

Poole and East Dorset Art Society AGM

Treasurers Report 2020

In spite of a difficult year the Trustees have done their best to offer many activities to keep our members motivated to create varied and exciting artworks. Apparently creating art is important for good mental health - much needed in 2020!

Our membership was slightly up on 2019 at 96 members.

You will notice that all income is written in the form of a donation. According to our Independent Financial Advisor, Peter Barber, this is how it should be presented to the Charity Commission. This applies to sales at our exhibitions and members' payments at meetings.

Our exhibition, Breath of Fresh Air, made a loss of £433 - some years when we have more exhibitions some lose money and some gain

We managed to have 12 meetings during the year, most with professional tutors, hence the cost of £1250. Their prices have gone up over time, averaging just over £100 per session. We also try to include some untutored evenings where payment is minimal i.e Life Drawing where the model is usually paid £40, or Still Life, where members bring items to paint.

Other expenses during the year were £380 to Dutton Gregory Solicitors, for legal help to do with our becoming a Charity, and a donation of £150 to Upton Country Park for memorial bricks.

As you can see, we made a net loss of £987, but have ended the year with a balance of £6624 in the bank and in cash - a healthy amount.

There will be no need to increase the Subscriptions in 2022.