

Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Frieze Hill Community Orchard, Thursday 15 March 2018

The Orchard has had a very successful year in terms of its finances.

Subscriptions from 'Friends of the Orchard' increased following the introduction of new rates for Individual and Household supporters. In addition many people chose to support us by topping up their annual fee by adding donations to their subscription.

Donations for trees were well up on the previous year.

The launch of a second major event in our calendar, Apple Day, proved a great success, and although not primarily a fund raiser, produced a small surplus.

Takings at the 2017 Wassail were down on the previous year, but still produced a net profit of a little under £300.

The healthy reserves and continued success of events has allowed us to invest in the maintenance of the Orchard and the purchase of new equipment. During the year we had to spend to maintain the Arbour (£420), strim around the trees twice at a cost of £230, and purchase a new gazebo for £538. In addition we added to our stocks of equipment that will be of use at events for many years to come.

The cost of administering the organisation is very little, given what we believe is a very effective system of communicating with supporters.

We end the year with reserves of just over £1,000.

I would like to thank the other members of the Committee for their support during the year, and to Tony Trott for once again auditing the accounts.

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year to December 31 2017 follows.

Jeff Mohun

Treasurer