

SKIPTON & RIPON CONSERVATIVES

Statement of Accounts

Statement Date: 31 December 2023

1. Statement of Accounts: accruals accounting

Administrative information	
Registered address	
4 Matthew Parker St, London, SW1H 9HQ	
Elected Representatives (ie MP, councillors if applicable)	
Name	Position
Julian Smith	MP
S Myers	County Councillor
R Foster	County Councillor
D Staveley	County Councillor
N Hull	County Councillor
N Brown	County Councillor
D Ireton	County Councillor
Responsible Officers	
For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:	
Name	Position
[REDACTED]	Chair
[REDACTED]	Deputy Chair
Nathan Hull	Deputy Chair
Victoria Oldham	Treasurer
Political activities	
Overview of political activities	
<p>The main political event of 2023 was our North Yorkshire County Council (NYC) by-election in the Masham & Fountains Division in February which we fought hard to win but unfortunately lost. This was an important election for us to win as our Conservative majority on NYC was dwindling.</p> <p>Further North Yorkshire Council by-elections were held throughout 2023 with mixed fortunes, winning one but losing the others.</p>	

In April 2023 an Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee was held where Julian Smith CBE MP was readopted by the Skipton & Ripon Conservative Association to stand once again as our Candidate at the next General Election. This will be the 5th General Election Campaign that Julian has fought and we will need to provide our support to him this time around, more than ever before.

During 2023 the Boundary Commission created a new Parliamentary Constituency of Wetherby & Easingwold that will return its first MP at the next General Election. This has also meant that the new Association has now been formed and the majority of the Newby and Wathvale Division is no longer within the Skipton & Ripon Constituency and, as such, we have lost Nick Brown as a NYC Councillor to the new constituency together with a large number of our members.

North Yorkshire Councillor Keane Duncan was selected as our Candidate for the York & North Yorkshire Mayoral Election that is to be held in May 2024 and we have provided support to him through numerous canvassing and leafletting days organised throughout our own Constituency Area.

Many hours of hard campaigning await us in 2024.

Branches

Masham
Mid Craven
Newby and Wathvale
Nidderdale and Washburn
North Craven
Ripon and District
Skipton and District
South Craven
Wharfedale
Skipton Ladies Luncheon Club

Financial Activities
Income overview
<p>Income</p> <p>The total income for the year was significantly down, though the net fundraising income was increased.</p> <p>A special thank you must go to our donors, without whose generosity would have meant an even larger shortfall in our finances.</p>
Expenditure overview
<p>Office and staff cost increases were significant, and steps have been taken to reduce both.</p> <p>One unsuccessful bye-election was fought following the sad passing of one of our members and sitting North Yorkshire Councillors, Margaret Atkinson which incurred costs, but overall campaigning costs were much lower this year as might be expected.</p> <p>Unfortunately, it was not financially possible to repay the whole of the loan repayment that was due in the year, or the Corporation Tax that was payable, so additional interest costs have been incurred.</p>
Continuing expenditure
Additional investment
Balance sheet overview
<p>Our bankers closed our accounts in October, 2023, and a new account was opened in March 2024 after much form filling and procrastination.</p> <p>This made the paying of bills and wages especially difficult, with a lot more activity reflected in the balance sheet than would normally be the case. The patience shown by [REDACTED] in waiting for her salary payments and also in paying creditors from personal funds is to be commended, (Full repayment has been made following the opening of the new account).</p>
Accounting notes
Accruals accounting
<p>These accounts have been prepared using the accruals accounting method, the same as last year.</p>

Income and Expenditure Account			
	Note	2023	2022
Income			
Membership	1	8955	8943
Affiliations	2	0	0
Donations	3	11734	25899
Branch Income	4	4687	7085
Fundraising income	5	14480	5483
Investment income	6	65	3
Transfers in	7	0	0
Property and rental income/Office services	8	7500	7548
Miscellaneous	9	935	2055
Branch Donations	4	(900)	(1200)
Total income		47456	55816
Expenditure			
Premises	-	2071	451
Office costs	-	14592	9249
Travel costs	-	393	526
Branch Expenditure	4	4060	5512
Staff costs	10	16606	13580
Transfers out	7	0	0
Campaigning costs	-	2773	18158
Fundraising Costs	5	3707	1613
Financing charges and taxation	11	3411	2849
Depreciation	12	1079	1105
Miscellaneous	9	0	0
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	16	0	0
Total expenditure		48692	53043
Deficit/surplus		(1236)	2773

Balance Sheet			
	Note	2023	2022
Fixed assets			
Property	12	5381	5381
Improvements to property	12	37304	38151
Fixtures and fittings	12	2093	2325
Computer	6	0	0
Other investments	6	0	0
Total fixed assets		44778	45857
Current assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	6	11462	26853
Stock	13	0	0
Debtors and Prepayments	14	24855	911
Total current assets		36317	27764
Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals		18438	7246
Loans outstanding	15	32518	35000
Total liabilities		50956	42246
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)		30139	31375
Reserves			
Accumulated fund at start of year		31375	28602
Adjustment creditors last year		0	0
Deficit/surplus		(1236)	2773
Accumulated fund at end of year		30139	31375
Asset Revaluation Reserve		0	0
Other funds		0	0
Total Reserves		30139	31375

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Membership

Description	2023	2022
Membership fees received directly by the accounting unit.	4337	4418
Membership fees received via/paid to the central party	4618	4525
Total Membership	8955	8943

Note 2: Affiliations

Affiliate	2023	2022
<i>Not applicable to the Conservative Party</i>	0	0
Total	0	0

Note 3: Donations

Donations	2023		2022	
	Cash	Non Cash	Cash	Non Cash
Received by Skipton & Ripon Constituency	11734	0	24899	0
Etc				
Total	11734	0	24899	0

During the year the unit had donations totalling £3,900 (last year £9,276) that were **reportable to the Electoral Commission**, ie that were over £1,500 from the same donor in the year.

The total donation figure shown under income above is greater than this because of donations received that were below the PPERA reporting threshold.

Note 4: Branch Income and Expenditure

	2023			2022		
	Income	Of which: paid to assoc as quota	Expend	Income	Of which: paid to assoc as quota	Expend
North Craven	0	0	0	1371	200	920
Mid Craven	5	0	0	0	0	0
Skipton & District	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Craven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wharfedale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Masham	0	0	0	234	0	0
Nidderdale & Washburn	0	400	61	0	0	0
Newby & Wathvale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ripon & District	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skipton LLC	4682	500	3999	5480	1000	4196
Total	4687	(900)	4060	7085	(1200)	5116

Note 5: Fundraising Income and Expenditure

	Income	Expenditure
<i>Functions</i>	14480	3707
<i>200 Club</i>	1189	0
Total	17305	3707

Note 6: Investment Income

	2023		2022	
Investment Income from Fixed Assets and Other Investments				
	Value as at 31/12/23	Dividend Received	Value as at 31/12/22	Dividend Received
Share Holdings	0		0	
Capital Gain/ (Loss)				

	2023			2022		
Trust Property	Net Asset Value of Trust as 31/12/23	Value of Holding	Income Rec'd	Net Asset Value of Trust as 31/12/22	Value of 50% Holding	Income Rec'd
Name of Trust	0			0		

Investment income from current assets:				
Bank Accounts	Balance as at 31/12/23	Interest Received	Balance as at 31/12/22	Interest Received
Barclays	0	65	13317	3
Others	11462		13536	
Total	11462	65	26853	3

Note 7: Transfers

Transfer From/To	Purpose of Transfer	Amount	
		Incoming	Outgoing
Total		0	0

Note 8: Property and rental income/Office services

Source	2023	2022
Rent received	7500	7548
Total	7500	7548

Note 9: Miscellaneous Income Expenditure

	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Miscellaneous	935	0	2055	0
Total	935	0	2055	0

Note 10: Salary Costs

	2023	2022
Salary Costs	16259	13436
National Insurance/Social Security Costs	347	144
Training costs	0	0
Total	16606	13580
	2023	2022
Number of staff	1	1
Average Cost	16606	13580

Note 11: Financing charges and taxation

	2023	2022
Loan interest	1986	1415
Taxation	1425	1434
Total	3411	2849

Note 12 Fixed Assets

Asset Cost	Property	Imprmnt To Prop	Fixtures and Fittings	IT Equipment	Total
Balance B/fwd (A)	5381	42340	6601	1051	55373
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
Balance C/fwd (B)	5381	42340	6601	1051	55373

Depreciation	Property	Imprmnt To Prop	Fixtures and Fittings	IT Equipmen t	Total
	N/A	2%SL	10% reducing balance	Straight Line over 3 years	
Balance B/fwd (C)	-	4189	4276	1051	9516
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	847	232	-	1079
Balance C/fwd (D)	-	5036	4508	1051	10595

Net Book Value B/fwd(A-C)	5381	38151	2325	-	45857
Net Book Value C/fwd(B-D)	5381	37304	2093	-	44778

Note 13 Stock

	2023	2022
Opening Balance	0	0
Movements		
Increase		
Decrease		
Closing Balance	0	0

Note 14 Debtors and Pre-Payments

Description	2023	2022
Sundry Debtors	23944	0
Prepayments	911	911
Total	24855	911

Note 15: Loans


	2023	2022
Outstanding amount at start of year	35000	40000
Capital Repayment	2482	5000
New loans or mortgages	0	0
Outstanding amount at end of year	32518	35000

Note 16: Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets


Item	NBV at Date of Disposal	Sale Proceeds	Profit/(Loss) on Disposal
Total	-	-	-

Declarations

I confirm that the above Statement of Accounts has been prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Electoral Commission and is correct to the best of my knowledge. In addition I confirm that these accounts have been approved by the Executive Council:

Signature	Position	Date
	Chairman/ Registered Treasurer (or deputy)	28/3/24

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 2023 together with the underlying accounting records and confirm that the accounts are in accordance therewith.

Signature	Position	Date
	Independent verifier	28/3/24