

**TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2023  
for the  
Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 26th March 2024**

The accounts show our expenditure exceeded our income by £3,909.34. The surplus funds that accumulated during the Covid period have now more or less been used up. The accounts have been signed off and were submitted to Head Office in Perth in January.

In 2023 we held seven lunches. The New Year lunch at Croham Hurst Golf Club - 87 attended. Two at the Horseshoe in Warlingham - 35 & 39 attended those. There were two Italian lunches in Croydon - 37 & 32 attended those, and we held two lunches at McDermott's in Forestdale - 32 & 36 attended those. All the lunches received subsidies, a glass of wine, or soft drink, a tea or coffee plus gratuities. As you all should know by now going forward we can no longer afford to offer a free glass of wine or soft drink with meals.

We held 21 coffee mornings and the ones at Croydon Clocktower Café and Knights Garden Centre were free to members. Tea and coffees were also free at the Toby Carvery breakfast. NB Free coffee mornings are subject to regular review.

We also organised and subsidised three visits. One to the Natural History Museum (Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition) - 11 attended, one to the Museum of Brands - 23 attended and one to The Tate Modern - 12 attended. We also held four walks but there was no expenditure associated with these.

Thank you to everyone who organised or helped organise these events.

The 2023 grant from Aviva remained at £3.00 per member. We had 685 members as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 so I claimed a grant of £2,055.00

I also claimed our Christmas / New Year Lunch subsidy of £10 per person for 2022, which amounted to £870.00 (these claims are normally made yearly in arrears). I have claimed our 2023 Christmas / New Year Lunch subsidy based on the number that attended at the recent New Year Lunch and that will appear in the 2024 accounts.

General expenses were higher than last year partly due to cost of printing and posting associated with a newsletter sent out to all members without internet access, as a way of trying to reconnect with members after the Covid lockdowns, towards the end of last year. Other expenses were kept low, thanks again to the good will of the Committee and volunteers who have not claimed any personal expenses.

No budget has been set for 2024 and events will be subsidised on an event-by-event basis.

Croydon accounts have been holding money for Region 8 since 2010. Currently £207.68 is being held for Region 8 and the financial movements are tracked on a separate spreadsheet.

Again, I would like to thank all the Committee members for their help and support during the last year, with particular thanks to Maggie for her post event accounting, the accounting of the float and stamps, and for her help with checking and preparing the final accounts. Thanks also to Joan and Rob for signing cheques.

John Gibbons  
Treasurer, Croydon Aviva Fellowship  
20th March 2024