

South West Region AGM Treasurers report for 2020 AGM

Financial period was from 1st January - 31st December 2019

Our current balance for the Region is £5374.59, an increase of about £1000 over the same time last year.

We have had no capital spend this year, just the normal travel expenses for Committee, speakers fees and accommodation in some cases plus the Dainton Storage costs for storing our equipment. We have only paid for 1 newsletter this year instead of the usual 2, so perhaps Bristol have got a bit behind and we may get 3 in 2020.

Our Head office contribution was just under £5 less than last year, but we did have some events which gave us a decent return, against some that cost us money.

We keep the detailed spreadsheet detailing all income and expenditure, and reclaim VAT where possible, therefore claiming mileage with petrol receipt does help with a small return of VAT. We have also not returned full ticket amount if somebody cancels attending an event within a couple of weeks of the event, which currently is a £5 admin fee.

Costs for the treasurer have significantly reduced this year, also helped by online bookings, as it means no travel costs are incurred going to the bank, now that cash and cheques can be paid in at the Post Office which is very close.

May I just reiterate that booking online is much simpler for us, incurs less cost and saves having to collect cash on the door or bank cheques for those who did book early enough. We will always welcome people who pay on the door, but would prefer online payment as it means we know how many are coming instead of cancelling an event due to lack of numbers and finding 10 people were going to pay on the door.

Finally, I am giving up the Treasurer position, in fact it was handed over at the end of December in order the new Treasurer starts the year in January. I have held the position for around 10 years and now think the time has come to hand it over. I thank everyone for their help and support during this time and wish Sylvia the best of luck in the role.

Joy Medley
Treasurer
South West Region