

FRIENDS OF BUSHY AND HOME PARKS (Regd. Charity 1137203)			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014			
	2014 (£)	2014 (£)	2013 (£)
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
<u>General Fund receipts:</u>			
Subscriptions	3743.00		3635.00
Gift Aid reclaim (50%)	585.64		497.49
Summer party - gross receipts	730.00		1349.70
Other receipts and donations	0.00		150.65
Bank interest	93.68		138.37
TOTALS (1)	<u>5152.32</u>	5152.32	5771.21
<u>Appeal receipts:</u>			
Merchandise sales - net receipts	1353.64		1577.29
Specific donations	500.00		1500.00
General donations	1764.00		2038.25
Gift Aid reclaim (50%)	585.64		497.48
Other appeal receipts	452.23		310.00
Bucket collections	504.28		489.17
TOTALS (2)	<u>5159.79</u>	5159.79	6412.19
TOTAL RECEIPTS (1+2)		<u>10312.11</u>	<u>12183.40</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
<u>General Fund payments:</u>			
Summer party	580.52		380.82
Printing and publicity	1890.83		1669.00
Stationery, stamps and postage	701.53		672.41
Walks and Talks Costs	935.97		454.00
Pheasantry Information Point	293.87		119.72
Insurance	308.73		298.13
Litter Pick	125.13		0.00
Other costs	152.99		45.00
Trustee expenses	0.00		0.00
IT and web site costs	198.63		109.23
TOTALS (3)	<u>5188.20</u>	5188.20	3748.31
<u>Appeals payments:</u>			
Metal Reeds (BP Water Gardens)	0.00		1750.00
Cascade Arches (BP Water Gardens)	0.00		750.00
Equipment for Stud Farm Nursery (HP)	0.00		1384.03
Interpretation Boards (BP)	0.00		5561.12
Planting Fund (BP)	4624.40		378.60
Refurbishment Fund (BP)	2000.00		0.00
Renovation Fund (HP)	1300.00		0.00
TOTALS (4)	<u>7924.40</u>	7924.40	9823.75
TOTAL PAYMENTS (3+4)		<u>13112.60</u>	<u>13572.06</u>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT (-) FOR YEAR		-2800.49	-1388.66
Cash at Bank and in hand as at 1 January 2014/2013		20532.09	21920.75
Cash at Bank and in hand as at 31 December 2014/2013		<u>17731.60</u>	<u>20532.09</u>
<u>STATEMENT OF BALANCES</u>			
Bank Current A/C		3152.38	2460.75
Bank Business Reserve A/C		1220.29	3219.75
Bank Business Reserve A/C (previously Bonus Saver A/C)		14498.49	16405.35
Cheques uncleared at 31 December		0.00	-15.00
Cash held at 31 December		0.00	188.45
Banked subscriptions and donations for the following year		-1139.56	-1727.21
TOTALS		<u>17731.60</u>	<u>20532.09</u>
Prepared on behalf of the Trustees:	John Elrick, Hon. Treasurer		
	3 March 2015		

THE FRIENDS OF BUSHY AND HOME PARKS (Regd. Charity 1137203)

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 December 2014

GENERAL

1. There was a deficit of £2,800 at 31 December 2014, an increase on the 2013 deficit of £1,388 which meant that the bank balance finished at £17,731. On the receipts side subscriptions, general donations, Gift Aid reclaims and merchandise receipts held up well, whilst on the payments side running costs increased and we distributed almost £8,000 to appeals. More details are set out below.

RECEIPTS

2. At 31 December 2014 subscription income for the year (2014) was £3,743 which was broadly the same as that of 2013 (£3,635). This reflects the fact that membership figures remained close to the level of 2013 (1,055 members at 31 December 2014 compared with 1,028 members at 31 December 2013).

3. Receipts from merchandise sales, which had already increased by almost 50% in 2013, continued to remain high in 2014 with a net surplus of £1,353. Sales of Xmas cards and calendars remained high – Xmas cards receipts were £424 and calendar receipts were £886.

4. Thanks to the generosity of members general donations which are used to support appeals were £1,764 and we again did well from bucket collections which increased to £504 in 2014.

PAYMENTS

5. Running costs at £5,188 increased due to a number of factors: there were increases in the cost of hall hire at Teddington and in web site costs. Although the printing costs of the Newsletter increased as well, this reflected the Editors' efforts to increase the volume and range of material for the benefit of the members rather than increased costs at the printer. In addition, we continued to provide to members the cheaper alternative of receiving the Newsletter on-line and this continued to attract more interest.

6. As mentioned above, we paid nearly £8,000 into three appeal funds which in Bushy Park were used to pay for planting work in the Woodland Gardens and the installation of metal tree creates, e.g. in Lime Avenue, and in Home Park for renovation work.

SUMMARY

7. There is no need to increase annual subscriptions at this AGM but, given the increased running costs and the likelihood of extra costs in 2015 to pay for 25th Anniversary activities, the Trustees will have to review the matter next year.

**REPORT OF THE HON. AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS
OF BUSHY AND HOME PARKS**

The Constitution of the Friends does not define the scope of the audit. I have limited my audit to an examination of the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 and of the available accounting records and Bank statements, etc. in order to verify that the Receipts and Payments Accounts represent a correct record of the overall deficit for the year.

In my opinion, the Receipts and Payments Accounts correctly represent the deficit for the year on the basis set out and as shown by the records of the Friends.

Carol Ruddock
Hon. Auditor
3 March 2015