

Treasurers Report 2025 AGM

The income for the past year was the largest the club has ever had, with increases over last year for subscriptions, night tickets, fish fund and guest tickets, which are our main sources of income. In addition, we received a significant grant from the EA for the work that has been undertaken at Roost Hole over the past couple of years thanks to Barry's work in making the application. The only areas which produced lower income was the Billingshurst share of the rent at BSA, this was because there was a delay in billing us, which meant the request for the rent to Billingshurst was also late and the payment from them was received after the accounts closed for 2024-5.

Despite the increase in revenue of £3,246 compared with last year, the surplus for this year was almost £5000 less than last year. This is due to a large amount of work carried out on the fisheries, this is itemised on the accounts into 'projects' carried out on Roost Hole, at Sun Oak (largely paid for by Natural England) and Birchenbridge. The cost of the Birchenbridge and Roost Hole projects does not include the cost of the fish surveys and health checks undertaken earlier this year, as the bill for these was not received until after the accounts closed.

Following the issue with the dam at Fox Hole, from an accounting point of view the costs involved are being itemised separately to general fishery management, although the cost for 2024-5 is relatively small. The cost of general fishery management dropped by approximately £1,800 compared with the previous year, but this is largely due to much of the work undertaken being categorised into projects. The only other significant outgoing this year when compared with last, was for fish stocking.

As there was a small surplus this year, and considering the large amount of work organised by Lee, Tony and Tom, the committee has decided to keep subscriptions at the same level as last year. This may change next year depending on what happens at Fox Hole with the remedial work required to the dam.

Ray Smallwood

Hon. Treasurer