

Treasurer's Report 2022 - 23

Anthony Rasdale from MacNeary & Rasdale has examined the accounts for the past year and has prepared and delivered the financial statement for the Annual General Meeting. On behalf of FTNA, I acknowledge the professional expertise of our auditors and wish to thank them for their long-standing pro bono support of our work. On my own behalf, I want to acknowledge Anthony for the interest he takes in the work of the Association and for his patience and diligence.

Just over two thirds of the Association's income is provided by a grant from the Western Health and Social Care Trust, and in this last financial year, the grant has covered all of our running costs. On behalf of the Association, I wish to express our gratitude to WHSCT for their continuing support. We benefit from good working relationships with the staff who provide many of our new client referrals and we also enjoy access to an office and recording studio on WHSCT premises.

Other sources of income include client contributions to the provision of a USB player, donations, and bank interest which, thanks to the current financial turmoil, has increased from £80.31 in the year 1922 / 23 to £252.02. The Association received two large donations in memoriam, as well as a most generous contribution from Lisbellaw Credit Union. FTNA is grateful to all those who support us with donations, and we are particularly moved by the generosity of those families that support us at a time of personal sorrow.

Routine expenses include telephone, post, stationery, travel expenses, insurance, catering at the AGM and membership of groups such as TNF (Talking News Federation), ATNNI (Association of Talking Newspapers N Ireland. The purchase of USB players for new listeners normally comes into this category too, but thanks to the diligence of Pauline and Philomena in retrieving players no longer in use, FTNA didn't have to purchase any new ones. FTNA also paid to send the Treasurer to the TNF conference in Coventry, at a total cost of £238.

On behalf of the Association, I thank all those who contributed to our funds, and on my own behalf, I thank my fellow members of the Committee for their support.

Marion McLaughlin, Hon Treasurer FTNA May 2024