

**Treasurer's Report: Financial Year 1.1.19 to 31.12.19**

Friends of Selsdon Wood (FSW) ended 2019 with a credit balance of £2,818.19, of which approximately £1,500K is earmarked for refurbishment of the ponds and repair of some muddy pathways.

**MEMBERSHIP – see report from D Malins**

**INCOME**

The bulk of the income arises from Membership Fees, Donations, Gift Aid, and Grants. Further income is raised through the production of a Calendar and the annual Open Day Event. See End of Year Accounts for further details.

**2019 Calendars** (Led by Heather Govier)

For the eighth year FSW has produced a Calendar. 65 Calendars were ordered in July 2019. All the Calendars were taken by local people for a donation of £5 and generated additional income of £70.00.

**Open Day** (Led by Linda Morris)

This event, held in September 2019, continues to have a major positive impact on FSW's finances as well as being an opportunity to launch the new FSW Calendar. It is also an opportunity to showcase the many activities held throughout the year and for visitors to learn more about the variety of flora and fauna to be found in the Woods.

**Stalls:** A total of £98 was raised through the FSW Tombola stall (the majority of prizes are donated). The White Elephant stall raised £62. Stall holders donated £28 and buckets for loose change raised £48.39. Expenditure included some additional prizes, and new banners. A total of £92.55 was raised, less expenditure.

**Calendar:** 11 visitors purchased one of these beautiful calendars showing photographs taken during the previous year(s) in Selsdon Wood.

**Membership:** 22 new/existing members took the opportunity to join/renew their membership of FSW and/or make a donation.

**Photo Competition:** There has been a steady flow of photos taken in Selsdon Woods between August 2018 to July 2019 which were judged at the Open Day September 2019. The winners received cash prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50; 2<sup>nd</sup> £20, 3<sup>rd</sup> £10. All 3 winners kindly donated their prizes to FSW. An anonymous donor gave FSW £80 to cover the cost of the prizes.

**Gift Aid**

FSW is eligible for a grant from HM Revenue & Customs on all donations from individuals who have signed a Gift Aid form. Gift Aid was claimed for Calendar years 2017 and 2018 which raised £733.61. We continue to encourage members to sign Gift Aid forms.

**EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure continues to impact on the upkeep of the woods. £196.96 was spent on tools for workdays and equipment associated with organized Walks e.g. First Aid Supplies, Saws, Gloves, etc.

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£2,308.09 was spent on commemorative benches at the request of local families, following agreement with Croydon Council. The total costs were recouped from the families prior to installation.

Open Day – Additional prizes for the Tombola and a new Banner was purchased.

FSW paid the Forum Residents Association £48 in Nov 2019 to cover the cost of hiring their meeting room between Jan – Nov 2020. Meetings are held bi-monthly – January onwards.

Committee members continue to be reimbursed for stationery costs, which in FY 2019 was just £88, a significant reduction on previous years.

Other notable expenditure related to the purchase of the 2019 Calendars (£204.44) and the Insurance cover (£279.75).

<b>Opening Balance</b> Jan 2019	£2,333.25
<b>Total income</b> Jan-Dec 2019	£5,738.37
<b>Total expenditure</b> Jan-Dec 2019	£5,253.43
<b>Bank Balance</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2019	<b><u>£2,818.19</u></b>

**Plans for 2020**

FSW needs to maintain sufficient funds to cover essentials such as insurance cover, health and safety supplies, etc. While being mindful of this, FSW's Committee is drawing up a realistic plan to ensure the available funds are used in Selsdon Wood to the benefit of its flora and fauna, and to enhance the enjoyment of the many people who support and visit it.

FSW is grateful once again to Alan Williams for scrutinising the annual accounts on which this report is based.

Sandra Crapper