

**Bolsterstone Community Group Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday 22 March 2016**  
**Bolsterstone Village Hall 7pm**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I have prepared accounts from last year's AGM in March 2015. These are available as paper copies for anyone who wants to take them. We have received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Ewden Valley WW1 project. Similarly it was the Heritage Lottery Fund, which also funded the Castle Archaeology project some years ago. We have kept this fund separate from BCG's regular account, to simplify matters and I will talk about it later. I will now describe BCG's accounts from March 2015 to March 2016. I am pleased to report that BCG's reserves stand at £1,242.36 more than they did at this time last year.

We are most grateful to Sheffield City Council for their £283 grant for a strimmer, which will allow us to share it with others who are trying to maintain and improve the village. We are also grateful to The Bridge Shop for their grant of £520. £200 was for repairs to the allotment boundary wall and we will use the remaining £300 for plants for village troughs and hanging baskets this year.

Our Christmas Fayre in November 2015 raised a pleasing £1,518.67 (before expenses). We allocated a £50 donation to St Mary's Church and to 4SLC. Having "saved up" our last year's donation to 4SLC, we were able to donate the full £150 to 4SLC to sponsor a plaque at the Leisure Centre, demonstrating BCG's support. We are grateful for, and appreciate the value of the Christmas Fayre raffle prizes that were generously donated - some by local businesses and an increasing number from our own BCG members. The raffle raised £307 on the day. We are also grateful to everyone who baked cakes and buns for the cake or refreshments stall and to all the volunteers who helped with preparations, or on Fayre day itself.

The wreath making evening becomes more popular every year. This year it raised £576.08. We are very grateful to everyone who helped organise this event or supported it on the evening. This means that our two Christmas events - the Fayre and the Wreath Making - raised a total of £2,092.75 for BCG. In addition, we were able to give £265 to the Village Hall Trust for hire of the Village Hall and we thank them for their continued support.

You can see that the bulk of our expenditure, as always, has gone on the village itself - £716.99 on village and allotment maintenance plus £324 on plants and £149.83 on social events in the village.

We have a healthy balance because so many volunteers have freely given their time to support us, especially at the Christmas Fayre and Wreath Making events. Also because we have continued to try to make savings wherever possible - particularly reducing BCG's "office" and refreshments costs. I recommend that we continue to seek grants for essential items where possible and continue to work frugally to retain our reserves.

We are grateful to Alderson's independent financial management company for checking the accounts and to all the other volunteers who have willingly given their time to support BCG, its events and its management committee.

