

Treasurer's Report: Financial Year 1.1.21 to 31.12.21

Friends of Selsdon Wood (FSW) ended 2021 with a credit balance of £5,358.86 (2021 £4,591.77).

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. For further details, see End of Year Accounts and information below.

MEMBERSHIP

Members/Households: 242 at the end of 2021

Chair status: 12 members/households - This is a convenient classification for generous members, who make donations from time to time. The income is listed as donations,

Honorary members: 17 members/households - who have or are giving service to or are useful contacts, for FSW. They never pay subs but some may donate. **Note:** it was decided that FSW will not offer Life membership.

2021 CALENDARS (Led by Heather Govier)

For the tenth year FSW has produced a Calendar. The cost of production was £373 (+ 21 for Envelopes) . 100 Calendars were ordered in July 2021. The Calendars were taken by local people for a donation of £5 and generated additional income of £65.61

OPEN DAY (Led by Linda Morris)

This event, was held on 5th September 2021. The FSW Calendar was promoted on the day.

Calendars: 17 visitors gave a £5 donation for one of these beautiful calendars showing photographs taken during the previous year(s) in Selsdon Wood.

Membership: 13 new/existing members took the opportunity to join/renew their membership of FSW and/or make a donation.

Tombola £120 was raised less £67.33 relating to purchase of prizes

Stall Holders £100 was raised through the generous donations from Stall Holders

White Elephant £88.84 was raised – All items sold were donated

Photo Competition: There has been a steady flow of photos taken in Selsdon Woods between August 2020 to July 2021 which were judged on Open Day. The winners received cash prizes: 1st Prize £50; 2nd £20, 3rd £10. The 2nd & 3rd 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 will be claimed for calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021 in due course. This should raise £1,000+. FSW continues to encourage members to sign Gift Aid forms.

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EXPENDITURE

The upkeep of the woods by FSW continues to impact on expenditure. £594.09 was spent on tools, such as saws, strimmer's, gloves, etc. for workdays ,and equipment associated with organized walks e.g. First Aid Supplies, maps and other handouts.

Committee members continue to be reimbursed for stationery costs, which in FY 2021 rose to £625.20 a £200 increase on 2020. The rise is due to an increase in printing costs for Information Leaflets and higher cost of Ink Cartridges.

Other notable expenditure related to the Public Liability and Tools Insurance cover (£279.75). FSW would like to thank Croydon Council who reimbursed this cost via the Conservation Grant.

OVERVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

Opening Balance Jan 2021	£4,591.77
Total income Jan-Dec 2021	£5,044.14
Total expenditure Jan-Dec 20201	£5,277.05
Bank Balance 31 st Dec 2021	<u>£5,358.86</u>

PLANS FOR 2021

COVID restrictions impacted on FSW activities during 2020 and to a slightly lesser extent during 2021, resulting in reduced opportunities to undertake new projects. This is reflected in the significant carry forward figure of £5,358.86. 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.

