

Bolsterstone Community Group Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 20 March 2018, Bolsterstone Village Hall
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I have prepared accounts from last year's AGM in March 2017. We have been involved in more activities this year so we have spent more money than we did last year, however, I am pleased to report that the BCG reserves remain in a healthy state.

We are grateful to the Bridge Shop for their £500 grant and Sheffield City Council's grant of £350 - both towards the cost of purchasing and installing a defibrillator and training people in its use. We are also very grateful for the £180 donations.

Our Christmas Fayre in November 2017 raised a pleasing £1,437 (before expenses). We allocated £100 donations to be shared between St Mary's Church, 4SLC and Cavendish Cancer Care. We are grateful for the Christmas Fayre raffle prizes, which were generously donated by local businesses and BCG members. Thanks also to the raffle ticket sellers. The raffle raised £314.00 on fayre day. We are also grateful to everyone who helped with refreshments, which made £274.02 and/or baked cakes for the cake stall, which raised £151.00. We must also thank those who helped in Santa's grotto, which contributed to takings of £109.35 - despite running out of presents for some age groups! 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. It was 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 £725.00 (before expenses). We are very grateful to everyone who helped to organise this event or supported it on the evening. Although the new Table Decorations Evening, which we trialled this year, was attended by fewer people they too said they had enjoyed the event. This means that BCG's Christmas events raised £2,162.00. From these events we were able to give £265.00 to the Village Hall trust for hire of the Village Hall and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for their continued support.

You can see from the accompanying "Accounts" sheet that we have spent £436.31 on village and allotment maintenance, plus £392.45 on village planting. We also spent £293.00 on the heritage commemorative plaque for the Old Free School. This was suggested by ex teachers from the school. We were grateful to the residents, who not only donated an additional £100 towards its cost but also hosted a lovely social event for neighbours and former teachers and pupils, who spent several hours chatting and reminiscing.

Our biggest outlay this year has been to purchase, install and train people in the use of a defibrillator, which is to be kept on the external wall of the Village Hall. We took up the original suggestion from Church and Village Hall Trust members.

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.

We are grateful to Keith Clark for volunteering to become BCG's treasurer. As a retired Accountant his skills will be a real asset to the group. We are also grateful to all the volunteers who have willingly given their time to support BCG, its events and its management committee.

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