

Party name

Wessex Regionalists

Statement of Accounts for the year ending

31st December 2016

Party Details

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Party leader:

Colin Bex

Party treasurer:

James Gunter

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James Gunter

Treasurer's signature

I can confirm that the information provided in this Statement of Accounts is true and accurate to the best of my belief.

James Gunter

Treasurer's signature

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Overview

Review of Political Activities

This has been a difficult year for the party. Following the EU referendum result, our Secretary-General, David Robins, and our Communications Officer, Rick Heyse resigned, fearing that there was no public appetite in Brexit Britain for our progressive vision of an inclusive, outward-looking Europe of the regions. Their posts were filled by Nick Xylas and Martin Locker respectively. One bright spot was the party's first ever local election campaign. Nick Xylas ran in the Bristol City Council's election on 5th May 2016, to represent the city's Eastville ward. Although pitched against candidates all better known and funded than ours, the resultant votes for our candidate, was better than we had expected for a first contest in the ward, and it set us up well for the beginning of another year's activity of the party. WR is actively supporting the effort to have proportional representation adopted for parliamentary elections in place of first-past-the-post. Our President, Colin Bex, joined the Make Votes Matter campaign, attending several demonstrations and meetings. The campaign had attracted a number of MPs from all parties alongside the Green, Caroline Lucas who the previous December, had launched a Ten Minute Rule Bill seeking support to introduce PR for parliament. This first attempt was far from successful; however, on 20 July, Lucas initiated a second bill which attracted a substantially better result - 74 for; 81 against - and augurs well for success on another occasion. Throughout the last twelve months we have witnessed what reasonably may be regarded as seismic changes to the body politic both in the UK, in some Europe states with elections to come in 2017, and with the Presidential election in the USA. All this has been generated by ever moving tectonic plates of dissatisfaction and revolt against austerity and the unnecessary damage it causes which continues to undermine both the political establishment. The Brexit result across Wessex attracted a majority slightly lower in favour of leaving than the overall UK result. Having always campaigned to be a part of Europe; not apart from it – although on a different model to the current EU structure – being forced out of the EU will require WR to reconsider its stance and future policy on Europe, whilst remaining committed to the European ideal. WR condemns the misjudgement of the Cameron government for submitting the country to an unnecessary referendum solely called to mask his inability to hold his own party together. Amongst our responses to the 2016 Spring budget, we pointed out that since 1997 when, as measured by the World Economic Forum's Tax Competitiveness Index, Britain's tax system was rated fourth in the world, it had now dropped to 54th on the list, and that it was anything but fit for purpose on grounds that the combination of income tax, national insurance and withdrawal of benefits made a nonsense of claims it was progressive, as was born out in the savage cuts we identified against some of the most vulnerable in society. April saw publication of the third issue of the recently created Wessex Citizen - the radical voice for Wessex Regionalism. In December WR made representations to the Boundary Commission's consultation on its proposed changes for a reduction in the number of seats in the Westminster parliament from 650 to 600 seats. We opposed the changes wholesale as they failed to respect the historic county boundaries respectively of Devon and Cornwall and between Wiltshire and Dorset. The Wessex Regionalists and the Mebyon Kernow are united in demanding historic county boundaries be respected to support people's sense of place to which they belong. To build strong communities based on strong historical and cultural foundations is the bedrock on which, sooner rather than later, will form the respective autonomous regions in a genuine Europe of a hundred flags.

Membership

2016	12
2015	13

Elected members

President: Colin Bex	Secretary-General: Nick Xylas	Treasurer: James Gunter
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Review of Financial Activities

Registration with Electoral Commission. Renewal of Wessex domain names.

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Income & Expenditure

Income	2016	2015
Membership fees and subscriptions	£100.00	£125.00
Donations	£50.00	£50.00
Fundraising	£0.00	£0.00
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.00
Notional Income	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£150.00	£175.00

Notes

Money received from membership fee

Donations from individuals/organisations other than membership fee

Money raised through fundraising activities

Interest from money in bank

Non-cash benefit

Any other income

Expenditure	2016	2015
Campaigning	£0.00	£0.00
Registration with the Electoral Commission	£25.00	£25.00
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
Costs of fundraising events	£0.00	£0.00
Administration costs	£100.00	£0.00
Notional Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£125.00	£25.00

Notes

Money spent for campaigning (i.e: leaflets, website, advertisement etc.)

£150 if the party is newly registered, £25 for confirming registration

Money transferred to other organisations

Money spent to organise fundraising events

Cost for office running (stationery, computer, printing, telephone etc.)

Non cash benefit (it should match "Notional Income")

Any other expenditure

	2016	2015
Surplus/Deficit	£25.00	£150.00

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Assets & Liabilities

Assets	
Fixed	£0.00
Cash	£386.13
Debtors	£0.00
Total	£386.13

Notes

e.g.: Properties, computer equipment and furniture
Amounts held in petty cash, bank or building society accounts
Amounts owed from donors or other individuals/organisations

Liabilities	
Loans/Mortgage	£0.00
Creditors	£176.68
Total	£176.68

Notes

Amounts owed to bank
Money owed to individuals/organisations other than banks

Net asset	£209.45
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Balance of income over expenditure	£25.00
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Total Funds as at 31 December 2016	£234.45
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