

Elstree and Borehamwood Green Belt Society Treasurers Report

AGM 16th May 2022

Annual Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in line with previous years and audited and countersigned by Marjorie Davies.

Bank Balances

EBGBS are in a satisfactory financial position with a total of £5,007.86 across two bank accounts:

Community Account Balance	£2,961.37
Business Premium Account Balance	£2,046.49

The bank balance has decreased by £168.97 since 2020/21.

Bank interest is negligible, with only £0.20 received in 2021/22, however, higher rates are not currently available for free business bank accounts and some banks have started charging for Community Accounts.

Income

Income for 2021/22 amounted to £443.93 made up of £0.20 interest received, a transfer from ALFA of £203.73 (that EBGBS are holding should ALFA require the funds in the future) and £240.00 membership fees, collected as follows:

Standing Orders	£ 25.00
Bank Transfer	£ 95.00
Cheques	£ 120.00
Cash	£ 0.00

Total membership of £240 is a £500 fall since 2020/21.

The number of members has continued to fall leading to the committee agreeing to make the membership free of charge, with a suggested donation of £5. This will be continued into 2022/23. The aim is to encourage new members to join with no financial commitment, enabling anyone interested to receive updates of the many threats faced to Green Belt land and historic buildings in the Elstree and Borehamwood area. EBGBS have had limited success in increasing membership but have succeeded in raising awareness and bringing together local people and support groups in the two informative meetings run at Allum Hall along with our website and recent social media presence.

Expenditure

Expenditure for 2021/22 was as follows:

Subscriptions:

Campaign for Rural England (CPRE)	£36.00 pa
Open Spaces Society	£45.00 pa
London Green Belt Society 2021 (joined mid year)	£25.00 pa
London Green Belt Society 2022	£25.00 pa

Website expenses:

Weebly website and domain name	£77.50 pa
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Printing and Stationery:

Newsletter	£164.40
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Meetings

Allum Hall Hire September 2021	£ 70.00
Allum Hall Hire February 2022	£ 70.00

Donation

CPRE for Chris Berry presentations 09/21 and 02/22	£100.00
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Total expenditure of £612.90 was a £152 increase on 2020/21 but is low considering the amount of work undertaken over the last year to protect our local Green Belt from being developed via the Hertsmere Draft Local Plan.

General

Funds of £5,007.86 are sufficient for normal running costs, and to support a shortfall should some existing members decide not to donate, but they are not significant should legal advice or similar, be sought.

For more information and to keep up to date with our activities please visit:

EBGBS website: www.ebgreenbelt.org

To join, at no cost during 2022, go to Join Us page.

EBGBS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EBGreenBelt>

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