

Treasurers Report for Financial Year 01/04/2012 to 31/03/2013

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	£19910
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£24418

COMMENTS ON THE SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR

Overall **Expenditure** exceeded **Income** by **£4508**

The **Closing Bank Balance** was **£17753** - a decrease of **£4390** on the previous year.

COMMENTS ON UNRESTRICTED INCOME

OVERALL Unrestricted Income was **£12184** less than last year. This was mainly due to HLS & SPS payments for Alners & Lankham being down by £13853, £9000 of which was a one off payment for work undertaken in the previous year and therefore not due this year. However, a problem with SPS payments being withheld whilst discrepancies were being sorted out between HO and the SPS payments system, accounted for a further £6000 shortfall.

Once again, the Sales Stall did very well bringing in some £973. 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.

Donations were very generous this year at £5331. This included a donation of £4680 from the Dorset Wildlife Trust for work that had been done on Portland and £250 from the Minterne Estate for work done at Cerne Abbas.

COMMENTS ON UNRESTRICTED EXPENDITURE

Unrestricted Expenditure this year was **£2267** more than last year.

This was mainly due to spending £3400 more on Alners & Lankcombe, which was caused by the purchase and maintenance of four ponies at Alners gorse. We also took the decision to spend £1000 on a much-needed upgrade of the Branch Website.

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

One grant of £4686 was awarded this year was for a Woodland Skills Project, of which £3900 was spent during the year.

I can therefore report that we are going into next year (2013-2014) in a reduced but still very healthy financial position with a bank balance of £17753.

Allan Higgin
Treasurer Dorset Branch Butterfly Conservation

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