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## **Postponement of Annual General Meeting, the Annual Lunch and the visit to Charleston**

Because of the worsening situation arising from the coronavirus pandemic and the expected government recommendations as to social distancing and self-quarantining for those over 70 and with underlying health issues, the Executive Committee of the Society has unanimously taken the decision to postpone the Annual General Meeting that was to be held on 1 May followed by the Annual Lunch at The Mermaid Inn.

Whilst we have only just sent out the newsletter giving details of these events, circumstances have changed so rapidly over the last few days that the Committee believes it has to take this unprecedented action. I hope all members will understand the need to ensure the health and well-being of everyone through this difficult time. The cancellation also applies to the visit to Charleston.

We hope that the postponement will be for only a few months and that we will resume with the AGM in September but this must depend on how the effect of the virus develops and on government recommendations. As the Annual Report serves as the notification of the AGM, we will not be able to publish it at this time, but will use its publication later in the year to communicate the resumption of the Society's public and social activities. It will be circulated so as to give the 21 days' notice of the meeting required by our constitution, which is silent on how to proceed in these unique and unfortunate times.

One of the most important elements of the Annual Report is the publication of the audited accounts and we therefore include these so that members are aware that we continue to look after their Society.

In the meantime the work of the Society in scrutinising planning applications and commenting on issues affecting Rye will continue and our comments will be published on the Society's website. David Bookless had taken charge of the website but, due to his illness, it now needs to be brought up to date, which is underway.

I am glad to report that David is now in Rye Memorial Hospital. Again we offer our thoughts to both him and Heather for a full recovery and to all our members the best of health in the months to come.

*Julian Luckett, Vice Chairman*

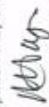
RYE CONSERVATION SOCIETY		Assets at 31.12.18		Assets at 31.12.18	
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019				£	
Assets at 31.12.19	£	Bank balance Lloyds TSB	22,738.65	Bank balance Lloyds TSB	22,738.65
Bank balance Lloyds TSB	21,083.06	Less debts (1)	134.00	Less debts (1)	134.00
Less debts (*)	43.92	Total Assets	22,604.65	Total Assets	22,604.65
Total assets	21,039.14				
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2019 AND 2018</b>					
Income	2019	2018		2019	2018
Events & outings	1,743.97	2,288.75	Events & Outings	1164.00	962.34
Subscriptions	1,127.00	1,159.00	Affiliation fees	174.00	174.00
Donations	00.00	50.00	Insurance	212.80	212.80
Gift Aid	171.08	207.97	Printing/Stationery	425.77	230.60
COIF Interest	00.00	00.00	Post/telephone	311.76	295.85
Sundry	00.00	00.00	Administration (website)	321.14	97.50
Bequest	00.00	283.17	AGM/Awards	1415.00	1547.57
			Sundries	503.25	345.84
Total Income	3,042.05	3,938.89	Total Expenditure	4527.72	3866.50
Income minus Expenditure			Income minus expenditure(1)	- 1485.67	+ 72.39
			(1) Uncashed cheque		

**Notes**

(1)Event1 in 2019 has been postponed to 2020 therefore expenditure made but no income until 2020, an EGM led to extra expenditure 3 donations were made in 2019

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 prepared by Hon. Treasurer, Mrs D J Hajjikakou

I have examined the income and expenditure accounts of the Rye Conservation Society for the year ended 31 December 2019 and have compared them with the books and vouchers supplied. In my opinion they are correct and in accordance.



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