

Gloucestershire Local History Association

Annual General Meeting: Monday 15th June 2026

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Annual Accounts of the Association for the year ending 31st March 2026. This report refers to and should be read in conjunction with the document containing the Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year and the Balance Sheet, showing the financial assets and liabilities of the Association at the end of the year, that has been sent to you separately.

Income & Expenditure

It was a relatively quiet year from a financial point of view this year, with no major event, such as a Local History Day, as there was last year. Total income for the year amounted to £1,010, made up of membership subscriptions, donations and interest paid on our bank deposit account. Total expenditure for the year amounted to £732, which included the annual Bryan Jerrard Award prizes (sponsored by The History Press), website support costs, the costs related to our quarterly Members' Forum meetings, the purchase of a roller banner to promote the Association at future events, and insurance costs. This resulted in a surplus of £278 being recorded this year.

Balance Sheet

At the end of the previous financial year, 31st March 2025, the Association's funds, in total, amounted to £2,974. With the surplus of £278 generated this year, that figure had increased to £3,252 by 31st March 2026. With the exception of two relatively small amounts, shown in the accounts, representing an outstanding debt of £100 owed to the Association at the year end, payment of which was not received until May 2026, and prepayments, amounting to £161, relating to advance payment of website support costs for periods beyond 31st March 2026, the funds were held in two bank accounts.

Membership

We were sorry to see three of our previous member groups deciding not to renew their membership of the Association this year: Friends of Purton, Gloucestershire Gardens & Landscape Trust and Stroud & District Learner's Circle. However, we did have the pleasure of welcoming a new member group - Hucclecote and Brockworth Local History Group – so the overall membership figure actually only dropped by 2 this year, from 56 to 54 groups.

Donations

We are most grateful to The History Press for continuing to sponsor the annual Bryan Jerrard Award and for agreeing this year to increase the sponsorship amount from £90 to £100. We would also like to thank those member groups and supporters of the Association, namely Forest of Dean Local History Society, Gloucestershire Archives, The Gloucestershire Branch of the Historical Association, Nailsworth Society Local History Research Group, Tidenham Historical Group and Terry Moore-Scott, for their kind donations in addition to their annual membership subscriptions.

Independent Examination of the Annual Accounts

Finally, I would like to thank Sue Brown who, ever since the formation of the Association in 2012, has very kindly volunteered each year to undertake the role of Independent Examiner of the Association's financial accounts. Her work and the advice she has given over the years has been very helpful and has been much appreciated. I propose that, with the agreement of this Annual General Meeting, we invite her to continue in her role as Independent Examiner for the coming year.

David Scriven