

British Entomological and Natural History Society

Treasurer's Report

Financial Year to 31st December 2019

During 2019 there was a decrease in income of £14k compared to 2018. This was mainly caused by decreases in book sales and donations received. Charitable and administration expenditure show an increase over 2018 due mainly to refunds of charges in 2018 and an increase in the production and distribution costs of our journal. Further donations of £4,000 were received from Roger Hawkins to cover the cost of illustrations for the forthcoming book on Crane Flies.

Grants were awarded from the Maitland Emmet BENHS Research Fund: for the mapping and management of aculeates in the West Midlands, the benefits of pond creation, landscape genomics of the White Faced Darter dragonfly, an isoscape of migratory dragonflies and improving taxonomical resolution of fungus gnat species. Grants were also awarded from The Professor Hering Memorial Research Fund: for the reintroduction of the Large Heath butterfly to Greater Manchester and the biodiversity of Melyrid beetles on the island of Crete. A donation of £1,000 was made to the AES to support the Bug Club.

Overall, our operating deficit was approximately £16,000. This was converted to a surplus of £14,000 by the increase in the value of our investments at 31st December 2019 of £30,000.

Despite the operational deficit the society remains in healthy financial condition for the time being. However, subscription rates have been increased and hopefully we can rely on continuing income from donations and legacies.

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