

Treasurer's Report 2025

On presenting these 2024/25 accounts my thanks as usual go to David Cox of Brown Butler for all their work.

Looking at our draft accounts - Income is down this year, Bank Interest is less, Universal Membership is about the same and competition entries are down by £11,000 - this is partly due to there being no Easter Festival in these accounts but there were 2 last year. Also, after pressure last year to hold the Yorkshire Congress in a hotel, we moved the Congress to York - this was very badly attended and lost us a significant amount of money.

We have kept our entry fees the same despite the fact that venue costs have gone up- the Cedar Court for 2026 Spring Congress will cost us a further £2500 compared with 2025 - together with staffing costs, Licence Fees and transportation costs to and from the venues. We are currently in the process of negotiating a lower rate at the hotel.

Our kit - including our trophies - is now held in York Bridge club - which is also costing us more to store than before - but they are extremely efficient when it comes to moving things to different venues - thank you York BC for this.

We will need to address these additional costs in the forthcoming year.

Insurance remains the same.

Looking at expenditure - officials expenses are up - we held an away day for our Board members and some of our committee members looking at our profile for the future. This is now being acted on.

Training covers TD courses etc - we will be running 2 TD courses again this year.

Competition expenses are up again due to the fact that we have maintained the agreed policy to keep entry fees the same and have been running some events as free entry to encourage new competition members. We will need to address this in the forthcoming year and look at what we are offering at our events - as I previously mentioned, venues are putting their prices up significantly.

Depreciation is also up - due to the purchase of a new duplicating machine.

The Board will be working hard to address the issues raised in the forthcoming year.

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