

THE FRIENDS OF THOMAS PLUME'S LIBRARY

Registered charity no. 1098311

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	665.00	740.00
Donations	1,220.50	1,393.50
Donations-Sponsor a Shelf	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Special donations for book appeal	3,695.00	
Gift Aid recovery (2 years received in 2019-20)	486.16	966.70
Income from fundraising & events (note 1)	785.00	2,546.25
Interest received	1.83	9.60
Receipts total	<u>8,053.49</u>	<u>5,656.05</u>
PAYMENTS		
Books purchased for Thomas Plume's Library	10,968.00	1,746.46
Donations to Thomas Plume's Library for Sponsor a Shelf	1,200.00	0.00
Contribution towards printing the Plume biography	1,000.00	0.00
Computer for Thomas Plume's library in 2019-20	0.00	519.98
Leaflet printing for Thomas Plume's Library in 2019-20	0.00	168.00
Awards and prizes	0.00	50.00
Costs of fundraising & events (note 1)	0.00	732.56
Print, post and stationery	104.15	72.73
Insurance	75.00	75.00
Meeting room hire	40.50	0.00
AGM costs	0.00	35.00
Payments total	<u>13,387.65</u>	<u>3,399.73</u>
Net deficit of payments less receipts for the year (2019/20 surplus)	<u>-5,334.16</u>	<u>2,256.32</u>
Bank balances at the start of the year	10,009.29	7,752.97
Net excess of payments less receipts for the year	<u>-5,334.16</u>	<u>2,256.32</u>
Bank balances at the end of the year	<u>4,675.13</u>	<u>10,009.29</u>

Note 1. Fundraising & events:

	2020-21			2019-20		
	Receipts	Payments	Net	Receipts	Payments	Net
AGM raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.00	0.00	83.00
Albert Sloman Library & Beth Chatto's						
Garden trip 2019	0.00	0	0.00	571.00	-490.55	80.45
Tea in the Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00	755.25	-16.30	738.95
Quiz	785.00	0.00	785.00	1,137.00	-225.71	911.29
Total from fundraising & events	<u>785.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>785.00</u>	<u>2,546.25</u>	<u>-732.56</u>	<u>1,813.69</u>

Note 2.

£350 was paid in April 2021 for a book for the Library purchased at auction in March 2021. This payment will be included in next year's accounts.

Treasurer's Report for 2020/21

Despite the restrictions on meetings and fund raising activities brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic, 2020/21 has been a busy year for the Friends. We started the year with a healthy balance of £10,009, after a couple of years when very few books on the 'missing' list came up for auction. This changed in September 2020, when many books the Plume Library wished to purchase came up for auction. The Friends launched a fundraising appeal and Friends responded very generously, donating £3,695 to the appeal. This enabled the Friends to contribute £9,500 to purchase books for the Library at this auction.

During the year the Friends also made a donation of £1,000 to be given to the University of Liverpool Library, after that library donated one of the original Plume 'missing' books to the Plume Library, which had been held in the Liverpool collection, and we paid £468 for the repair of 2 books purchased in 2019/20.


We also donated £1,200 to the Library received from Friends following the 'Sponsor A Shelf' appeal for funds for the Library building repairs.

We gave £1,000 towards the printing costs of the biography of Thomas Plume, published in November 2020.

The main source of income for the charity is subscriptions and donations of £3,085.50 (last year £2,133.50). This includes £1,200 for Sponsor A Shelf. As already mentioned, the book purchase appeal raised additional donations of £3,695.

We were unable to hold our fundraising event 'Tea in the Garden' as planned for September 2020. In February 2021 we held our annual quiz via Zoom. This was well supported, raising £785.

The charity ended the year with £4,675.13 in its bank accounts. As mentioned in note 2, we purchased a book for £350 at auction in March 2021. The payment was made in April, so will be included in the 2021/22 accounts. Reserves remain within the agreed range of £500 to £20,000. The charity holds reserves so it can pursue its objects; trustees monitor the level of reserves at each meeting.

Signed.....Janis Croom, Treasurer, 8th April 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of The Friends of Thomas Plume's Library on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 Act of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
- Follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act and
 - b. To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....David Sage, April 2021