

RUSHCLIFFE 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
Ruth Edwards	MP
C/Cllr R A Adair	Nottinghamshire County Council
C/Cllr M Barney	
C/Cllr R L Butler	
C/Cllr J N Clarke	
C/Cllr J E Cottee	
C/Cllr R G Upton	
C/Cllr D G Wheeler	
C/Cllr J G A Wheeler	
Cllr M Barney	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Cllr A Brennan	
Cllr N A Brown	
Cllr R L Butler	
Cllr J N Clarke	
Cllr C M Combellack	
Cllr J E Cottee	
Cllr A Edyvean	
Cllr S Ellis	Leader of the Council
Cllr R Inglis	
Cllr D J Mason	
Cllr P Matthews	
Cllr H Om	
Cllr H Parekh	
Cllr A Phillips	
Cllr D R Soloman	
Cllr R G Upton	
Cllr D Virdi	

Cllr R F Walker	
Cllr A Wells	
Cllr D G Wheeler	
Cllr J G A Wheeler	

Responsible Officers

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:

Name	Position
C/Cllr J N Clarke	Chairman and Registered Treasurer
Mrs J A Smith	Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Registered Treasurer

Political activities

Overview of political activities

We continued to fight the Borough Election Campaign, which we started in September 2022. We fielded candidates in each of the 44 seats, and were pleased to retain control of the Council, with 25 seats. 3 of these represent a part of Rushcliffe that is now in the Newark Constituency. We fought these elections on the basis of new boundaries and 5 of our councillors retired. Overall, we lost 5 seats - 3 to Labour and 2 to Independents, one of whom stood in Cotgrave where he had been leader of the Labour Party! We took one seat from the Lib Dems.

Branches

Barton & Thrumpton
 Costock & Rempstone
 East Leake
 Gotham
 Kingston, Ratcliffe & West Leake
 West Bridgford West
 Edwalton Coffee Club
 Rushcliffe 200 Competition
 Rushcliffe Patrons Club
 Rushcliffe CPF

Financial Activities

We spent more than £29k on the Borough Elections. With the 2022 spend, the total was around £40k, but the RBC Conservative Councillors' Political Fund contributed £20k in 2022. We were pleased with the results. The Council is 50 years old this year and has always been controlled by the Conservatives. RBC

is still debt-free, has the lowest Council Tax in the county, and is in the lowest 10% nationally.
<p>Subscriptions are down 15% on 2022, with a few still coming in locally at the old rate of £25. Our Deputy Chairman - Membership is busy contacting these members to ask them to pay the additional amounts.</p> <p>Repairs and maintenance costs amounted to £3560, which covered boiler maintenance, PAT testing, Mains testing and a HIVE Start being fitted to the Combi Boiler to keep better control of our heating costs.</p> <p>We are still waiting for the two areas of flat roof to be replaced, which we have been promised will be done this spring/summer. We have reserved an additional £5000 for this work, as we are advised that the fire escape may need some alterations as well</p>
Expenditure overview
Continuing expenditure
<p>We purchased the marked registers, and the information has been inputted on VoteSource. Our officers have been busy negotiating new contracts with utilities suppliers to reduce future costs, particularly for telephone and broadband and gas and electricity.</p>
Additional investment
None.
Balance sheet overview
<p>The balance sheet is virtually the same as that for 2022, being down by only 0.49%, which given our expenditure on the Borough Elections is a very satisfactory outcome. The available cash is also very similar, being down by £149. The occupants of Rushcliffe House are as stated in 2022.</p>
Accounting notes
Accruals or Cash accounting - Changed?
<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	9,018	10,601
Affiliations	2		
Donations	3	805	21,095
Branch Income	4	19,225	18,116
Fundraising income	5	6,972	6,595
Investment income	6		
Transfers in	7	745	
Property and rental income/Office services	8	21,900	21,900
Miscellaneous	9	1,286	481
Total income		59,951	78,787
Expenditure			
Premises	-	3,560	30,613
Office costs	-	7,338	5,770
Branch Expenditure	4	10,258	5,366
Staff costs	10		
Transfers out	7		
Campaigning costs	-	31,412	10,614
Fundraising Costs	5	2,925	3,613
Financing charges and taxation	11	4,845	4,072
Depreciation	12	1,005	1,005
Miscellaneous	9	295	413
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	16		
Total expenditure		61,638	61,466
Deficit/surplus		-1,687	17,322

Balance Sheet			
	Note	2023	2022
Fixed assets			
Property	12	241,348	241,348
Fixtures and fittings	12	5,028	6,033
Office equipment	12		
Investment property	6		
Other investments	6	356	356
Total fixed assets		246,732	247,737
Current assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	6	113,365	113,499
Stock	13		
Debtors and Prepayments	14	400	324
Total current assets		113,765	113,823
Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals		-11,341	-10,717
Loans outstanding	15		
Total liabilities		-11,341	-10,717
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)		349,156	350,843
Reserves			
Accumulated fund at start of year		194,899	177,577
Deficit/surplus		-1,687	17,322
Accumulated fund at end of year		193,212	194,899
Asset Revaluation Reserve		155,944	155,944
Other funds			
Total Reserves		349,156	350,843

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Membership

Description	2023	2022
Membership fees received directly by the accounting unit.	1,630	2,134
Membership fees received via/paid to the central party	7,388	8,467
Total Membership	9,018	10,601

Note 2: Affiliations

Affiliate	2023	2022
Not applicable to the Conservative Party		
Total		

Note 3: Donations

Donations	2023		2022	
	Cash	Non Cash	Cash	Non Cash
Donations under £1500	805		21,095	
Total	805		21,905	

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
Branches	5,643	3,500	3,444	3,873	3,148	0
Patrons	10,020	0	4,862	10,380	0	3,985
200 Club	3,562	0	1,952	3,863	0	1,381
Total	19,225	3,500	10,258	18,116	3,148	5,366

Note 5: Fundraising Income and Expenditure

	Income	Expenditure
Suella Braverman Dinner	4,711	2,424
Ruth Edwards - Party for Fighting Fund	1,724	0
Party for Fighting Fund	745	0
Deposit for Chairman's Dinner 01.03.24		400

PayPal Fees		48
Items for Auction		52
Total	7,228	2,924

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	356		356	
Capital Gain/(Loss)	Not realised		Not realised	

	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						

Investment income from current assets:				
Bank Accounts	Balance as at 31/12/23	Interest Received	Balance as at 31/12/22	Interest Received
Association	29,442	0	32,626	0
Branches	4,906	0	8,624	0
Patrons Club	56,845	0	51,688	0
200 Club	22,172	0	20,562	0
Total	113,365	0	113,499	0

Note 7: Transfers

Transfer From/To	Purpose of Transfer	Amount	
		Incoming	Outgoing
	Monies raised by MP and paid into RCA Account, pending the opening of separate Fighting Fund Account.	745	
Total		745	

Note 8: Property and rental income/Office services

Source	2023	2022
Tenant	12,000	12,000
MP's Office	9,900	9,900
Total	21,900	21,900

Note 9: Miscellaneous Income Expenditure

	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
	1,286	295	481	413
Total	1,286	295	481	413

Note 10: Salary Costs

	2023	2022
Salary Costs	0	0
National Insurance/Social Security Costs	0	0
Training costs	0	0
Total	0	0
	2023	2022
Number of staff	0	0
Average Cost	0	0

Note 11: Financing charges and taxation

	2023	2022
Corporation Tax	4845	4072
Total	4845	4072

Note 12 Fixed Assets

Asset Cost	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	IT Equipment	Total
Balance B/fwd (A)	241,348	10,048		251,396
Additions				
Disposals				
Revaluation				
Balance C/fwd (B)	241,348	10,048		251,396

Depreciation	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	IT Equipment	Total
	N/A	Straight Line over 10 years	Straight Line over Y years	
Balance B/fwd (C)	-	4,015		4,015
Disposals	-			
Charge for the year	-	1,005		1,005
Balance C/fwd (D)	-	5,020		5,020

Net Book Value B/fwd(A-C)	241,348	6,033		247,381
Net Book Value C/fwd(B-D)	241,348	5,028		246,376

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
Pre-Payments		
Deposit paid for Chairman's Dinner 01.03.24	400	0
Debtors		
Central Subscriptions	622	

Total	1,022	0
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Note 15: Loans


	2023	2022
Outstanding amount at start of year	0	0
Capital Repayment	0	0
New loans or mortgages	0	0
Outstanding amount at end of year	0	0

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

Item	NBV at Date of Disposal	Sale Proceeds	Profit/(Loss) on Disposal
Total	0	0	0


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
	Deputy Registered Treasurer	13-03-24

Jean Smith

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	13/03/24