SDG Treasurer/ Membership Report

AGM 14th December 2024

During 2024 we generated income of £2,817 This was a combination of membership and meeting fees with a small amount from book sales at the Ronald Hutton evening in November. Our total expenditure was £2,573.01 In addition to the usual expenses for the hire of the venue, printing costs, speaker fees, meeting expenses, insurance and BSD affiliation fees, we have invested in a speaker and microphone and a pointer. We have also incurred fees for Eventbrite (Ronald Hutton November 2024) and Square (electronic payments). We invested in a new website www.slimbridgedowsers.group, where members and friends can now keep in touch with upcoming meetings and events. Huge thanks to Rob Gerrish for turning that into a reality.

This gave us a surplus for the year of £243.99 and with funds brought forward from the previous year gave us total funds carried forward of £1,921.14.

With a full year of interesting talks already in the calendar, we hope to continue to attract new members in 2025 and continue to raise and spend funds for the education, benefit and enjoyment of our Slimbridge Dowsing community.

Meeting Fees remained at £5 for members and £7 for guests. Membership fees remain at £10 for the calendar year, reducing by 25% each quarter so that members joining in the last quarter pay £2.50 to take them to the end of the year. All memberships are due for renewal in January 2025

There are currently 60 members of the group and more than 140 on our newsletter mailing list. There are also 282 members of our Facebook Group. All of these communications are managed by Rob Gerrish.