

Butterfly Conservation Dorset Branch
Treasurer's Report for year ending 31 March 2023

Another active year in the branch.

Some highlights:-

Reserve maintenance . The major contracts on our two reserves of Alners Gorse and Lankham Bottom were paid by Head Office. The branch paid some smaller contractors and all of Portland contracts. An agreed transfer figure of £6,395 was made towards Head office costs

Newsletter is published 3 times a year. Thanks to those of you who have opted to have digital copies which keeps our costs down.

Calendar A new fund-raising initiative to publish a calendar using the photo library of Ken Dolbear (deceased). This has been repeated again this year and calendars are on sale again for £10

Donations Its always good to see this figure high. I would like to thank particularly Ryewater Nurseries who managed to encourage their customers to support the branch. Over £700 came in from them.

Sales stall This was present around the county at 12 events. As well as generating income this is a useful way to explain the work of Butterfly Conservation and engage with the public. Particular thanks to Colin Burningham and his partner Christine Bonner.

Balances You will notice that the branch holds funds of over £36,000. The committee have designated £20,500 solely for long-term managing our two reserves to ensure our work can carry out even after any grants may run out. The branch is slowly using up its excess financial reserves so its still important to maintain and increase our income streams.

This year to date – highlights

Branch subscriptions – highest ever - £6,066, reflecting the increase in membership. The proportion of the subscription paid to Butterfly Conservation that comes to the branch has not increased for a long time.

Donations –

- Good sums from donations at guided walks and training sessions (over £1,300)
- Still to come is the sponsorship money from the sponsored cycle ride. 116 donors raised £4,022. After costs this should be £3,939. Thanks to Wren and Fred Franklin.

Calendars – 2024 edition now for sale - £10. Buy here or see details on the website.