

## **Friends of the Durning Library Annual General Meeting April 2020**

### **Treasurer's Report 2019/2020**

The receipts and payments account for 2019/2020 is printed overleaf.

Thanks to many Friends adding a donation to the annual subscription, overall membership receipts were slightly increased, notwithstanding subscription income itself and the Gift Aid recovery being reduced. Events continued to provide a healthy contribution, especially the raffles in June and December. As known last year, we had reached the end of Cathy Preece's book sales. Total receipts were therefore modestly lower than last year, with running costs also down, thanks largely to the reduction in printing and copying. The surplus in the year before paying for any library support and enhancements was therefore just over £1,100

Out of that surplus, payments for support and enhancements have included

- paying professional fees for a conservation architect to be closely involved in the Council's consideration of options for improving the disabled access and specifying detailed plans for the selected option (a platform lift at the front of the building)..

- in the summer, autumn and at Christmas providing funds for the library to be able to add to the number and variety of activities and attractions in the children's area; also to support the library's involvement in Black History Month.

The coronavirus situation makes it unrealistic to say anything definite about the year ahead, except that the committee intends to leave unchanged for another year the £3 annual subscription and (as and when Monday evening talks can resume) the £2 contribution suggested to be given by those attending.

Jeremy Orme, Treasurer.

18 March 2020