

CPHS Treasurer's Report, Year ending January 31st 2026

Points to note on our income and expenditure are:

- We still have money in the bank from the flood claim. The £772 was spent on replacing stock. 30 copies of each of our WW1 books were reprinted and a movable storage bookcase was built.
- The membership and 100 Club income was up thanks to last year's very successful AGM when Marion Langston, our chair, spoke on Carlisle and WW2.
- Sales and Research covers the cost of printing our new WW2 book and the cost of a portable voice recorder. The initial cost of printing the book written by Marion has now been covered and all subsequent income will go straight into our funds. (Over 50 in stock)
- We continue to be fortunate in the support given to us by the community e.g. Choices gave us a donation of £500 and visitors to the Heritage Centre from home and abroad. Some lucky 100 Club prizewinners donated their money. Also donations to CPHS for talks given by Marion and myself came to £150.
- Electricity is again high but less than last year. We have had a smart meter installed but I don't know how smart it is! We had a high bill in the summer and the latest bill was a refund. Perhaps next year will give us a truer picture.
- The insurance and website costs show a slight increase.
- Remembrance Day costs are the newspaper notices as per Sir Angus Grossart's Bequest and for a poppy wreath which we lay in the Market.
- The closing balance is almost £2500 down on last year. To summarise why- Over £1000 is spent each year from the Sir Angus restricted fund; some of the insurance income in our account was spent (we have about £750 left for more joinery work); we printed a book which will generate income revenue as will all our other stock.
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I would like to close with the suggestion that an increase in membership fees be discussed next year.