

## **Treasurer's Report 2024**

It is my pleasure to present the report on the financial position of the Society for the year ending 31 October 2024.

For full details, please refer to the Income & Expenditure Accounts and the Flower Show Accounts.

The activities of the Society over the past year have produced a surplus of £574 (2023 3,391). This decrease in surplus compared to last year is due in the main to there being no Scotland's Garden Scheme this year, which in 2023 generated a net income of £2,808. Net income from plant sales across the year was similar to that of last year. We saw an increase in income from membership subscriptions and the tattie competition introduced this year raised £320. The shortfall on our outings was somewhat greater than last year due primarily to very low numbers attending our second outing, so that we did not cover the cost of the coach.

The 2024 Flower Show was a great success although the number of exhibitors, particularly in the Junior sections, was fewer than last year. Flower Show income was similar to that of last year however expenditure was somewhat higher resulting in a loss of £1,394 compared with last year's small surplus of £60. The cost of engraving has increased dramatically, and we have the cost of engraving trophies for both 2023 and 2024 in this year's accounts. In addition we had significant expenditure on signage and display for this year's show.

We are very grateful to Rettie who sponsored this year's flower show and to Chippendale School of Furniture for their contribution.

On the Saturday of the Flower Show the Village Hall Committee ran the Tombola, that income going to the village hall. The catering provided in the village hall was run on Saturday by the Woodland Group and on Sunday by Yester Primary School Parents, both those groups benefitting from the door takings. So, whilst the Flower Show is in deficit this year, we've enabled other community groups to benefit by over £1,200.

Total Society funds have increased to £27,424 (2023 £26,796). This position provides a sound financial basis for the society and based on recent expenditure, a secure footing for future years.

*Sandra Banks - Treasurer - November 2024*