

Bolsterstone Community Group Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 17 March 2015
Bolsterstone Village Hall 8pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have prepared accounts going back to September 2012 to avoid gaps after the previous Treasurer resigned. These are available as paper copies for anyone who wants to take them. I will now describe our accounts from March 2014 to March 2015. As stated earlier, I am pleased to report that BCG's reserves stand at £462.67 more than this time last year.

We are most grateful to Stocksbridge Town Council for their £250.00 grant for restoring and landscaping the Village Field in the beacon area and for expenses towards the Tour de France beacon lighting event. This was most appreciated by around one hundred people who gathered on the village field at nightfall on 5 July. We are also grateful to Sheffield City Council for their £350 grant towards the cost of re-pointing the flags outside the Village Hall. It is a sign of the times that this left us £200 short of the full cost required, so we are extremely grateful that, once again, The Bridge Shop came to the rescue with their grant for £500. We were able to use £200 from The Bridge Shop to supplement SCC's grant and cover the full cost of the pointing. We will use the remaining £300 for plants for village troughs and hanging baskets this year. After all the sterling work by the Village Hall Trust to refurbish the interior of the Village Hall to such a high standard, it was appropriate that BCG could do its bit towards enhancing the exterior too. We are also grateful to Bolsterstone Archaeology and Heritage Group for sponsoring one of the hanging baskets and to Green's for providing plants for the village at a discount.

Our Christmas Fayre in November 2014 raised £1171.46, leaving a total of £649.31 after all expenses and donations were taken out. We allocated donations of £50 to St Mary's Church and £25 each to Muscular Dystrophy and 4SLC. We are grateful for, and appreciate the value of the raffle prizes that were generously donated - the raffle raised £232 on the day. We are also grateful to everyone who put time into planning the Christmas Fayre, to all those who helped organise the Fayre or supported it on the day and to those who baked cakes and buns for the cake stall and refreshments.

The wreath making evening becomes more popular every year. This year it raised £355, leaving a total of £217 after a donation and expenses were taken out. We allocated a donation of £25 to 4SLC. 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 £866.31 for BCG. In addition, we were able to give £265 to the Village Hall Trust for hire of the Village Hall.

You can see that the bulk of our expenditure has gone on the village itself - £850.26 on village maintenance plus £400 on plants and £192.40 on social events in the village.

We have a healthy balance because we have tried to make savings wherever possible - particularly reducing BCG's "office" and refreshments costs. I recommend that we continue to seek grants for and continue to retain our reserves. We are grateful to Alderson's independent financial management company for checking the accounts, to TATA steel for support in mending the village hall gate and to all the other volunteers who have freely given their time to support BCG, its events and its management committee.

