

Bolsterstone Community Group Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 28 March 2017 Bolsterstone Village Hall
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I have prepared accounts from last year's AGM in March 2016. Paper copies of the assets' list are available for anyone who wants them. The Heritage Lottery Funded World War 1 - Ewden Valley Project - has ended and we have returned the sum of £558.00 underspend to the Heritage Lottery Fund. That account is now closed. In summary, I am pleased to report that the BCG reserves stand at £1,783.09 more than they did at this time last year.

We are grateful to the Bridge Shop for their £500 grant to be used for plants, benches and general village maintenance. We are also grateful for the £100 STC grant and the £227.40 donations. We will spend most of this in the village for the Tour de Yorkshire event.

Our Christmas Fayre in November 2016 raised a pleasing £1,469.50 (before expenses). We allocated £100 donations to be shared between St Mary's Church bells' appeal, 4SLC and Cavendish Cancer Care. We are grateful for the Christmas Fayre raffle prizes, which were generously donated by local businesses and our own BCG members. Thanks also to the raffle ticket sellers. The raffle raised £312.00 on fayre day. We are also grateful to everyone who helped with refreshments, which made £258.09 and/or baked cakes for the cake stall, which raised £124.40. We must also thank the Santas who contributed to takings of £182.80. As already mentioned in the Chair's report, thanks are due to everyone who helped behind the scenes or upfront to make the Christmas Fayre so successful as a pleasant social event as well as, at the same time, raising funds for the village.

The Wreath Making Evening becomes more popular each year. This year it raised £630.50 (before expenses). We are very grateful to everyone who helped to organise this event or supported it on the evening. Unfortunately our supplies of conifer cuttings are becoming depleted and the event will only be able to run again this year if we have access to more conifer/Leylandii type tree cuttings for wreath greenery. We are hoping that you will spread the word about this and let us know where we can obtain such greenery. We will be willing to trim people's conifer trees and hedges if required.

This means that BCG's two Christmas events raised £2,100.00. From these events we were able to give £265.00 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 been on the village itself - £302.89 on village and allotment maintenance, plus £543.28 on village planting and £213.91 on social events.

We have a healthy balance because so many volunteers have freely given up their time to support us, especially at the Christmas Fayre and Wreath Making events. Also because we have tried to make savings wherever possible - particularly reducing "office" and refreshment costs. We do, however hope that you will stay a while to chat and enjoy tonight's refreshments!

We are grateful to Alderson's Financial Management Company for checking our accounts and to all the volunteers who have willingly given their time to support BCG, its events and its management committee.