

## **Chair's Report for 2022**

Thanks for your support of the Society during 2021, which was the fiftieth year for the Society and predecessor organisations.

Last year was affected significantly by the pandemic, but 2021 did see most of the Society's activities continuing more normally. Some are adapting to the new ways of working: the Committee have begun to meet face-to-face, blending with an online option.

We were able to conduct a historic walk, led by our former chair Averil Nottage. In November, we screened David Percy's illustrated production, "The Story of Moll King's Belsize Houses", using the opportunity to celebrate 50 years with some drinks. December saw us host a Society carol singing which raised a considerable sum for the Marie Curie Hospice. Some events were affected by the restrictions on social gatherings, with us cancelling the summer party.

The planning team have continued to look at applications for planning permission made to the Council in the Belsize area, reviewing around 100 and commenting on xxx. The year has seen our planning lead putting considerable effort at an appeal by the developers of 100 Avenue Road. The developers were challenging the Council's refusal to reduce section 106 obligations around the provision of affordable housing. The Society appeared as an interested party and provided a submission to the inspector. The result was very much as we hoped, with the inspector rejecting the appeal.

We have welcomed a new committee member to monitor local tree applications, looking at 276 applications and commenting on 28. There has also been a dialogue with the Council about how to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting trees in the area. We have met with the council about enforcing construction policies in large developments.

The quarterly newsletters continued to be produced, with the 2021 edition of Tradesmen You Can Trust accompanying the August newsletter. Issues included articles drawn from the Society archives to celebrate 50 years of work, as the Society and Belsize Residents Association. Hand delivery was affected by restrictions on one occasion, and the newsletter continues to be made available online. The website is keeping a fresh look, and, in parallel, we have begun discussions with a developer about an upgrade for the website's structure. Throughout the year, our noticeboards have publicised non-commercial local events, services and notices of interest.

Our financial position remains healthy, continuing the improvements reported in the past years. We have made and received a claim for Gift Aid. Like last year, we have made donations to bodies supporting the community in the stressed current conditions. We also made some donations in line with the wishes of a donor.

During the year, 34 new member households joined the Society. The total paying membership is xxx, with a further x22x 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 2022 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

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# The Belsize Society

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME	2021	2020	2019
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£5,200.00	£5,330.00	£5,550.00
OVERSEAS EXCESS	£5.00	£15.00	£5.00
INTEREST	£47.94	£69.79	£41.83
GIFT AID	£354.29	£357.00	£0.00
DONATIONS (from members)	£95.00	£1,459.00	£115.00
OTHER	£0.00	£266.97	£5.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£5,702.23</b>	<b>£7,497.76</b>	<b>£5,716.83</b>

### EXPENDITURE

PROVISIONS FOR EVENTS	£190.08	£117.50	£33.65
STATIONERY	£88.19	£92.07	£344.00
PRINTING	£1,356.09	£1,423.96	£1,977.73
PHOTOCOPIES	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
POSTAGE	£488.94	£21.72	£409.61
GIFTS	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
HIRE OF ROOMS	£284.00	£239.00	£239.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS REFUNDED	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
WEBSITE	£110.40	£263.40	£642.40
DONATIONS (see below *)	£2,100.00	£1,900.00	£1,050.00
ENTERTAINMENT	£0.00	£150.00	£0.00
INSURANCE	£231.00	£220.00	£220.00
NOTICEBOARDS (Inc. Printing)	£111.84	£70.80	£370.99
OTHER (see below **)	£485.00	£516.84	£360.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£5,445.54</b>	<b>£5,015.29</b>	<b>£5,647.38</b>

<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£256.69</b>	<b>£2,482.47</b>	<b>£69.45</b>
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<b>BALANCE SHEET AT:</b>	<b>31/12/2021</b>	<b>31/12/2020</b>	<b>31/12/2020</b>
BANK BALANCES	£16,445.20	£16,188.51	£13,706.04
LESS UNPAID DONATIONS	0	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL NET BALANCE</b>	<b>£16,445.20</b>	<b>£16,188.51</b>	<b>£13,706.04</b>

<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
SURPLUS AT START OF YEAR	£16,188.51	£13,706.04	£13,636.59
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	£256.69	£2,482.47	£69.45

<b>SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>£16,445.20</b>	<b>£16,188.51</b>	<b>£13,706.04</b>
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#### \* Donations Made in 2021

Belsize Library	£250.00
Royal Free Charity	£400.00
The Winch	£250.00
Hive Centre	£250.00
Chalk Farm Food Bank	£250.00
Camden Age UK	£250.00
Belsize Village Lights	£200.00
C4WS Homeless Project	£250.00

**Total** **£2,100.00**

#### \*\* Other Expenditure

Aileen Hammond Flowers	£85.00
David Percy Event Costs	£250.00
Carols Leader Fee	£150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£485.00</b>

Neil Harris  
Treasurer

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Date

23 January 2022