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Bitterne Local History Soc.**31/03/2023**

Income	Sum Up		8,114.40	
	Sum Up error		-899.99	
	Stripe		22.04	
	Cash banked		13,218.60	
	Donation Cheques		1,245.00	
	Eccles		100.00	
	Flea Market		2,779.63	
	Sp bottle		41.05	
	Adverts		160.00	
	Royalties		26.78	
	Terra Cycle - crisp packets		91.54	
	ELT		177.45	
	Memberships		901.00	
	Unmarked chqs		1,419.53	
	World of books		83.90	
	Easy fundrasing		28.73	27,509.66
	Reserve interest			1,733.20 29,242.86
Expenses				
Storage			372.36	
Rates			135.68	
Light/Heat/Water	British Gas		1,912.57	
	British Gas		-101.67	
	Eon		2,118.31	
	Water		124.75	4,053.96
Bank Charges				200.78
Magazine cost	Editing	S Adams		
	Printer	Butler	925.00	925.00
Postage membership				204.00
Rent				13,000.00
Chubb alarm maintenance				128.94
Wool wholesalers				280.80
Wendy Stokes				56.00
Insurance				1,184.23
Expenses - reimbursed				392.86
Speakers				445.50
Book	Chessel			115.00
Charities fund				
Other costs	PPS		693.73	
	Accountancy		360.00	
	Hall rent		840.00	
	Books		233.18	
			2,126.91	23,622.02
Total Bank Movement				<u>5,620.84</u>
Current account Movement			-16,112.46	
Reserve Account Movement			21,733.80	<u>5,621.34</u>

22/23 Accounts

The Bitterne Local History Society

SHOP

The year has been a steady stream of donations and we have been fortunate to have the wealth of many items, including several house clearances, including many books and jewellery. The takings are steady only really dipping the week of the Queens Funeral on Monday 19th September 2022. The overall figures **total is £20,362.10 for the year 20/23** cash and card. We were closed from half day 24.12.2022 till Weds 04.01.2023, with grumbles from the public, but it gave the staff a chance to sort out the bric a brac and clean the shop a bit.

Our rental is still at £1000 per month after sorting out a payment over covid, but the shop does need a few things doing in there especially with the electrics! We seldom have visits from the landlord, but the boiler and timings are still a troubled item.

The gas and electric bills have soared like everyone's, but it doesn't help when the lights are left on all day upstairs sorting clothes, or out the back sorting books. The Eon electrics are the worse as we couldn't read the meter for over a year when I took over so at least we can read the smart meter. The Utilities bills are a staggering £ 4,053.96 for the year which is horrendous. (British Gas, electric and Gas, and electric from Eon)

We continue to sell new books that come on the market by local authors, Dr Cheryl Butler, Martin Brisland and Wendy Stokes. Ian and Russell Henson continue to do talks on behalf of the BLHS and add to the income. We manage to take a few 5'ps in bottles £41.05 this year.

We manage to receive back monies recycling from World of Books, £83.90, East London Textiles (Clothes) £177.45, and the crisp packets sadly finished in April 2022 £91.54.

We do really well with the outlet at the Mercantile Flea, with our permanent stall taking £2,779.63 in 22/23. We manage to take the higher end China and pieces there, as it often gets dealers and the wider public browsing there.

BLHS MAGAZINES

Our thanks most go to John Buttler for the continuing magazines he prints for us and thanks also for Steve Adams who puts it all together. We continue to sell some magazines at the library, events and fetes (including the Mercantile Flea) and our printing costs for this year is £925.00. Visitors also buy a few if they are coming in to see the stewards about family history. The quarterly magazines are a good read and the members look forward to the local stories.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership fluctuates but we lose some and gain a few new ones. It keeps the basic core of people and at present we have approximately 162 plus honorary members. The membership amount has been entered at £901. The question of increasing subs always comes up at meetings but the committee are reluctant to increase it at present, it remains at £14, second person £6, over80 - £8. Thanks go to Pam West for taking over this position and all the work it entails.

Our monthly meetings took £839.27 for meetings 22.09.22 till 8.07.2023 including visitors, raffle and takings. The Speakers costs were £445.50 to bring the members and public in.

Again we strive to go forward with the Society and thank you all for your continuing support. We aim to keep Bitterne's History alive with all the artefacts and archives that we keep for you all. Please continue to join our membership and keep us all going.

We had a very successful day with the Heritage Open Day on the Nationwide Heritage Open Day's Festival Week, ours was the 16th September 2023 and we were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor.

Thank you to all the members that keep the Heritage Centre open, helping local people with their requests. Thank you to the staff and volunteers that help with the shop in many ways, and Steve Adams with the online enquiries, steward work and Peter Richards with his help in booking speakers and all his previous work with the Society.

Most of all we must thank Ian Abrahams with Jill, for all their work with their lifetime knowledge of Bitterne and the history we aim to keep for the future generations.

Mary Abraham

Treasurer BLHS October 2023

Bitterne Local History Society Chairmans Report

AGM 14th October 2023

The past twelve months have seen attendance at our monthly meetings return to something like pre covid levels and I would like to thank you all for your support. We have again had some excellent speakers and I must thank our vice president and programme secretary, Peter Richards, for all his efforts. Peter is standing down at this AGM after ten years as programme secretary but he has kindly booked our 2024 programme so we are looking for someone to undertake this task to book our programme for 2025, Peter is more than happy to offer support to anyone who might be interested in taking on this important role.

We have continued to produce an excellent quarterly magazine which is particularly valuable in keeping our further away members in touch with Bitterne. My thanks to our editor Steve Adams for all he does in this regard and to those who have contributed to its pages. If an article strikes a memory why not jot down a few words and send them to our editor. I would also thank our printer John Buttler for his continued help in keeping costs as low as possible. Thank you to our membership secretary Pam West who deals with the distribution and to all who help with deliveries. Pam has also done an excellent job in keeping our membership list and as you will hear in her report welcomed a number of new members during the year. Sadly we lost four long serving members over the last year, namely Bill Smith, Beryl Varilone, John Stockly and more recently Doreen Hall. They had clocked up a total of years between them.

My thanks to our website manager Spencer Millard and his team for looking after the face of our society on social media. We shall hear a report from them shortly. Thanks to Alex Houghton who has dealt with issuing our school loan and reminiscence boxes, although demand to borrow these has not returned to pre covid levels to date. I have undertaken a number of talks to local groups on behalf of our society which always attract a generous donation and I am pleased to say that Russell Henson, one of our museum stewards, has also given several presentations, particularly about Bitterne Park. As you will remember we had hoped to plant a tree to celebrate our late Queens long reign, but sadly Southampton City Council have not been forthcoming with regard to this.

We have continued to provide stewards to welcome visitors to our museum on most afternoons, Monday to Friday, and have recently welcomed Chris Lewis to our team. As well as helping folk face to face with their enquiries we have also continued to deal with email requests from far and wide and our thanks go to Steve Adams for being the point of contact in this respect. We continue to have a variety of items donated on a regular basis which serve to enhance our displays. We have managed to thin out some of the artefacts

which have been donated over the years in particular typewriters and radios, discovering that we had amassed over 50 of the latter. Storage of our artefact collection continues to be a problem and we shall shortly have to find a new location for some of our collection. We are presently looking for someone to help by laying some donated paving slabs in an area of garden at the rear of the museum so that we can make better use of this area to sort items in our stores. We have recently been gifted a small piece of land originally owned by members of the Holden family and latterly know as Bitterne Community Corner. It is situated behind the shops on the north side of the precinct and we are hoping to provide some storage here as well as using it as a base for publicising our museum in the precinct.

We continue to raise funds through our charity shop and our thanks are due to Helen Taylor and the team of volunteers who keep it open and welcome visitors. We are now able to take payment by card and I must thank Mary Abraham who has been dealing with the shop income and unfortunately many problems with the card payment system in recent months. During the year we received some very generous donations of collectible toys and models and we are grateful to Jonathan, one of our volunteers, who is arranging for them to be sold at auction. We have also received a donation of stamps and postcards which thanks to the efforts of the local stamp and postcard clubs has realised over £200 so far.

We have had several stalls at Bitterne Market again this year which not only raise funds but also our profile in the village. We also continue to have a stall at the Mercantile Flea Emporium which has raised £2694.97 over the last year and we are very grateful to the team there for their support. Please do support this venture by going in sometime to have a look around. After the successful publication of the book on Chessel House this has been followed by one on Midanbury House. Our thanks to Steve for all his work on this ongoing project to publish seventeen books written by local author Garth Groombridge. I understand Thornhill Park will be the next one.

When our vice president Jim Brown moved from the district he left a stock of his publications for us to sell. He has recently gifted the remaining copies to us and we are very grateful for his continued support in this way. He also of course continues to contribute regularly to our magazine.

We have attended a number of events this year including Bitterne lights switch on, Peartree Church Fete and Bitterne Library 60th birthday celebrations. My thanks to those who facilitated these events. Sadly Trifest at Bitterne Park was cancelled this year due to bad weather. We also held a very successful party to celebrate King Charles 111 Coronation, jointly with Bitterne URC and held our annual Christmas party and summer picnic to thank our shop volunteers and museum stewards. We took part in the national heritage open day again this year and were pleased to welcome the Lord Mayor of Southampton, Councillor Valerie Laurent who is looking forward to joining us at our guest night in March next year. Some of our members took the opportunity to visit Bognor Regis local history society

museum. They are very fortunate that some years ago one of their members purchased a former public house and gifted it to the society for use as a museum.

Unfortunately, we were not able to produce a calendar for this year 2023, but the 2024 calendar will hopefully be available next month.

Finally, may I thank our vice presidents, my fellow officers, committee members and you our members for your continued support. We were pleased to welcome Nicola Jenks on board as our minute secretary earlier in the year, but sadly we do not have a general secretary or someone to administer gift aid as we would dearly love to tap into this source of income. My thanks in particular to our treasurer Mary Abraham who has not only kept our finances in order but undertaken many other tasks, not least in doing the excellent window displays in our shop.

We are still hoping for a time when we might find larger premises to enable us to display more of the archives and artefacts which we have collected over the last 40 plus years. I look forward to another year trying to preserve and display items which will show future generations how our village has changed over the years and what it was like in days gone by as well as encouraging an interest in local history generally.

COIF Charities Deposit Fund

Statement of Balances

Mrs J Abrahams
 105 Bursledon Road
 SOUTHAMPTON
 SO19 7LY

30 June 2023

Client Name: BITTERNE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Client Number: 55912

Statement of balances held on 30 June 2023		
Account Number	Account Sub-Title	Balance £
559120001C		69,004.82
	Total	69,004.82

Reports and Accounts, yearly and half yearly are available free of charge on our website www.ccla.co.uk. If you require a copy, please contact Client Services team on the number below.

Please ensure all correspondence, including transactions, are sent to us at the below address, **and not** Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street. Blank forms can be downloaded from our website www.ccla.co.uk/client-resources.

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Fwd: RE: Interest for account 55912 - BITTERNE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY - CCLA 559120001C

From: maryabraham_22@yahoo.co.uk

To: maryabraham_22@yahoo.co.uk

Date: Friday, 29 September 2023 at 22:53 BST

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From: Client Services <Client.Services@ccla.co.uk>

Date: 13 Sept 2023 16:45

Subject: RE: Interest for account 55912 - BITTERNE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY - CCLA 559120001C

To: maryabraham_22@yahoo.co.uk

Cc:

Dear Mrs Abraham

Please see below list of interest payments for the requested period:

Date	Value	Type	Balance
* 03-Jul-2023	£248.57p	INTRETN	£69,253.39p
01-Jun-2023	£244.97p	INTRETN	£69,004.82p
02-May-2023	£226.28p	INTRETN	£68,759.85p
03-Apr-2023	£221.44p	INTRETN	£68,533.57p
01-Mar-2023	£155.99p	INTRETN	£68,312.13p
01-Feb-2023	£134.65p	INTRETN	£48,156.14p
03-Jan-2023	£122.62p	INTRETN	£48,021.49p
01-Dec-2022	£101.87p	INTRETN	£47,898.87p
01-Nov-2022	£80.97p	INTRETN	£47,797.00p
03-Oct-2022	£66.75p	INTRETN	£47,716.03p
01-Sep-2022	£55.16p	INTRETN	£47,649.28p
01-Aug-2022	£39.18p	INTRETN	£47,594.12p
01-Jul-2022	£34.75p	INTRETN	£47,554.94p
01-Jun-2022	£30.09p	INTRETN	£47,520.19p

Please contact our Client Service Team on freephone 0800 022 3505 if you require any further assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards

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RLD/PDD/TBLHS

7th February 2023

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The Bitterne Local History Society

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: The Bitterne Local History Society

We can confirm that the accounts for the above for the year ending 31st July 2022, are correct and true.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Dyke', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul Dyke
Director

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PDD/BLHS

25th October 2023

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Tax Point: 25th October 2023
Invoice No: 16858

TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED in connection with the following:-

Preparation of your 31st March 2023 summary

£

Net	120.00
VAT @ 20%	24.00
Gross	144.00

WITH COMPLIMENTS

NET 7 DAYS

Bank Details
Barclays Bank PLC
Sort Code 203089
Account Number 53837831

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