TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2025 TO MARCH 2026

Total cash and Bank assets at the start of April 2025 stood at £15,598 and by the end of March 2026 had risen to £17,108. A summary of the income and expenditure over the period, divided into different categories, is shown in tables at the foot of this report. Also shown in the tables are corresponding figures for the previous year: all figures rounded to the nearest pound.

The main source of income continues to be generated by growing and selling plants and vegetables. Through the year these sales amounted to £3,540, 5½% higher than in the previous year. The cost of growing the produce at £463 includes seeds, bulbs, composts, and fertilizer. Also included in these costs is the purchase of plants for the garden.

Fund raising events held through the year included a Bric-a-Brac sale in May, a Music and Flower Festival in August, and a Craft Day in December. Income from stall fees, plant sales and refreshments at the three events amounted to £2,031, with costs of £676.

Total income from internet banking totalled £1162, representing 17% of the total produce and event income, slightly higher than last year. And having purchased a card reader in July it is no longer necessary to pay a monthly charge. The card reader is particularly useful at events.

Separate entries are shown for grants and donations. There were no grants from Area Boards this year, but the RHS donated £25, two donations from funeral bequests added £380 and there were small voluntary donations from the public. The water feature was purchased with the funeral bequests.

Garden Maintenance at £2,259 represents the major expense. However, 'maintenance' also includes the cost of improvements and sundries. The water feature cost £383 and wind chimes £32.

Office costs and Administration include office consumables and payments for the Microsoft Office programmes at £105, a £266 insurance premium, RHS membership at £47, £24 to maintain the web site and first aid training at £90.

Volunteer costs at £353 pays for refreshments provided to volunteers working in the garden. An outing to the RHS gardens at Bridgewater was self-financing with income of £600 and costs of £575.

Finally, I would like to thank the volunteers for helping me by presenting receipts for purchases made.

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Income source	**2025/2026**	**2024/2025**
Plant & Produce Sales	3540	3354
Events	2031	2623
Grants	0	
Donations	411	174
Trip	600	
Total	6582	6150

Expenditure Category	**2025/2026**	**2024/2025**
Plants & Associated Costs	463	319
Cost of Events	676	467
Garden Maintenance	2259	4993
Administration, Licences & Insurance	746	601
Volunteer Expenses	353	242
Trip	575	
Total	5072	6623