

## Sarratt Local History Society

### Treasurer's Report on the year ended 30 November 2023

We end the year in reasonable financial health, with a moderate surplus for the year for the first time since 2020. I've once again shown three years of results, the present year ending 30 November 2023 and the two previous years for comparison, those ending 30 November 2022 and 30 November 2021.

Once again, this year I am presenting the 2022 financial statements in unaudited form. Like so many other societies and organisations in the village, we had come to rely on David Clough to audit our finances, and we were deeply saddened by his untimely passing last year. Derek Lee has kindly agreed to review our financial statements this year and I will confirm his findings at our next meeting.

For the first time since the Covid years we saw a full income this year from membership subscriptions. Well over 100 new and renewing members meant that our subscription revenues topped £1,000. As Sue has described in her report from the Chair, we also had this year a number of excellent and truly local talks given by members of our committee. Not only did these drive memberships, but they also attracted many visitors, and, in a triple whammy, also contributed to keeping the cost of speakers down. All of this meant a healthy surplus from our meetings, which mean that we could absorb the cost of work carried out for us by Mike Edmund on the SLHS website and still show a surplus for the year. - This has helped bring our reserves back up a little, having dipped in 2021 and 2022, although the increase is still moderate - we are now in the same position as we were, reserves-wise, in 2013.

As I mentioned in my email ahead of the AGM, despite this improving financial position, the committee has reluctantly decided that to meet increasing costs we need to increase our subscription charge to £12. It is many, many years since we last increased our subs (pre 2013!) and I hope members will agree that membership still represents good value

*Jonathan Holmes, January 2024*

#### **A note on your data**

Sarratt Local History Society is a data controller for the purposes of UK GDPR, and holds the following information about you: your name, your address, your telephone number and your email address (where available). We also have a record of when you paid your subs. We collect your data when you give it to us directly, normally in the context of becoming a member or renewing your membership. By providing your data to us you consent to us processing it for the purposes of communicating with you and managing your membership of the Society. We keep your information for up to five years (so that at the end of any given year we can send you notice of the AGM and encourage you to re-join for the coming year). However, you can request at any time (by writing to the Treasurer) that we delete your data and don't communicate with you again.

We keep your data secure and confidential and, when stored electronically, your data is held in appropriately protected data files. Our policy is that we only use your data to contact you in relation to SLHS matters. We never share your data.