

## Stoke Lodge Ramblers Accounts 2016-17

**As always, the bottom line ...**

Opening balances as at 30/09/2016	2015-16		2016-17	
	Opening	Closing	Opening	Closing
Nat West Current Account	314.63	144.63	144.63	254.63
Petty Cash	83.74	85.69	85.69	38.34
Stamps and labels	65.00	65.00	65.00	71.00
Unity Trust	1884.85	1764.79	1764.79	2038.83
<b>Total brought forward</b>	<b>2348.22</b>	<b>2060.11</b>	<b>2060.11</b>	<b>2402.80</b>

**Prepared by Sue Hazelden:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checked by Gill Carter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Treasurer's Report

It's good to report another healthy end of year balance, but sad that membership continues to fall, 87 by the end of the year. 7 of these were new members, with 5 deaths. The website and a free advert in various local publications have helped us find new members, but we'd welcome more ideas about how to find more walkers - especially if you can give some time to implementing them! My thanks to Sue O'Hara for helping with the website, and to Helen Palmer for producing a newsletter.

Having assured you that our subscription to the Ramblers would be in good order in 2016-17, you may feel that we have failed to live up to this! However we paid for 2016-17 in September 2016, and renewal is not due until November. We will definitely continue to support this national organisation. Our insurance comes free with our affiliation to HF.

Ramblers have continued to pay us a bonus from some members and friends booking holidays through them. These payments are put towards Club development, including this year some more maps and Hi-Vis vests for walks on gloomy winter afternoons.

We have not paid for another kissing gate this year but I hope we will do so next year, and we may also do more work on our website.

Our Christmas lunch at the Avon Gorge Hotel was attended by 47, fewer than in previous years. It was a very enjoyable occasion, and meant that when Peter Davey spoke at the Spring Social some of his slides of the hotel were slightly familiar to us. He gave a fascinating talk on the Clifton Rocks Railway, and we had hoped to make a visit in August. Sadly the railway was closed for a while, although it appears to have been open for Doors Open Day in September so we may be able to rearrange. Again, numbers for the social were low so we need to consider what sort of Spring social event to offer in future. Our thanks to Lorna Renshaw, Rosanne Carwardine and Margaret Ruse for their involvement in these events.

We were very fortunate in January 2017 to find a pub willing to feed whoever turned up on New Year's Day, and the Old Royal Ship was an excellent choice. Our thanks to Dick and Jenny Dennett for organising this and the walks. On New Year's Day 2018 Gordon and Wendy Wise have booked the Cromhall Royal Oak.

The 'self-guided' outing to Fladbury Open Gardens in July seems to have worked well, so big thanks to Gordon and Wendy for suggesting this. Because coach trips have become less popular, we plan a trip by train for 2018, with Exeter the likely destination.

The most recent special event was a guided walk around Arnos Vale Cemetery, with 21 people enjoying the 'Makers of Bristol' tour. Thanks to Margaret McGregor for organising this, and again we'd welcome ideas for similar visits.

It's clear from all this that we need support from members in order to survive, whether that's by leading walks, organising other events, or making suggestions, and by joining the committee. During the coming year I intend to hand on my responsibilities as Treasurer, and although we have a willing volunteer to take over from me (Liz Hall), I'm sure another money-minded person would also be welcome.

As previously, I'm showing 'What went out and came in', and 'Why we spent or received the money'. If there are any questions, I shall do my best to answer them.

Thanks as always to our committee, especially those who keep the show on the road by approving payments, and also to Gill Carter, who does a great job as Honorary Auditor and sorts out the little niggles for me.

What went out and came in	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	2015-16		2016-17		
Benefits (Ramblers Holidays / HF adverts)	70.00		0.00		0.00
Development (Hi-vis vests, maps)		482.54	30.00	46.99	-16.99
Catering (crockery, cutlery, wine etc)	34.00	183.87	51.95	163.17	-111.22
Events / Activities (AGM, Social, Christmas, Outing, Weekend)	12700.00	12952.57	11023.50	11151.90	-128.40
Bank Interest	1.80		0.00		0.00
Membership / Insurance (Ramblers Association)		120.50		0.00	0.00
Postage, Printing and Stationery (All printing, envelopes, labels, stamps etc)		184.88		103.80	-103.80
Subs (89 members)	864.00		720.00	8.00	712.00
Members' Welfare / Recognition (Gifts and cards)	223.95	257.50		14.90	-14.90
Transfers (between accounts)			176.00	170.00	6.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13893.75</b>	<b>14181.86</b>	<b>12001.45</b>	<b>11658.76</b>	<b>342.69</b>

Check: plus opening balance

2060.11

Closing balance

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Why we spent and received the money	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Last year	2016-17		
AGM 2016 (Hall hire, drinks)	35.00	152.27	-117.27
AGM 2017		0.00	0.00
Arnos Vale 2017	190.00	165.00	25.00
Christmas 2016 (47: meal and tip, raffle prizes)	-324.00	858.00	-5.70
Christmas 2017 (deposit)		100.00	-100.00
Clifton Rocks Railway 2017	30.00	30.00	0.00
Club resources (Hi-vis vests, maps)		46.99	-46.99
General (Subs, memberships)	720.00	49.92	670.08
Newsletters / Programmes (Printing newsletters, programmes, membership lists)		76.78	-76.78
Ramblers Benefits (funds must be used to develop walking)	30.00		30.00
Social 2017 (hall hire, speaker donation, drinks)	-20.00	141.45	-83.95
Transfers (between accounts)		176.00	6.00
Weekend 2016 (late adjustments)	235.01	270.00	-19.42
Weekend 2017		9551.00	27.73
Weekend 2018 (Overpayment b/f from 2017)		0.00	-75.00
<b>Total for 2016-17</b>	<b>-108.99</b>	<b>12001.45</b>	<b>233.70</b>

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Less last year

108.99

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