

Highlights from Financial Accounts 2023/24

Reserve maintenance The major contracts on our two reserves of Alners Gorse and Lankham Bottom were paid by Head Office. The branch supported this by transferring **£8,840** from branch funds. (A similar figure has been transferred again this June for 2024-5). Some smaller contracts and all the work on the Portland sites was funded by the branch. A donation from Brauncewell Quarries of £400 specifically for enhancement work of the chalkpit at Lankham Bottom has been held over and the work was completed this year.

Donations etc This year saw our largest ever donation through the Cycle Joggle sponsorship of Wren and Fred Franklin who cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End. 116 donors raised **£4,022**. Good receipts have come in from guided walks and training sessions. We were pleased that donations via Just Giving on the branch website can now pick up gift aid and allocate directly to the branch. However, gift aid on other methods of donating are not credited to the branch – but do go into the main fund at Head Office.

Branch subscriptions The branch receives £6 for each member – and this figure has not increased for years. Membership numbers continue to increase steadily and we had our highest ever receipt of **£6,066**. (Now superseded in this current year of £6,270)

Balances At year-end the branch was holding over **£33,000**. Within this the committee have designated £11,000 towards the long-term support of our two main reserves. The branch forecast balance for this year is reducing to £22,000 as we continue to plan additional expenditure on our two reserves and Portland sites which have no other funding.

Please continue to send in donations and recommend joining Butterfly Conservation to your friends.

Georgie Laing

Branch Treasurer