

**TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2024
for the
Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 25 March 2025**

The accounts show our expenditure exceeded our income by £710.18. The accounts have been signed off and were submitted to Head Office in Perth in early February.

In 2024 we held seven lunches. The New Year lunch was again held at Croham Hurst Golf Club – 80 booked and 74 attended. We also held two lunches at the Horseshoe in Warlingham, two Italian lunches at Ponte Nuovo in Croydon and two Fish & Chip lunches at McDermott's in Forestdale. The New Year Lunch received a generous subsidy and the other lunches received a subsidy that effectively covered the gratuities.

We held 24 coffee mornings and breakfast brunches. The coffee mornings at Croydon Clocktower Café and Knights Garden Centre were free to members. NB Free coffee mornings are subject to regular review.

We also organised two museum visits and two events at the Royal Albert Hall. One museum visit was to the Natural History Museum (Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition) and the other to Eel Pie Island Museum. The events at the Royal Albert Hall were Ghostbusters in Concert and Christmas with the Royal Choral Society. These events did not receive a subsidy. We also held five walks and there wasn't any expenditure associated with these.

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

The 2024 grant from Aviva remained at £3.00 per member. We had 683 members as at 1st January 2024 so we received a grant of £2,049.00

The Christmas / New Year Lunch subsidy increased from £10 per person to £15 in 2023, which amounted to £1,200 (these claims are normally made yearly in arrears). I have claimed our 2024 Christmas / New Year Lunch subsidy based on the number that attended at the recent New Year Lunch and that will appear in the 2025 accounts.

General expenses were reasonably low. Partly due to the discontinuance of the newsletter due to our editor Dave Newland standing down. Expenses were also 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 2025 and events maybe subsidised on an event by event basis.

Region 8 agreed in November 2024 that the £207.68 Croydon has been holding for them could be donated to St. Christopher's Hospice in honour of the late Chris House.

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, 21 March 2025.