensuring our events are on relevant local lists. Anyone who is able to help in any way would be warmly welcomed to the committee.

Review of Newsletter list:

90 people on the list

16 people are active - read emails & attend meetings - 11 have rejoined for 2023

An addition 20 are 'potentially active' i.e. open emails

Around 30 lapsed members still receive emails

The balance is people who have signed up for the newsletter via the web. We think around 15 people open emails but we have not yet analysed more fully.

We have reviewed the segmentation of the list to ensure that everyone receives monthly emails.