



**HORSHAM CRICKET CLUB**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT & EXPLANATORY NOTES TO ACCOUNTS**  
**Year Ending 30 September 2020**

**SUMMARY**

The cricket season of 2020 was like no other experienced by members. COVID19, with all its restrictions, put paid to league cricket at all levels and non-league cricket was confined to a six-week period at the end of July and all of August. The fact that a significant number of matches were played was due to the fantastic efforts of those responsible for arranging fixtures during that period.

As Treasurer my fears were that, with so few fixtures likely to be played and with us not being allowed to organise any meaningful fund raisers, the chances of the Club making any significant contribution to the Sports Club coffers were slim. However, whilst income was down on 2019 by nearly 60%, expenditure was significantly reduced by 83% which enabled us to make a contribution to the Sports Club of £10,590. This compares very favourably with the net contribution made in 2019 of £13,476.

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS**

Membership of the cricket section in 2020 was down on the previous year mainly as a result of some members not renewing because they felt they would not be playing any cricket this season. The breakdown of numbers between the two years was;

	Paid Members 2019	Paid Members 2020
Men – Full	37	30
Women	11	9
Juniors	128	119
<b>Total Paid-Up Playing Members</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>158</b>
Players (Exempt)	5	6

Non Playing Members (Paid)	13	14
Non Playing Members (Exempt)	11	16
Life President / President	1	1
Life Members	5	5
Vice Presidents	56	50
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>250</b>

## INCOME

If you exclude the income from clothing sales in last year's accounts, which was a one off, total income went down from £32,229 to £14,473, a reduction of £17,756. As you would have expected, **Annual Subscriptions** across all the groups were considerably down on last season partly as a result of fewer members renewing their subs and also the Club's decision to reduce subs to reflect the much shorter season. **Match Fees** were also much reduced because of far fewer games being played.

**Donations** from members totalled £1,579 and this included a sizeable contribution from the Barclays £-4-£ scheme. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made a donation for their generosity. It is very much appreciated.

**Other Income** from senior cricket was non-existent this year as a result of COVID. The Golf Tournament, always a good fund raiser, was the first to go and the closure of the Club House for functions put paid to other opportunities to raise funds. Income from junior cricket avoided the main impact of COVID as the various indoor nets took place during the winter months and also the Summer Camps were allowed during the short period that we were able to take to the park. Fees charged raised £4,979 and after expenses of £2,461 this left a very healthy contribution to funds of £2,518.

There was no income from **Cricket Sponsorship** this year as the decision was made that we could not take money from sponsors when we were not in a position to honour our part of their sponsorship agreements. Hopefully they will be in a position to renew the agreements next season. With no league fixtures, and therefore no fixture card, our **Advertising** revenue also slumped to zero.

As a result of all the above issues, our total income plummeted to a low of £14,473 but there was a silver lining to COVID in the dramatic reduction in our expenditure.

## EXPENDITURE

Overall expenditure in 2020, at £3,883, was dramatically down on previous years because of the shortened season brought about by COVID19. There were no catering costs, no league fees and those match balls that were needed came from the stock that the Club had accumulated

from previous years. There was no Overseas player to make payments to and no payments to the club players.

The biggest expenditure was on junior indoor cricket, both nets and indoor leagues, which took place during the winter of 2019 / 2020 prior to the COVID19 epidemic and on coaching fees for the summer camps. As noted above, in the income section, those costs were more than covered by the fees charged to juniors and this resulted in a very healthy contribution to Club funds.

### **TREASURER'S COMMENTS**

As has already been commented upon above, 2020 was like no other and we can all hope that it won't be repeated in 2021. However, it would be foolish to expect things to return to normal very quickly. Further lockdowns can be expected, social distancing may still be in place during the summer and the Club's ability to organise fund raisers are likely to be severely restricted. However, the fact that the cricket section has made a significant contribution, way above my expectations, to the Sports Club funds is something that we all should take credit for.

As for as finances are concerned, "survival" will be operative word for 2021.

Colin Mitcham  
Treasurer  
November 2020

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