

The Maldon Society

Treasurer's Report for AGM 7th July 2022

Firstly I should like to thank Mike Ennals for auditing our accounts again, as he has done so for many years. He has also offered to do so again next year.

The last year's accounts are presented for your approval, along with those of previous years for information.

We have enjoyed hosting our monthly talks in the Swan Hotel's Cygnet Room, but this has come at a cost. Since we moved here, the cost has increased each year and is currently held only because we now put out and return the furniture each meeting.

We aim to cover running expenses such as speakers and room hire with the subscriptions, whereas the reserves are needed for one off expenditure, for example additional blue plaques and maintenance of these and our display equipment in the Maeldune Centre. The equipment used to display our pictures there is now obsolete and needs replacing. We already know that one which would be easier to use costs of the order of £7000 and we are seeking sources of donations to help with this."

It is, therefore, with regret that we will need to increase the membership fee next year, 2023/2024. The suggested fees are £12 for a single membership and £20 for a joint membership. We believe this still represents very good value and trust members agree.

We then suggest that the following year 2024/2025 we seek to have only individual membership in the interests of fairness for all.

Lindsey Wright

Treasurer