

Treasurer's Report on the 2021 Accounts

I ended the 2020 season's report with "Hopefully, as the vaccine gets rolled out through the spring and summer, we'll be able to enjoy something a little closer to a normal season, this year!" and even though we still couldn't have a proper cricket tea and often had to change outside, 2021 was at least a little more akin a normal cricket season. And that is reflected in our accounts with the club returning a healthy surplus for the year. Although this is, in part, due to some transactions that hadn't strictly been received by the year end itself but are included because they related to the 2021 season.

Using Wisborough Green Sports to collect subs via the Club House App and using SumUp card readers to collect match fees has made collection much easier. We have also been particularly fortunate with our generous sponsors and congratulations should go to Steve for all the work he has done in managing to persuade a number of local business owners to continue supporting the club.

We also managed to have a pretty full Juniors' season as well, which also plays a significant part in the health of the club's finances. Thank you to all those responsible for ensuring all the colts fees are collected so effectively. The only disappointment was that we were unable to send anyone on colts coaching courses this year.

Unsurprisingly, there is again no Social Event or BBQ income this year. Hopefully, this will change next year. And for the record, the very successful end of season dinner held in November, is not included in this year's accounts.

Two big areas of expense of note, playing equipment and Ground expenses. Last year very little was renewed and with new sponsors this year, it meant that new playing kit had to be purchased, though going forward I hope that our coaching costs are higher and kit purchases lower otherwise we're in danger of being known for having "all the gear, but no idea"! Ground expenses are higher because this year we paid a third party to come and work on the green weekly, costing us an extra £2,700. This will probably need to continue and needs to be borne in mind for the future. There was also one one-off payment of £2,500 made by the club as our contribution towards the development of the green. Something the cricket club should significantly benefit from.

So, all in all a surplus of £2,284 for the year and a healthy development fund to ensure the club keeps moving forward in the future.

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