



Roehampton Garden Society

AGM 2024

Finance and Trading Reports

Finance Report

This year, as before, maintaining the allotments for us all is a substantial annual expense. Keeping the grass cut, mending the water tanks, pruning trees and clearing overgrown plots prior to re-letting amounted to £3,872. Other outgoings of £450 cover both cleaning supplies for the toilets and office supplies for printing ink, paper and stamps. There has also been a payment of £924 for legal fees to assist in the on-going lease / charity saga.

Our water and electricity charges amounted to £1,493, whilst keeping the website afloat cost £267. There have been no major projects this year but we have ring-fenced funds for both key deposits and a water bill that is proving very slow to arrive. Together these amount to approx. £12,000.

The store continues to keep our community served with essential supplies. This year saw a small profit on last year of £2,500 – Country Natural flies out the door!

We also received a small amount of funds through both donations in the store and when a plot holder sold on equipment they no longer needed and donated it to the society – these amount to £286.

This year saw two events where we raised money for charity – our plant sale in May presented £400 to the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability and opening Site 3 in July for the National Garden Scheme raised £1,000 for that organisation.

Further details will be available at the AGM.

Carol Martinez

Treasurer

Trading Secretary's Report

The Stores have done well this year. Our members particularly appreciate being able to buy seed potatoes, onions, shallots and garlic at good prices, especially as prices elsewhere have increased significantly from last year.

The Spring bulbs also sell well.

We made the decision to stop providing cakes on Sundays at the Site 2 Store as so few people were coming in to buy them. We have also decided to open the Stores for an hour only during August, between 11 am and 12 noon, as so few members were making use of them. We will still be opening on Saturdays as well as Sundays during the busy planting period in Spring.

With the extremely wet Spring we had this year, the Advanced Slug Pellets were extremely popular. Regrettably, they were popular everywhere to the extent that their supplier also ran out! Alternatives were available at the Stores, but are not as popular as the pellets.

My sincere thanks to all the volunteers who give up their time to help at the Stores. Many thanks to Greg who ensures that there is a constant supply of Country Natural, to Annie who keeps the seeds fully stocked and to Georgina O'Reilly who looks after the tea/coffee station at the Site 2 Store.

Gill Tamsett
Trading Secretary