

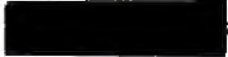
WEST BERKSHIRE CONSERVATIVES

Newbury Accounting Unit

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	
Name	Position
Laura Farris	MP
Paul Hearn	Chairman
Pip Witheridge	Deputy Chairman Membership & Fundraising
Dominic Boeck	Deputy Chairman Political & Campaigning
Archna Datta	Officer
Robert Carter Shaw	Officer
Paul Masters	Honorary Treasurer
Howard Woollaston	Officer
Responsible Officers	
For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:	
Name	Position
Paul Hearn	Chairman and Registered Treasurer
	Honorary Treasurer and Deputy Registered Treasurer
Political activities	
Overview of political activities	
Political activities in 2023.	
Local elections for West Berkshire Council in May. Early in the year our activity was focused on the West Berkshire Council elections. We strongly believe that West Berkshire is a more prosperous, greener, safer place because it had been led by	

Conservative administrations without interruption since 2005 - all providing good services that meet the needs of residents, while offering value for money for council tax payers. We therefore worked hard in challenging times to ensure this success continued. Unfortunately against a difficult national backdrop we were unsuccessful in retaining control of the council, particularly disappointing given that since we took over the Council we are ranked by several studies in the top ten counties in the country.

Preparing for the upcoming general election.

It is vital that we retain our MP in the upcoming election so we have been working hard in preparation, fundraising recruiting a dedicated campaign manager, planning the campaign and gearing up.

Branches

Thatcham Town Branch
Newbury Branch

Financial Activities

Income overview

Membership income has dipped in recent years and membership has declined further this year in part due to losing part of the constituency to Mid Berks. On the other hand rental income on our investment properties has held up.

A lot of work has been put into fundraising to pay for our new campaign manager and to build a fighting fund for the general election

Expenditure overview

Expenditure was up this year as we campaigned in the local council election, there was also some planned refurbishment and equipment replacement in the office

Additional investment

NONE

Balance sheet overview

Our balance sheet remains strong with the investment properties we hold representing the bulk of our assets.

Accounting notes

These accounts have been prepared using the accruals accounting method.

Income and Expenditure Account			
	Note	2023	2022
Income			
Membership	1	38248	45890
Affiliations	2	-	-
Donations	3	2003	2894
Branch Income	4	120	120
Fundraising income	5	8450	4993
Investment income	6	1082	46
Transfers in	7	-	-
Property and rental income/Office services	8	30124	29720
Miscellaneous	9	-	-
Fighting Fund	5	9672	-
Total income		89699	83663
Expenditure			
Premises	-	7116	3182
Office costs	-	20901	10902
Branch Expenditure	4	-	5
Staff costs	10	47449	31568
Transfers out	7	5672	-
Campaigning and political costs	-	37462	5323
Fundraising Costs	5	849	6820
Financing charges and taxation	11	3383	3800
Depreciation	12	-	-
Miscellaneous	9	-	-
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	16	-	-
Investment property costs		13134	9973
Total expenditure		135966	71573
Deficit/surplus		(46267)	12090

Balance Sheet			
	Note	2023	2022
Fixed assets			
Property	12	-	-
Fixtures and fittings	12	-	-
Office equipment	12	-	-
Investment property	6	458227	458227
Other investments	6	-	-
Total fixed assets		458227	458227
Current assets			
Cash in hand and at bank	6	75623	45340
Stock	13	-	-
Debtors and Prepayments	14	10827	68247
Total current assets		86450	113587
Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals		27279	8149
Loans outstanding	15	-	-
Total liabilities		27279	8149
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)		517398	563665
Reserves			
Accumulated fund at start of year		563665	551575
Deficit/surplus		(46267)	12090
Accumulated fund at end of year		517398	563665
Asset Revaluation Reserve		-	-
Other funds		-	-
Total Reserves		517398	563665

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1: Membership

Description	2023	2022
Membership fees received directly by the accounting unit.	29703	39516
Membership fees received via/paid to the central party	8545	6374
Total Membership	38248	45890

Note 2: Affiliations

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

Note 3: Donations

Donations	2023		2022	
	Cash	Non Cash	Cash	Non Cash
Received by West Berkshire	2003		2894	
Total	2003		2894	

During the year the unit had donations totalling £24,500 that were reportable to the Electoral Commission, ie that were over £1,500 from the same donor in the year. These are included in these accounts under the Fighting Fund, Fundraising income and also Prepayments.

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
Kintbury			-			5
Newbury Town Cons	120			120		
Total	120		-	120		5

Note 5: Fundraising Income and Expenditure

	Income	Expenditure
Campaign manager fund	8450	849
Total	8450	849
	Income	Expenditure
Fighting fund	9672	-
Total	9672	-

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	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Gain/ (Loss)					

	2023			2022		
Investment Property	Net Asset Value as at 31/12/23	Value of Holding	Income Rec'd	Net Asset Value as at 31/12/22	Value of Holding	Income Rec'd
WBCA Trustees	458227	458227	30124	458227	458227	29720

Investment income from current assets:				
Bank Accounts	Balance as at 31/12/23	Interest Received	Balance as at 31/12/22	Interest Received
Cash at bank	75623	1021	45340	46
Payroll deposit	7500	61	4500	0
Total	83123	1082	49840	46

Note 7: Transfers

Transfer From/To	Purpose of Transfer	Amount	
		Incoming	Outgoing
Mid Berks association	Transfer of assets due to boundary change.	0	5672
Total		0	5672

Note 8: Property and rental income/Office services

Source	2023	2022
Property rental	30124	29720
Total	30124	29720

Note 9: Miscellaneous Income Expenditure

	2023		2022	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Note 10: Salary Costs

	2023	2022
Salary Costs	45576	30450
Pension costs	1873	1118
Total	47449	31568
	2023	2022
Number of staff	1	1
Average Cost	47449	31568

Note 11: Financing charges and taxation

	2023	2022
Taxation	3383	3800
Total	3383	3800

Note 12 Fixed Assets

Asset Cost	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	IT Equipment	Total
Balance B/fwd (A)	-	0	3000	3000
Additions	-			
Disposals	-			
Revaluation	-			
Balance C/fwd (B)	-	0	3000	3000

Depreciation	Property	Fixtures and Fittings	IT Equipment	Total
		Straight Line over 1 years	Straight Line over 1 years	
Balance B/fwd (C)	0	0	3000	3000
Disposals		0	0	
Charge for the year		0	0	
Balance C/fwd (D)	0	0	3000	3000

Net Book Value B/fwd(A-C)	0	0	0	0
Net Book Value C/fwd(B-D)	0	0	0	0

Note 13 Stock

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

Note 14 Debtors and Pre-Payments

Description	2023	2022
Pre-Payments		
Rent	1200	1200
Debtors		
Royal Mail rebate	-	433
Event Cheques	-	425
Membership	-	100

Donation	-	350
CCHQ membership	470	599
Flat Reserve	640	640
CCHO deposit	-	60000
██████████ payroll deposit	7500	4500
PAYE/ NIC debtor	1017	-
Total	10827	68247

Note 15: Loans

	2023	2022
Outstanding amount at start of year	0	0
Capital Repayment	-	-
New loans or mortgages	-	-
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
██████████	Registered Treasurer	28.03.24

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	28.03.24