

Friends of Dubwath Silver Meadows: Accounts 2020-21

Summary of Accounts February 2020 - January 2021

Receipts			Payments		
Balance brought forward from 2019-20		£5690.05			
Subscriptions		£260.00	Bird Feeding		£461.48
Donations (including box on site)		£880.06	Insurance		£410.32
			Web Site**		£0.00
			Sundries***		£79.24
			Secretarial costs *		£48.71
Interest on account		£5.84	Tax		£0.00
Total income		£1,145.90	Total payments		£999.75
			End balance carried forward to 2021-22		£5,836.20
Total		£6,835.95	Total		£6,835.95

* Includes items for maintenance as well as "normal" secretarial costs eg stamps.

**Website: now paid every 2 years

***Sundries: new bird feeders and boxes.

Comments

This year has of course been a difficult one and we are grateful for the subscriptions and donations which have continued almost as normal. This has allowed bird feeding and some minor work to happen with the hard work of a small group of volunteers. We have not been able to go ahead with planned repair work but are hoping to do so later in 2021.

Income

Regular

Standing orders /memberships: £260 this year. We are very grateful to those people who have paid regularly.

Donations: We are grateful for these as we could not manage without them. A collection box on site is helping. We have had donations in kind for various items worth £71 this year which has been a major help.

Other donations: none this year.

At present the regular standing orders / memberships and donations are basically covering our running costs. We have sufficient funds in the account to allow us to look at starting repairs to several of the shelters on site although we would need some grants to help us finish them.

Costs

Bird feeding: our single major regular cost.

Bird feeding has increased in cost this year. We need to look at the reasons for this.

We need to continue monitoring this carefully and I estimate that we need to allow for roughly £350 - £400 for bird feeding next year. This is very weather dependent.

Insurance

I estimate a cost in the region of £420 - £450 for next year.

Equipment / maintenance

Costs are increasing as the site ages, inevitable given the nature of the site. Further costs are unknown and will depend on what we find.

Website

We pay for hosting the website, cost £120 every two years (cheaper this way!) Next bill due Jan 2022.

Improvements

We have some money available for improvements but our focus will be on repairs.

Alastair Yates, Treasurer

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