

The Tatton Accounting Unit Statement of Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2017

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Branches

The Association had the following branches under its direct control at the year end and all income received and expenditure incurred by those branches has been included in the Association's accounts

- Alderley Edge
- Bollin Dean
- Knutsford BON
- Knutsford Norbury Booths
- Mobberley
- Mobberley Women's Branch
- Phoenix Group
- Wilmslow East, Lacey Green & Styal
- Wilmslow West & Chorley

The Association is grateful for the hard work of these Branches and the contribution made to the Association.

During 2017 plans were made to reform the Chelford ward and High Legh Ward Branches which should become operational in the coming months. Mobberley ward Branch has been dormant in 2017, a decision will be taken on its future in 2018.

Throughout the year, the branches raised funds for the Conservative Party and carried out campaign work in their geographical area.

The Association also runs a successful Patrons' Club, Team 1000 group and The Portcullis Club for members who wish to subscribe at a higher level. We ran a full programme of events for all three of our donor clubs, in accordance with the benefits offered to members of these groups.

Committees

The Association's Executive Council met three times during the year to discuss and approve the work of the Association.

The Management Committee met three times to discuss and agree the detail of the work.

Tatton Women's Committee continued to run fundraising events throughout the year.

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Campaigning

Campaigning efforts during the year included the General Election and two significant Town Council by-elections covering Knutsford and Wilmslow.

Since the General Election, there have been active campaigning and canvassing sessions around the Constituency, and a number of newsletters have been distributed.

Throughout the year, we continued to support other North West constituencies with both human and financial resources to bolster their campaign effort. Unfortunately, the General Election saw the loss of some very good, hard-working, Conservative MPs in nearby constituencies.

Staffing

While in 2017 there was no change to the staffing of the Accounting Unit, this has changed at the start of 2018. Our administration assistant, Wendy Hine, worked two days per week and we continued to benefit from the services of a full time, professional Conservative Party Agent (Hayley Wells-Bradshaw). At the end of the year Hayley resigned to take up a post as Area Campaign Manager for Lancashire. The Association thank her for her exemplary 19 years' service and wish her well in her new role. She will be a very hard act to follow. It is a key priority in the early part of 2018 to make a suitable appointment to the Association staff.

During the year, both members of staff helped to train volunteers and newly recruited staff for other Associations, at request of the Associations.

Trustees

The appointed Trustees of the Accounting Unit are:

Mr M Roberts



Mr S Falder

Mr J Jackson



During the year, Mr S Falder resigned from being a Trustee.

Signed on behalf of the Tatton Conservative Association

Clir Don Hammond Association Chairman & Registered Treasurer

9 March 2018

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Review of financial activities

Overview

The Association is showing a deficit for the year of \pounds 3,739. Tatton contributed \pounds 3,055 to Conservative Campaign HQ and \pounds 12,665 to target seats.

Income and expenditure

Income

Income for the year amounted to £155,567 compared with £180,620 for the previous year.

Expenditure

Expenditure for the year amounted to £159,306 compared with £178,665 for the previous year.

Balance Sheet

The Association had reserves of £106,115 as at 31 December 2017 compared to £109,854 at 31 December 2016.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

		2017 £	2016 £
Income Branch events Women's branch events Subscriptions Patrons' Club Portcullis Club Fundraising events Fighting fund surplus Councillor contributions Team 1000 Donations Other donations non cash Central Office Credits Bank Interest		10,299 1,560 12,845 12,485 42,000 24,003 19,530 7,322 6,127 2,891 13,287 3,055 163	22,403 3,804 16,118 15,840 52,225 40,212 - 6,818 6,507 2,934 12,500 341 918
Total income		155,567	180,620
Expenditure	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Branch expenditure Women's Branch expenditure Patrons' Club expenditure Portcullis Club expenditure Salaries, superannuation and NI Postage and petty cash Printing and stationery Events costs Westminster printing and stationery Services donations (non cash) Electricity	6	1,289 397 508 720 63,501 3,702 9,253 17,715 10,125 2,287 3,178 12,259	11,599 2,169 5,578 1,674 64,283 4,051 5,744 16,651 1,392 2,000 3,034
Rent, rates and insurance Telephone Agent's expenses Local Election expenses Miscellaneous Repairs and renewals IT Support NW Target seat donations Conservative Headquarters Quota NW Euro and PCC donations		12,358 2,072 1,269 10,171 1,624 182 2,335 12,665 3,055 900	39,875 2,015 1,935 760 1,851 6,338 2,363 3,000 2,729 (376)
Total expenditure		159,306	178,665
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		(3,739)	1,955

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Current assets Debtors including prepayments Cash at bank and in hand	3 4	1 7 ,446 89,465	20,432 89,770
		106,911	110,202
Creditors falling due in less than one year Creditors including accruals	5	(796)	(348)
Net current assets		106,115	109,854
Financed by: Accumulated fund	7	106,115	109,854
Total funds		106,115	109,854

The accounts were approved by the Executive Council of the Association on 9 March 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Cllr Don Hammond Association Chairman & Registered Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and guidance issued by the Electoral Commission.

2. Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared on an historical cost basis.

3.	Debtors and prepayments	2017 £	2016 £
	Loan debtors Prepayments	17,000 446	20,000 432
	Total	17,446	20,432

Debtors include an amount of £Nil (2016: £2,000) which is due after more than one year.

4.	Cash at bank and in hand	2017 £	2016 £
	Cash held centrally Amounts at Branches	87,294 2,171	88,606 1,164
	Total	89,465	89,770
5.	Creditors and accruals	2017 £	2016 £
	Accruals	796	348
	Total	796	348

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

6. Salaries

The Association employed an average of 1 full time and 1 part time employees:

	2017 £	2016 £
Salaries and NIC Pension costs	51,650 11,851	52,712 11,571
Total	63,501	64,283

7. Funds

	Accumulated Fund	
	2017 £	2016 £
Balance brought forward 1 January (Deficit)/Surplus for the year	109,854 (3,739)	107,899 1,955
Balance carried forward 31 December	106,115	109,854

8. Donations

During the year, the unit had donations totalling $\pounds74,387$ (2016 - $\pounds84,555$) that were reportable to the Electoral Commission, i.e. over $\pounds500.01$ in a single payment or over $\pounds1,500$ from the same donor in the year.

Within the Income and Expenditure Account the income relating to these donations is split between the Portcullis Club £42,000 (2016 - £54,500), Events Sponsorship £7,350, (2016 - £18,055), Team 1000 £2,000 (2016 - £Nil), Fighting Fund £10,750, (2016 - £Nil), Bequest £Nil (2016 - £2,000) and other donations (non cash) £12,287 (2016 - £10,000) captions, with other miscellaneous donations below the reporting threshold also being recognised within the Donation captions.

The total donation income included in the Income and Expenditure Account is greater than the figure reported to the Electoral Commission because of donations received below the PPERA reporting threshold.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TATTON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

As with many other similar associations it has not been possible to verify a substantial proportion of the income from individuals and branches.

Subject to the above, it is our opinion that the Association has maintained proper accounting records and that the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in accordance with those accounting records.

Jackson Stephen LLP Chartered Accountants

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