



**Pendle Conservative Association
Registered with the Electoral Commission
as The Pendle Accounting Unit**

Statement of Accounts

For the year ended 31st December 2022

The Pendle Conservative Association
Year ended 31st December 2022
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The Pendle Conservative Association
Introduction and review of political activities
Year ended 31st December 2022

Introduction

This Statement of Accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of the Pendle Conservative Association. The Association's registered address is:



For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000, David Brown (the Association Treasurer), is the Registered Treasurer.

Review of political activities

In 2022, there were Pendle Council Elections in May and a by-election in the Barrowford and Pendleside Ward on 15th December.

After gaining control of Pendle Council in the all-out elections of May 2021 (Con 18, Lab 10, Lib Dem 5), the death of longstanding Councillor Linda Crossley (Barrowford and Pendleside) in February and the defection of Cllr Mohammed Adnan (Marsden and Southfield) to Labour in March, provided a difficult backdrop to the May elections. This was further complicated by the decision of Cllr Darren Harrison (Waterside and Horsfield) and Cllr Donna Lockwood (Vivary Bridge), both elected in May 2021, not to seek re-election. We also lost our Agent, [REDACTED] who left to take on a regional role with the Conservative Party, meaning our Association Chairman Adrian Mitchell MBE had to step in as election agent. The Lib Dems and Labour Party also clearly co-ordinated their nominations to cause us maximum difficulties, with for example no Labour candidate in Earby and Coates and no Lib Dem in Barrowford and Pendleside.

Despite all these challenges in the May elections, we retained our seats in Barrowford and Pendleside (x2), Boulsworth and Foulridge, Vivary Bridge (x2) and Waterside and Horsfield. Mohammad Kaleem gained a seat in the Bradley ward (from Labour) and our only loss was in Marsden and Southfield where Karen Howarth lost to Labour. Our candidate Mohammed Arshad also fell just 109 votes short of gaining the Brierfield East and Clover Hill ward from Labour. The new political balance of Pendle Council being (Con 17, Lab 11, Lib Dem 5). The Association would like to thank all the candidates who stood and our volunteers who made this result possible.

On 1st October Cllr Carlo Lioni (Barrowford and Pendleside) sadly died triggering a by-election which was held on 15th December. Assisted by our new Campaign Manager, Adam Brierley, our candidate David Galleary held the seat. The shares of the vote were, Conservative 57.3% (-1.4), Labour 35.8% (-5.5) and Lib Dem 6.9% (+6.9%) which represented a small swing towards us, which was very encouraging for a by-election.

In November, revised proposals from the Boundary Commission for England recommended the creation of a new Pendle and Clitheroe seat, which would be composed of 55,330 electors from the current Pendle constituency and 21,611 electors from the current Ribble Valley constituency. The final recommendations will be published in 2023, however these new boundaries will significantly change the nature of our political activities as the proposed new constituency would be composed of ten Pendle Council wards and 10 Ribble Valley Council wards.

Finally, throughout 2022 Pendle Conservative Association continued to support the incumbency campaigns of our Member of Parliament, the Rt Hon Andrew Stephenson CBE MP.

The Pendle Conservative Association
Review of financial activities
Year ended 31st December 2022

Income and expenditure

Income

The income for the year amounted to £16,822.

Expenditure

Expenditure for the year amounted to £27,902.

Balance Sheet

The Association held accumulated reserves of £15,825 at 31st December 2022, as compared to £26,905 at 31st December 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Pendle Conservative Association,

David Brown
Registered Treasurer

23rd February 2023

The Pendle Conservative Association
Independent Accountant's report
Year ended 31st December 2022

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and related notes. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the guidance document issued by the CCHQ compliance department and the Electoral Commission guidance.

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23rd February 2023

The Pendle Conservative Association
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	£ 2022	£ 2021
Income			
Subscriptions & councillors' contribution		5,036	5,668
Donations		5,540	5,321
Fundraising events	2	246	0
Rental income	3	6,000	7,500
Summer/winter draw		0	253
Total income		<u>16,822</u>	<u>18,742</u>
Expenditure			
Non domestic rates & insurance		361	662
Utilities		2,456	1,971
Telephone		867	749
Website & IT		800	1,315
Postage/leaflet distribution		5,473	11,889
Campaign subs/affiliation		2	44
Fundraising costs		0	90
Photocopier/printing & stationery		13,899	9,851
Local election expenses		1,173	8,090
Office maintenance		1,469	1,536
Branch expenses (ECC)		75	0
Miscellaneous inc. compliance		1,327	858
Total expenditure		<u>27,902</u>	<u>37,055</u>
Deficit		<u>(11,080)</u>	<u>(18,313)</u>

The Pendle Conservative Association
Balance Sheet
As at 31st December 2022

	£ 2022	£ 2021
Current assets		
Cash in Association bank accounts and in hand	15,825	26,905
Total current assets	<u>15,825</u>	<u>26,905</u>
 Financed by: -		
Accumulated fund	26,905	45,218
Deficit for year	(11,080)	(18,313)
Total funds	<u>15,825</u>	<u>26,905</u>

The accounts were approved by the executive on 23rd February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

David Brown
Registered Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2022

1. Accounting Policies. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and guidance issued by the Electoral Commission. For 2022, we continued with a cash accounting basis for simplicity.
2. Fundraising Events. The event reflected in the accounts was held at Trawden Show.
3. Rental Income. For 2022, the upstairs office has been rented to Andrew Stephenson, MP at a rent of £1500 per quarter. The final quarter's rent in respect of the year ended 31st December 2020 was received at the commencement of January 2021 thus giving a rental income for the accounting year ended 31st December 2021 on a cash basis of £7,500.
4. We fully comply with Electoral Commission rules and all notifiable donations are reported as required.

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