

**TREASURER'S REPORT 2017  
FOR THE PERIOD OF 01.12.2016 TO 30.11.2017**

Dear Members,

I apologise for not being at the meeting this evening, however I am working in Liverpool. I also apologise for the annual accounts not being fully completed however they are almost finished and completed until 10.10.2017.

I understand that the position of Treasurer for the HRLA is unchallenged and therefore I am likely to be appointed Treasurer again. I have been the Treasurer since 2010 and I am honoured to continue within this role. Thank you for supporting me. Thank you also to Angela Patrick for being a highly effective Chair and to the HRLA Committee for the hard work that that it puts in and makes the HRLA work.

**Bank Accounts**

*Main Current Account*

The account as at 30.11.2017, stands at **£20,486**. It has been fully balanced with the accounts up to this date and fully reconciled.

*Bursary Savings Account*

The account as at 30.11.2017, stands at **£7.22**. It has been fully balanced with the accounts up to this date and fully reconciled.

**Accounts**

All of the accounts are input and up to date to the end of the financial year (30.11.2017). I have prepared a Profit & Loss account (see attached), which shows what has been received and spent within the accounting year as well as comparing it to the previous years' accounts.

If you have any questions about the accounts, when published, please do not hesitate to contact me (details below).

The HRLA's financial position is still healthy but of course this needs continued, careful management.

There has been one charity event, which was the sale of Anthony Lester's book at the seminar in April 2017, where a modest amount was raised of £16.00.

There has been a distinct increase in corporate membership from £6,000 in 2015/2016 to £12,250 for this period. A receipt has been received for £2,750 on 15.06.2017 however there was nothing to identify the payer (this needs to be reconciled). This is a credit to Willow Oddie, who has done a sterling job chasing firms and chambers for their membership.

There is a reduction in full membership despite there only being 6 weeks left of the financial year however this may be due to the increase in corporate memberships and therefore the cancellation of individual ones as they would be covered by the corporate membership.

All other expenditure is as expected and approved, and save for miscellaneous expenses and travel expenses, are within budget.

**Bursary**

Bursaries were made this year are as follows:

i)	M Holbrook	£1,000
ii)	Maya Thomas-Davis	£1,500

iii)	Rabah Kherbane	£1,500
iv)	Korrie Stanley	£ 750
		<u>£4,750</u>

In April 2017, the Executive Committee approved the subsidising of the Bursary Fund for 2017 of £1,750 to ensure that adequate bursaries were awarded. This enabled a total of £4,750 of bursaries to be awarded. This is line with previous years when bursary sponsorship/grants had not been received.

As there is a balance of £7.22 in the Bursary Savings Account, unless funds are raised for or granted to the HRLA Bursary Award Scheme, the number and/or amount of the bursaries awarded in 2018 will be significantly reduced. However, I would not support further subsidies being approved for future years' bursary Fund or on an ongoing basis as we should be securing grants/donations to support the Bursary Fund rather than from HRLA working funds. Fund raising for the Bursary Fund should be one of the HRLA's high priorities in 2018.

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