

**Oxford West and Abingdon Liberal Democrats**  
**Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012**

**Overview:**

This statement of accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of Oxford West and Abingdon Liberal Democrats, whose registered address and contact details are

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The principal address of the party is 8-10 Great George Street, London, SW1P 3AE.

For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) the following were the officers of the local party during 2012:

Chairman:	Tony de Vere
Secretary:	Heather Bliss
Treasurer:	Richard Lawrence-Wilson

**Membership:**

At the end of 2012 the membership of the local party was 391.

**Committees:**

The Executive Committee, responsible for overseeing the business of the local party, met ten times and meetings of county, district and city representatives continued throughout the year.

**Branches:**

There are three branches: Abingdon, Oxford City and Villages. The accounts of the branches are consolidated in these accounts and the disaggregated details have been presented to the Executive Committee.

**Review of Political Activities: Overview and Campaigning**

Our main focus of political activity in the first half of the year was the local election in May for half of the seats on Oxford City Council. Despite a challenging national political backdrop we held three of the four seats we were defending in the constituency. We also contested three seats on Cherwell District Council.

The Executive Committee worked hard on developing plans for the next General Election in 2015 and after a successful presentation to National and Regional party representatives OXWAB was selected as a Strategic Seat.

We worked to support John Howson's campaign running up to the election on 15 November of the first Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley.

On 7<sup>th</sup> December we won both seats in a by-election in the Sunningwell and Wootton ward of the Vale of White Horse District Council, with a 17% swing from the Conservatives.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December, after a friendly but hard-fought campaign by four short-listed candidates, Layla Moran was selected as the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for OXWAB, by a clear majority of members voting. Layla lives in North Oxford and read physics at Imperial College. She holds a masters degree in comparative education and is a physics teacher by profession, currently working with an Oxford-based education company. Since her selection, Layla has undertaken a busy schedule of familiarisation and fundraising events

and has joined our campaign team's programme of Action Days and campaign activity across the constituency.

On all local authorities in the constituency our councillors have again worked hard to maintain our record of keeping in touch and getting things done for local residents. In Kidlington Liberal Democrat councillors have continued to lead the Parish Council, delivering value for money services and enhancing facilities in the village. Elsewhere our councillors work on the district and county councils as an effective but constructive opposition.

Abingdon and Oxford Branches continued to hold regular political meetings with a wide range of speakers and topics.

### **Financial Activities**

#### **Overview:**

The accounts for 2012 show a modest deficit for the year, financed by a reduction in the balance brought forward from 2011.

The table below summarises financial activity in the branches and at constituency level, and shows the distribution of net assets at the end of the year:

2012	Expenditure	Income	Surplus/deficit	Net assets at 31 Dec 2012
Constituency	45,749.28	38,170.84	-7,578.44	3,991.96
Abingdon	2,990.00	2,765.52	-224.48	517.12
Oxford City	4,141.11	3,534.26	-606.85	3,737.32
Villages	3,466.79	3,407.60	-59.19	1,480.47
Totals	56,347.18	47,878.22	-8,468.96	9,726.87

#### **Expenditure:**

The part time constituency organiser is Neil Fawcett, who is paid fees by agreement. Will Griffiths was appointed as assistant organiser in November, after an open competition. His post is jointly funded with the national party.

About 40% of the expenditure went on printing and postage. Most of the printing was carried out by the OLD Printing Society.

The rent paid for the office at 27 Park End Street was unchanged.

#### **Income:**

Income was about 20% greater than in 2011, with most elements increasing. Over 50% came from regular donations by standing order. Almost all Councillors are contributing 10% of their basic allowances. Regular donations from longstanding supporters fell slightly.

The programme of activities raised over 25% more than in 2011. The annual dinner again brought in a record sum, and the amounts raised locally by branches were also greater, with several successful new events.

#### **Balance Sheet:**

The balance sheet at 31 December 2012 shows net assets of £9,726.87. Creditors related mainly to outstanding printing bills, and debtors to a refund of rent. All the assets were in the form of balances in the bank accounts of the constituency and branches. The local party has no fixed assets and there were no loans at the year end.

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>Income</u>	2012		2011		<u>Expenditure</u>	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
<u>Appeals and contributions</u>		1,147.00		1,020.00	<u>Organisers</u>				
<u>Donations</u>					Fees, support and expenses	22,593.02		26,208.60	
Regular (Councillors)	14,078.00		12,791.00		<u>Elections</u>				
Regular (other)	10,589.00		11,970.00		District elections	2,142.20		0.00	
One-off (Councillors)	1,286.00		300.00		PPC selection	499.79	2,641.99	0.00	0.00
One-off (other)	4,943.00	30,896.00	2,281.07	27,342.07	<u>Membership expenses</u>		147.12		82.22
Membership income		1,506.70		1,242.92	<u>Fundraising activities</u>	2,591.55			2,155.39
<u>Fundraising activities (note 2)</u>		12,571.01		9,855.56	<u>Meeting expenses</u>				
					Local room hire	783.00		292.00	
<u>Donations in kind</u>		30.00		0.00	Notional room hire	30.00	813.00	0.00	292.00
(notional room hire)					<u>Office supplies and expenses</u>				
<u>Other income</u>					Equipment	0.00		98.99	
Miscellaneous		1,727.29		0.00	Rent	3,600.00		3,600.00	
					Website fees	244.80		306.00	
					Stationery	1,928.43	5,773.23	702.41	4,707.40
					<u>Post and Telephone</u>				
					Postal services	6,464.08		2,340.88	
					Telephones	635.29	7,099.37	448.85	2,789.73
					<u>Printing</u>				
					External	1,432.00		6,181.70	
					Internal transfers	0.00		0.00	
					OLD Printing Society	12,580.90	14,012.90	11,601.39	17,783.09
					<u>Fees &amp; Subscriptions</u>				
					EARS & CONNECT	655.00		265.00	
					Lotteries act fee	20.00	675.00	20.00	285.00
					<u>Other charges</u>				
					Bank charges	0.00		105.00	
Notional interest donated		0.00		0.00	Notional interest paid	0.00		0.00	
Interest received		0.22		0.36	Interest paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.00
<u>Total Income</u>		47,878.22		39,460.91	<u>Total Expenditure</u>		56,347.18		54,408.43
					Deficit (-) or surplus for the year		-8,468.96		-14,947.52
							47,878.22		39,460.91



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## **BALANCE SHEET AND NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS**

<u>Consolidated Balance Sheet</u>	<u>As at</u> <u>31/12/2012</u>	<u>As at</u> <u>31/12/2011</u>	<u>Notes on the 2012 accounts</u>		
	£	£		£	
<b><u>Fixed assets</u></b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	<u>Note 1: Salaries paid</u>		
			Organiser (contribution)	1,429.57	
			(including NI and pension)		
<b><u>Current assets</u></b>					Surplus (+)
Debtors (note 4)	2,092.00	0.00		Income	Expenditure or deficit (-)
Cash at Bank and in hand	14,080.58	18,370.20	<u>Note 2: Consolidation of branches</u>	£	£
Total current assets	16,172.58	18,370.20	Constituency	38,170.84	45,749.28
			Abingdon Branch	2,765.52	2,990.00
<b><u>Creditors</u></b>			Oxford City Branch	3,534.26	4,141.11
Due in less than one year (note 5)	6,445.71	174.37	Villages Branch	3,407.60	3,466.79
Net current assets	9,726.87	18,195.83	Consolidated totals	47,878.22	56,347.18
<b><u>Creditors due in more than 1 year</u></b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	<u>Note 3: Fundraising activities</u>	Gross	Costs
<b><u>Provision for liabilities and charges</u></b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	Christmas bazaar	799.85	81.00
Net assets	9,726.87	18,195.83	Annual dinner	3,263.00	721.75
			Other constituency activities	2,888.00	837.90
<b><u>Financed by</u></b>			Branch activities	5,620.16	950.90
			Totals	12,571.01	2,591.55
Accumulated fund at 31 December 2011	18,195.83				
less deficit for 2012	-8,468.96		<u>Note 4: Debtors</u>	£	
Accumulated fund at 31 December 2012	9,726.87		OLD Print Society	1,550.00	
			Other	542.00	
				2,092.00	
			<u>Note 5: Creditors due in less than 1 year</u>		
			OLD Print Society	4,501.14	
			Other creditors	1,944.57	
				6,445.71	

Richard Lawrence-Wilson

Treasurer, Oxford West and Abingdon Liberal Democrats

7 March 2013

Tony de Vere

Chairman, Oxford West and Abingdon Liberal Democrats

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