

RA Council Meeting Report

25 January 2022

EMMA HOWARD, RA CHAIR

RA Council meets quarterly and last met on January 25 via Zoom. Our first meeting of 2022 was attended by 13 Council members and three visitors, two of whom were appointed to Council at the meeting. Full minutes of all Council meetings are available on the RA's website: hgsra.uk.

RA Treasurer ran through preliminary results for 2021 which are published below.

Visitors Jonathan Waxman and Gren Manuel were voted in unanimously as new members of RA Council and time was spent hearing about the remit of the proposed new Environment Committee which was approved as a new standing committee of the RA of which Jonathan is the chair and Gren the secretary. You can read more in Gren's Committee Report opposite.

Maria Schlatter has been leading the RA's project to create a new community orchard in Lyttleton Playing Fields. This is now bearing fruit with planting of specially grafted fruit trees taking place on 5th March. You can read Maria's update on The Community Orchard on page 9.

Our Events committee hopes to host a summer event for Suburb residents to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. More information

will be provided in our monthly E Newsletter in due course. You need to be an RA member who has provided an email address to receive Suburb E News: you can join the RA via our website: hgsra.uk. If you are a member who has not provided an email address for contact purposes, please email membershipsec@hgsra.uk so we can update our membership records and you will then receive E News.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2021 was another year disrupted by Covid and while, unfortunately, events had to be cancelled, there was plenty else going on.

A new format for Suburb News was introduced that has proved very popular with advertisers, with advertising income increasing by £5000, while production and printing costs have been reduced substantially.

There was a further push to reduce costs during the year. The RA office in the Free Church has been replaced with a lower cost storage area, membership costs were reduced by £1,400 and the continued use of Zoom for meetings has reduced room hire costs. Membership decreased slightly from 1860 to 1811 but is still up from 2019, with a small drop of £440 in subscription income.

£7,600 was committed to new street tree planting with £1,000 of this coming from residents through a new tree sponsorship scheme, where residents contribute £250 and the RA contributes £150 for each new tree. Fruit trees and materials have been purchased for the new Henrietta Community Orchard with planting scheduled for March.

Grants were made of £10,000 to St. Jude's for repair work, £3,000 to Proms at St. Jude's, £500 to Fellowship Chamber Concerts, £1,375 to Northway Gardens Organisation and £911 for a new bench in Northway Gardens. £10,000 was used to match fund donations from residents for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. £68 subscription was paid to London Forum and £50 to Friends of Bigwood.

The year ended with net expenditure of £2,294 and reserves at £72,912.

RA FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2021(£)	2020(£)
INCOME		
Subscriptions	31,738	32,184
Contribution from Fellowship	2,058	2,029
Bank Interest	556	900
Advertising	24,137	19,200
Events Income	0	646
Room hire income	0	1,000
Other income	1,380	50
Total	59,869	56,009

EXPENDITURE

Membership, printing & post	6,625	8,059
Room & hall hire	1,194	2,349
Honoraria	1,234	1,377
Publications	17,024	23,195
Events	0	751
Suburb tree planting and maintenance	7,600	6,929
Grants	15,786	4,375
Roads & Traffic	0	151
Other expenditure	1,247	1,433
Bank charges	430	338
Henrietta's Orchard	1,023	364
Charitable Donations	10,000	26,000
Total	62,163	75,321
Loss/Surplus for the year	-2,294	-19,312

BALANCE SHEET

	2021(£)	2020(£)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	78,750	80,130
Debtors	5,049	2,939
Share in Orchard Housing Society	1	1
Total	83,800	83,070
Less current liabilities	10,888	7,864
Net current assets	72,912	75,206

REPRESENTED BY

Accumulated fund brought forward	75,206	85,039
Reversal of trees accrual	0	9,479
Deficit for the year	(2,294)	(19,312)
Total	72,912	75,206

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (a) The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis. (b) Members' subscriptions have been reconciled with the sums actually received during the year.

	2021(£)	2020(£)
2. COLLECTION FOR FELLOWSHIP		
Receipts	12,390	12,193
Less RA administrative fee	(2,058)	(2,029)
Net	10,332	10,164

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership at 31 December 2021 was 1,811 households compared to 1,860 at 31 December 2020.



Play your part in keeping our Suburb special

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association was formed over 100 years ago. Membership is open to all residents, and non-residents can join as associate members. With nearly 2,000 members, it has grown in strength to become a positive and powerful force on the Suburb, by:

- organising social and cultural events including fêtes, picnics and a New Year's Eve party •
- arranging open meetings for residents to express their views and pre-election political meetings •
 - maintaining and enhancing our environment and the character of the Suburb •
- representing member views by lobbying local councillors, politicians, planning authorities etc •
 - supporting local societies and voluntary organisations •
 - donating to various local charities including The Proms at St Jude's •
- producing the RA website, Suburb News & eNews, the Directory and the HGS List email group •
- giving access to the Master Tradespeople List: recommendations made by fellow Suburb members •
 - helping to keep the Suburb safe and engendering an inclusive community spirit •

Join the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association online at hgsra.uk/join (or post the form below)

Join the HGS Residents Association or renew your membership. (One subscription covers everyone at the address)

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Annual subscription amount (Minimum payment £15 per annum)£ _____

Fellowship donation* (Optional)£ _____

(To support Fellowship, a Suburb charity, in its work for Suburb senior citizens)

Total£ _____

* I declare by making this donation that I want to Gift Aid my donations to Fellowship House and am a UK taxpayer paying sufficient tax to meet the Gift Aid on my donation. I agree to Fellowship receiving my details for this purpose.

I wish to pay: (Delete the above declaration if you do not wish to Gift Aid your donation or do not pay sufficient tax)

by cheque (payable to HGS Residents Association). Please write your address on the back of the cheque.

by bank transfer to HGS Residents Association: Bank: HSBC Sort Code: 40-03-11 Acc. No: 91605747

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The Membership Secretary, HGS Residents Association, PO Box 67700, London NW11 1NS

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