

## **Treasurer's Report to HSLD AGM November 2023**

2023 has been an interesting year with the expenses for two in-person party conferences for the first time since 2019. Conference costs, which are our main item of expenditure, were £1,500 in 2023 for fringe events and exhibition stands at York and Bournemouth.

The protracted transition to the party's new digital platform, including the long-awaited Fleet/Lighthouse membership and online payment processing has hampered HSLD's activities 2023. We should be fully enabled in this respect by January 2024; though we will by then be in the throes of the run up to the General Election with fundraising efforts by the party further hampering our capacity to recruit and hold onto members.

Membership income in 2023 has however, been stable

We are currently in the process of opening a new bank account with Lloyd as our account with Santander does not support dual authorisation of payments.

- a) The accounts for 2022 have been examined by Ed Moore and they are now presented to the AGM for approval. .
- b) The AGM is also invited to note information on the year to date for 2023. This shows a balance at the bank of £5449.69 with no outstanding debts. Membership income is just over £1,700
- c) The AGM is further invited to note the draft budget for 2024. In particular, the fees for the website (now called Fleet) and access to Lighthouse are significantly greater than the fees for the Prater Raines website. You will note that expenditure for 2024 is budgeted for more than the expected income but there are sufficient funds in hand to cover this.
- d) The AGM is invited to approve Ed Moore as the Independent Examiner for 2023

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