



Treasurer & Membership Secretary's Report 2024

I attach the profit and loss account and the balance sheet for the Society's year ended 30 September 2024.

This shows a reduced loss this year of £737. That is due in part to the steep reduction in printing and postage costs. Postal charges in the UK have risen sharply in the past few years so the Society now sends its newsletter, *Bandersnatch*, to all members digitally. We will keep this under review but for the time being we continue to send a printed copy of *Bandersnatch* to members who have requested it.

This year we had an exceptional expenditure of £3,000 to buy a fibreglass ox, called 'Looking for Alice', that was previously part of a sculpture trail in Oxford. The cost was reduced by generous donations of £1,300 from some of our members for which we are extremely grateful. The Ox has been donated by the Society to Westgate Shopping Centre, Oxford. They will display it in the shopping centre with an acknowledgement that it is a gift from the Society. Westgate will assume ownership and all liability for the sculpture so I have shown this in the accounts as an in-year expense and not as a Society asset.

Our membership numbers are rising again after a drop during the pandemic and a slow down in renewals whilst we discussed winding up the Society which picked up when we agreed to continue.

UK	94
Europe	20
Rest of the world	60
Student (digital only)	1
Universities etc	19
Total	194