

# THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

## Chair's Report for 2020

Thanks for your support of the Society during 2020.

It has been a year dominated by the Covid-19 epidemic and this has affected the work of the Society. The Committee have met once face-to-face in March, then holding the monthly Committee meetings online.

The quarterly newsletters continued to be produced, but the delivery was affected by restrictions. In May, the newsletter was redesigned for release through the website. It was disseminated electronically to members the Society could email. A print version of the newsletter was posted to the rest of the membership. The August newsletter was distributed in the usual way with volunteers hand-delivering; members received the 2020 edition of *Tradesmen You Can Trust* with the August newsletter. Restrictions affected both the November and February newsletters but a means to deliver online or by post is in place.

We received the results from a year (2019/20) of pollution monitoring in the Belsize area where Society members collected air samples from points agreed with Camden Council's environment team. The project was funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy. The results showed pollution levels across collections in 10 monitoring sites with some areas above limits. We organised a presentation of the results for members, with the Camden pollution monitoring team responding to our questions. This was online and successfully used a Society Zoom account.

It has not been possible to hold the full range of BelSoc events this year due to the restrictions on social gatherings. We did raise a considerable sum for the Marie Curie Hospice online however due to the generosity of members when it became clear that this year's carol singing would be cancelled.

The planning team have continued to look at applications for planning permission made to the Council in the Belsize area, reviewing 106 and commenting on 24. We have had limited capability to monitor local tree applications, though have commented on one and a committee member has been keeping a look over the applications made to the Council. We continue to seek a committee member or volunteer to look at tree applications on the Society's behalf.

Our financial position remains healthy, continuing the improvements reported in the past years. We have made and received a claim for Gift Aid. In a year marked by significant stresses in local services, we have made donations to bodies supporting the community. We also received some donations from members and have been able to spend these monies in line with wishes; we commemorated our former trees expert, Consuelo Phelan, through the planting of a tree in St Peter's church.

During the year, 27 new member households joined the Society. The total paying membership is 508, with a further 22 complimentary members.

It is thanks to all the hard work of the Committee and many other members that we are able to maintain the range of activities successfully. We are very grateful to everyone who continued their work for us in 2020 and to all those who took on new tasks. A list of candidates standing for election will be circulated ahead the AGM.

Prabhat Vaze – Chair

# The Belsize Society

ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

|                                |                  |                  | 26 Nov - 31 Dec  | 1 Jan - 25 Nov   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOME                         | 2020             | 2019             | 2018 (as BelSoc) | 2018 (as BRA)    |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS                  | £5,330.00        | £5,550.00        | £560.00          | £4,585.00        |
| OVERSEAS EXCESS                | £15.00           | £5.00            | £0.00            | £15.00           |
| INTEREST                       | £69.79           | £41.83           | £0.00            | £0.83            |
| GIFT AID                       | £357.00          | £0.00            | £0.00            | £0.00            |
| DONATIONS (see below)          | £1,459.00        | £115.00          | £0.00            | £510.00          |
| OTHER (LBC Expenses Repayment) | £266.97          | £5.00            | £0.00            | £0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>            | <b>£7,497.76</b> | <b>£5,716.83</b> | <b>£560.00</b>   | <b>£5,110.83</b> |

## EXPENDITURE

|                                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS             | £117.50          | £33.65           | £0.00            | £24.34           |
| STATIONERY                        | £92.07           | £344.00          | £0.00            | £0.00            |
| PRINTING                          | £1,423.96        | £1,977.73        | £283.00          | £1,187.00        |
| POSTAGE                           | £21.72           | £409.61          | £43.90           | £124.46          |
| GIFTS                             | £0.00            | £0.00            | £0.00            | £0.00            |
| HIRE OF ROOMS                     | £239.00          | £239.00          | £0.00            | £443.00          |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED            | £0.00            | £0.00            | £0.00            | £0.00            |
| WEBSITE                           | £263.40          | £642.40          | £35.70           | £125.70          |
| DONATIONS (see below)             | £1,900.00        | £1,050.00        | £400.00          | £600.00          |
| ENTERTAINMENT (Carols Retainer)   | £150.00          | £0.00            | £0.00            | £0.00            |
| INSURANCE                         | £220.00          | £220.00          | £0.00            | £213.00          |
| NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)      | £70.80           | £370.99          | £40.60           | £179.32          |
| OTHER (Memorial Tree Costs)       | £516.84          | £360.00          | £150.00          | £0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          | <b>£5,015.29</b> | <b>£5,647.38</b> | <b>£953.20</b>   | <b>£2,896.82</b> |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b> | <b>£2,482.47</b> | <b>£69.45</b>    | <b>(£393.20)</b> | <b>£2,214.01</b> |

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|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>BALANCE SHEET AT:</b> | <b>31/12/2020</b> | <b>31/12/2019</b> | <b>31/12/2018</b> |
| BANK BALANCES            | £16,188.51        | £13,706.04        | £13,836.59        |
| LESS UNPAID DONATIONS    | £0.00             | £0.00             | £200.00           |
| <b>TOTAL NET BALANCE</b> | <b>£16,188.51</b> | <b>£13,706.04</b> | <b>£13,636.59</b> |

## REPRESENTED BY:

|                               |                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR      | £13,706.04        | £13,636.59        | £11,815.78        |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR    | £2,482.47         | £69.45            | £1,820.81         |
| <b>SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b> | <b>£16,188.51</b> | <b>£13,706.04</b> | <b>£13,636.59</b> |

## Donations received in 2020

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Family of Consuelo Phelan              | £894.00 |
| FilmFixer (Filming in Belsize Village) | £500.00 |
| Members' Donations                     | £65.00  |

## Donations made in 2020

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Camden Giving (Adult Social Care) | £250.00 |
| Camden Giving (Covid-19 Fund)     | £500.00 |
| Primrose Hill Food Bank           | £500.00 |
| Marie Curie                       | £250.00 |
| Royal Free Charity                | £250.00 |
| Belsize Village Lights            | £150.00 |

|              |                  |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>£1,459.00</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>£1,900.00</b> |
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Neil Harris -Treasurer

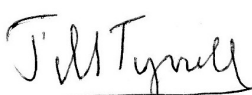


Date

31/1/2021

Having examined the documentation and bank statements I confirm that the above figures are an accurate and true representation of the state of the accounts for the 12 months to 31 December 2020.

Jill Tyrrell - Independent Examiner



Date

31/1/2021