

# **British Entomological and Natural History Society**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Financial Year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

During 2020 there was a slight increase in income of £1,000 compared to 2019. This was due to an increase in subscriptions of £2,500 and the reduction in investment and sundry income (including hiring out our facilities at Dinton Pastures) being covered by the receipt of a Local Authority Discretionary Grant of £3,000 from Wokingham Borough Council in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Bequests and donations included an anonymous donation of £2,000 towards the production of the forthcoming Crane Fly book and a legacy of £2,000 from our late member Gavin Boyd.

The cost of printing and distributing the Journal increased by nearly £6,000. Distribution costs were more than anticipated even though there was an increase in membership. Dinton Pasture costs included £2,000 for additional maintenance of the air conditioning system and approximately £1,000 for the replacement of an external water valve.

The reduction in the costs of meetings, the Exhibition and workshops resulted from cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The increase in Management costs includes £2,000 to develop a new website.

Grants were awarded from the Maitland Emmet BENHS Research Fund: for a study of Aculeate Hymenoptera and Hover Flies in the West Midlands and a monitoring of invertebrate assemblages in Cornwall. A grant from the Hering Fund was awarded for a study of Diptera in Ireland. £1,000 was donated to the AES Bug Club and £250 to Moth Dissection UK.

Our operating deficit was approximately £13,000 compared to £16,000 in 2019. The deficit was further increased by an unrealised loss in the value of our investments of £25,000 leaving an overall deficit for the year of £38,000.

Despite the ongoing deficits the society remains in healthy financial condition for the time being.

I would like to thank Roger Hawkins for his enduring work with subscriptions, Tony Pickles for general advice and Alan Phillips for the work he has done in the examination of the accounts.

A full set of accounts will be lodged at Dinton Pastures and may also be obtained on application to the Treasurer.

John Flynn