



Charlton & Blackheath Amateur Horticultural Society

Year Ended 31st December 2023

| | 2023 CABAHS | 2023 OPG | 2023 TOTAL | 2022 TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Subscriptions | 1,400 | | 1,400 | 1,500 |
| Visitors & donations | 60 | | 60 | 0 |
| Attendance fees | 900 | | 900 | 0 |
| Raffle | 655 | | 655 | 386 |
| Plant Sales | 1 278 | 290 | 568 | 0 |
| Plant Fairs | 2 2,343 | 1,200 | 3,543 | 4,090 |
| Outings (Net) | 99 | | 99 | (24) |
| Total income | 5,735 | 1,490 | 7,225 | 5,952 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | |
| Room hire | (881) | | (881) | (548) |
| Speakers | (1,205) | | (1,205) | (1,348) |
| Refreshments | (599) | | (599) | (331) |
| RHS Insurance & Affiliation | (75) | | (75) | (110) |
| Miscellaneous | 3 (420) | | (420) | (459) |
| Equipment | 4 (512) | | (512) | 0 |
| Website & Email | 5 (472) | | (472) | (99) |
| Donations | 2 (1,200) | | (1,200) | (1,325) |
| OPG Project | | (2,231) | (2,231) | 2,274 |
| Total expense | (5,364) | (2,231) | (7,595) | (1,946) |
| Income/(Expense) | 371 | (741) | (370) | 4,006 |
| <u>Cash at Bank:</u> | | | | |
| Opening balance 1 Jan | 7,242 | 5,583 | 12,825 | 8,819 |
| Income/(Expense) | 371 | (741) | (370) | 4,006 |
| Closing balance 31 Dec | 7,613 | 4,842 | 12,455 | 12,825 |

1 Plant Sales

The monthly meetings sales table income is allocated to CABAHS,
Just Giving crowdfunding page sales are allocated to OPG.

2 Plant Fairs

Sales from Easter Bunnies in the Beds, May Community Day and
October Horn Fair at Charlton House. Donated equally to the
Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice, the Walled Gardens
revival and to CABAHS speaker programme.

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>3 Miscellaneous</u> | £ | £ |
| Flowers | (94) | (58) |
| Wine | (15) | 0 |
| Programme | (61) | (95) |
| Printing | (120) | (40) |
| Legal & Bank charges | (80) | (180) |
| Show Prizes | (50) | (86) |
| | <u>(420)</u> | <u>(459)</u> |
| | | |
| <u>4 Equipment</u> | £ | £ |
| Microphone | (106) | 0 |
| Projector | (176) | 0 |
| Card reader & charger | (117) | 0 |
| Show Table Cup extender | (113) | 0 |
| | <u>(512)</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | | |
| <u>5 Website & Email</u> | £ | £ |
| PC Hospital Email set up | (322) | 0 |
| Domain and rentals | (151) | (99) |
| | <u>(473)</u> | <u>(99)</u> |

Treasurers Report 31 December 2023

I am pleased to present my first set of accounts as Treasurer, and can report that we had a successful year, with CABAHS* making a small profit of £371 (2022: £382). The highlights of our year were the Plant Fairs, which allowed us to donate £1,200 to the Hospice and £1,200 to the Old Pond Garden (OPG*) project, an amazing achievement for a small garden club.

Due to the timing of receiving grants and spending on the OPG project, there are large variances between years, so I have shown CABAHS as a separate column from the OPG and hope this makes it clearer to see our core business.

Subscriptions income was slightly down on last year, with membership closing at 149 (2022: 157). The new £2 per meeting charge has been a success, a relatively painless way of covering our refreshment and room hire costs. Raffle income was excellent this year, especially in December with everyone trying to win that wonderful hamper! Last year there were two unexpected meeting cancellations (March and July), which is one reason why raffle income was lower.

From June this year the monthly Plant Sales table was re-started. Long standing members will recall that this was an enjoyable staple of our meetings, pre-Covid. We were unable to hold any Plant Sales at meetings until June due to the venue issues (St Thomas & the Long Gallery), but now we are back in the Old Library we expect to keep these going every month.

We held 3 Plant Fairs: Bunnies in the Beds, May Community Day and Horn Fair which generated £3,543 (2022: £4,090). Income was slightly down on last year but shows we still have very good support for this type of event. The 1/3 split between the Hospice, the Walled Gardens and our own costs such as the Speaker programme was the same as last year.

Room hire cost increase over last year was partly because of using St Thomas' Church Hall in the winter months and because of the two cancelled meetings last year, so we held 11 meetings this year compared with 9.

Individual Speaker costs can vary greatly, and it is a balancing act to keep the total annual cost on track. Our most expensive one in 2023 was November's Timothy Walker – well worth it!

Refreshments when using the Old Library have to be provided by Frilly's, and they (understandably) charge a commercial rate which is a lot more than we have paid in the past. This (and room hire) was one of the drivers for introducing the £2 meeting charge, which spreads the cost to members who benefit from attending the meetings.

Equipment: this year we purchased a microphone and projector in order to be able to hold meetings at St Thomas, and to be less reliant on Charlton House equipment. We also purchased a card reader, to take advantage of reduced cash use by members.

Website and Email: we paid for a professional company to set up our shared email, so that the Committee can communicate more effectively with members. There was a one-time charge (£322) and there is a quarterly rental fee. The fee for our domain name "CABAHS" has also increased slightly this year.

OPG net spend was £741 and included plants for the Peace Garden and front beds mainly and a small number for the Long Border. Also the essential cost of providing tea and biscuits for the volunteers! At the end of this year, the project still has £4,842 in the bank, most of this flagged for the Long Border next year.

CABAHS has £7,613 in the bank and is well positioned for another successful year in 2024.

Kathy Aitken

Treasurer

**CABAHS: Charlton and Blackheath Amateur Horticultural Society*

**OPG: Old Pond Garden, volunteer scheme in the Charlton House Walled Gardens*