



Treasurer's report to the AGM – 7th February 2021

You will have seen the Annual Accounts for the year 1st October 2019 - 30th September 2020. We had the benefit of winter activities in 2019 and, with the help of members and a discount on the cost of maintaining the green, we ended up with a small loss of £167.53. We fared better than many other clubs.

While it is traditional to look back on the previous year, it is a year most of us would prefer to forget. I would like therefore like to look forward.

As you will note from the paper for the AGM, the Executive Committee is proposing to keep the membership fees and other charges unchanged for the coming year. The loss of the 2020 winter season's activities will have a significant financial impact, and we cannot expect another discount on the cost of the green. Assuming normal club summer activities, I have estimated a potential loss of £4000 in the current year to the end of September 2021.

Against that somewhat gloomy prospect, we have much to be thankful for. Thankful that we have (so far) managed to stay safe, that some of our members have continued to work on the clubhouse, refurbishing the bar area and on the gardens. Thankful that we have gained several new members during the past difficult year.

I think we will all appreciate getting back together, our great club facilities, the laughter, the rivalry, the good food and great company at the bar. And I think we should use every opportunity to celebrate our good fortune this season with lots of music, food and social activities to complement the bowls. And hopefully we can reduce that potential deficit and even break even.

The single action that will add most to the prosperity of the club is to welcome new members. They bring life and vitality to the club, as well as income, so let us as all pledge to do all we can to attract and welcome new members in the coming season.

Ken Perrett

9th January 2021