

HADDINGTON'S HISTORY SOCIETY

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Treasurer's Report

This year's accounts look a bit different from previous year's accounts.

Firstly, we launched our **guide** booklet "A walk through history in the Royal Burgh of Haddington" last April and it has been selling steadily throughout the year. We were able to develop and print the first two editions of the guide thanks to a grant from Haddington and Lammermuir Area Partnership and Haddington and District Community Council. This was administered by Friends of the John Gray Centre and so these costs do not form part of our accounts. The sales have given us just over £1000 so far to support the Society's projects and we have plenty in stock to raise future funds.

Secondly there are further **grants** to the Society for the archaeological investigation at Haddington House and for the event planned for October about Princess Thaney of Traprain.

I have been trying for the last couple of years to get the money in and out for the **outing** to be in the same financial year so that they balance each other. The amounts in these accounts are part of the 2025 outing costs so hopefully next year the monies in and out for the 2026 outing will balance.

The income from **tours** will vary from year to year as it is dependent on members organising tours and the number of people attending.

However, it is the regular income and expenditure that determines the health of the society.

Membership is up slightly

Donations from guests at meetings are up. Our increased presence on social media, the website and lots of posters have increased the number of visitors at our meetings. Hopefully many of them will become members.

This year I have itemised the insurance cost. Last year it was part of miscellaneous payments. We have changed provider and managed to reduce this cost from £150 to £90 per year.

The income from membership and guests adequately covers the cost of meetings, speakers and other essentials so we can keep the cost of membership the same for another year.

John Hester
Treasurer
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