

## Treasurer's Report 2019

**Decline in Membership Subscriptions halted.** Although £50 of the year-on-year £83 increase is explained by donations made by those attending the public WAH meeting, there was also a small £33 increase in subs paid. This is due to those joining the Society at meetings, especially the well attended "A414 Corridor Strategy - a new bypass for Hertford?" one in January, as well as to the membership administrator's considerable effort made to remind members who pay by cash and cheque to renew their membership. Paying subs by Standing Order is more convenient and efficient for both members and the administrator. It takes a 61p second class stamp (65p soon) on a letter to remind a member to pay a sub as low as £5.

**Anniversary Garden Party** Many came to this very popular event.

**Fountain expenses.** The big increase is due to a large bill for fresh water caused by a leak undetected for many weeks, costing the Society around £350, as well as the estimated cost of £500 for repairs to be carried out in 2020. This year end liability is shown in Creditors. The fountain will be restarted after the repair has been completed.

**Town Centre meeting** - the Civic Society supported the separate We Are Hertford group by paying for the publicity leaflet and hall hire for the October meeting which WAH organised. Those attending the meeting donated some £50 cash, placed in the bucket by the door.

**Other year-on-year changes** - Most are due either to timing issues (e.g. payment for printing some Newsletters, and making a Gift Aid claim in 2020) or to matters already discussed.

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