

Stonesfield Gardening Club
Year ending 31st December 2020
Treasurer's report
20th January 2021

2020 became a 'blank year' after a good start with 85% of 2020 membership fees paid up by the December 2019 meeting and the remainder arriving in early January. Total membership fees exceeded the budget. Then Covid-19 arrived and no more income.

The April Plant Sale was very successful but 'deconstructed' with separate stalls outside members houses and some direct deliveries. It raised over £600 but to avoid unnecessary contact all the money raised was given direct to charities so does not appear in the accounts.

Covid-19 has meant expenditure was minimal with just two meetings before lockdown. At the yearend all 2020 cost had been included. Overall income slightly exceeded expenditure. No charitable donations were made other than proceeds for plant sale, as mentioned above.

In view of the financial and health situation, in August the committee decided that it would extend existing memberships to the end of 2021 without any further fees. This was communicated to members via email at the time.

It has been difficult to put together a draft budget for 2021 as there are so many unknowns. It was decided to prepare a budget on the assumption that 'normal service' would resume with a plant sale in April and a limited programme of talks and visits starting from May's meeting. The main budget points are:

1. No membership fees for reasons explained above.
2. Fees for new membership and visitor would remain unchanged for 2021.
3. The April Plant Sale has been conservatively budgeted so there is some scope for increasing this income.
4. Speakers and hall fees are based on a reduced number of meetings starting in May.

Other than the above, expenses for 2021 are projected as similar to 2019 actual costs.

In view of the fluid situation, the Treasurer recommended to the Committee that consideration of any charitable donations be reviewed later in 2021.

To be read in conjunction with

- Stonesfield Gardening Club 2020 yearend Accounts
- Stonesfield Gardening Club 2021 Budget

