

Treasurers Report for Financial Year 01/04/2013 to 31/03/2014

Overall Comments

The Branch Accounts were, as always, submitted to Butterfly Conservation HO at the end of the financial year for presentation to the Auditors and inclusion in the HO National Accounting Processes. No adverse comments or suggestions for improvement were made.

The accounts have subsequently been scrutinised and approved by Mr J.R. Jenking – appointed to scrutinise the accounts at the last AGM.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	£25129
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	£22487

COMMENTS ON THE SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR

Overall **Income** exceeded **Expenditure** by **£2642**

The **Closing Bank Balance** was **£20366** - an increase of **£2613** on the previous year.

COMMENTS ON UNRESTRICTED INCOME

OVERALL Unrestricted Income was **£5219** more than last year.

The HLS & SPS payments for Alners & Lankham, which were largely withheld last year, were partially released this year, providing increased income of £12485 over last year. However, there are still ongoing problems with these payments that are being addressed by HO.

Once again, the Sales Stall did very well bringing in some £1159. Thanks once again must go to Bridget de Whalley & Kathy Clarke together with their band of helpers for all their hard work throughout the year.

Fund Raising showed a significant increase of £1752, this was due in part to Lyn Pullen's plant sales raising over £600.

Donations were reduced by £4483 (Last year we received a one-off donation from DWT of £4680)

COMMENTS ON EXPENDITURE

Unrestricted Expenditure this year was **£1237** more than last year.

This was mainly due to an increase in spending on Education £845, an increase of £719 for Newsletter production (last year we incurred no postage costs) and spending £2082 more on Alners & Lankcombe. However, spending on general conservation was down by £1831.

COMMENTS ON RESTRICTED INCOME & EXPENDITURE (i.e. money that can only be spent in specific areas)

No grants were awarded this year. A small amount of spend was incurred on existing grants as appropriate.

I can therefore report that we are going into next year (2014-2015) with a slightly increased and still very healthy financial position, with a bank balance of £20366.

Allan Higgin
Treasurer Dorset Branch Butterfly Conservation

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