

The Labour Party

Stroud **Constituency Labour Party** Accounting Unit

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2019

INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Accounts provides a report of the political and financial activities of Stroud CLP Accounting Unit.

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For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 the responsible officers are:

Name	Position
Nick Harris	Registered Treasurer
Gemma Jerome	Chair (Deputy Treasurer)

This Statement of Accounts uses cash accounting in line with guidance issued by the Electoral Commission. Last year's accounts were prepared on a cash basis. The figures shown for last year have not been recalculated.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sixteen elected councillors on Stroud District Council

Three elected councillors on Gloucestershire County Council

REVIEW OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Overview

It's safe to say the CLP has had some of its best, and worst, days during this past year.

With a series of dramatic events in politics nationally, not least the prorogation of Parliament, the calendar year culminated in a snap general election campaign being called in December. With a strong local candidate in David Drew, we did what was necessary and put a solid structure in place to face the challenge to ensure we would be able to deliver a compelling campaign and encourage our supporters to come out to vote in the middle of winter.

The CLP mobilised swiftly and we were able to establish a close and effective relationship with David Drew's central team and the Labour Group at District Council level, ensuring we had a Campaign Manager in place a couple of weeks ahead of the six week campaign. I was entirely impressed with the organisation and professional conduct of all of the CLP Executive Committee in their efforts to pull together a large, and fully committed, group of Party activists from across the membership. The result was an enthusiastic and vibrant campaign which served to bring together possibly the largest group of volunteers we've ever witnessed in Stroud CLP. The forward thinking of the CLP officers, working with the candidate's team, resulted in a number of innovations during this campaign, including the hiring of an empty shop in the centre of Stroud town, to ensure that we were able to serve the volunteers and

facilitate a wide and diverse array of activities, from canvassing to mass meetings addressed by high-profile speakers such as Ken Loach and Paul Mason. Although we were not rewarded with the result we all desired, it is irrefutable that the energy the campaign created will serve us well in the coming months as we move in to elections at the district level in May 2020, and many people who found themselves motivated to become an active Party member during this period, have vowed to stay engaged and contribute as we move forwards. I believe this great community-building effort is in no small part due to the positive and constructive working relationships which form the basis of Stroud CLP.

Although it is without surprise that the lead up to the general election dominated the activity of the latter half of 2019, there are other successes to be proud of. The CLP has gone from strength to strength in terms of recruiting elected officers to serve on the Executive Committee, and bring new life to ward-level activity at the Branch level. At the AGM in the summer of 2019, we were able to recruit to officer positions which had lain empty for a long time. This included a new member stepping up to be BAME Officer, and filling new roles created nationally, including Political Education Officer, Social Media Officer and Policy Officer.

We sent three delegates to Annual Conference in September, including a Youth Delegate and two women, all of whom have never attended before. The delegates did us proud, and represented a Conference Motion sent to Conference by Stroud CLP. This motion, focusing on land reform, was ultimately successful in being adopted into the Labour Manifesto, and we are very proud to say we were able to influence discussions at Conference on this most important of issues, especially in our capacity as a primarily rural CLP.

I have been honoured to be Chair during this period of high-octane activity within Stroud CLP, and I have no doubt that the turbulence we have all witnessed in national politics, with a Labour Party leadership election around the corner and continued uncertainty at all levels of national and international governance, will serve to act as a catalyst for continued collaboration and brilliant team working across the CLP. I look forward to working closely with the team of officers and wider membership - buoyed by the large turnout for our first All Members Meeting post-election - to shore up our efforts to protect the most vulnerable across our communities in Stroud, and bring the Labour Party values of equality and fairness through in all of our work, both within the Party and as we reach out to wider society.

Membership

Constituency members contribute to CLP activities through volunteering for campaigning, canvassing and leaflet delivery, office administration, as well as fundraising events and direct donations. The membership of Stroud CLP has declined slightly; the membership of the Constituency Labour Party as of the 31st December 2019 was 1,441 compared to 1,463 at the same date the previous year.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Income

Income increased this year from £28,123.96 to £57,750.32, as a result of the General Election held this year and therefore a substantial increase in donations. Membership receipts constituted £3,035.75 of the CLP's income.

Expenditure


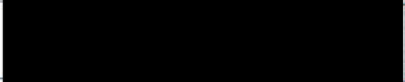
Expenditure increased as a result of the General Election. The major differences in expenditure were campaigning and other costs associated with the General Election, and costs associated with maintaining the CLP's offices, including rent and insurance.

Assets

Stroud CLP has no fixed assets over £1,000.00. Net assets increased from £21,483.86 at the 31st December 2018, to £35,500.21 at the end of 2019.

DECLARATION

I confirm that this Statement of Accounts is correct to the best of my knowledge and has been approved by the accounting unit's management committee.

Signature	Date	Position
	25/3/20	Registered Treasurer
	25/3/20	Chair (Deputy Treasurer)

Statement of Accounts 2019

Stroud CLP

1 January to 31 December 2019

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Note	2019	2018
Membership	1	£3,035.75	£3,492.60
Affiliations	2	£108.00	£102.00
Donations	3	£38,493.15	£12,152.36
Branch income	4	£10,755.73	£7,464.27
Fundraising income	5	£4,674.61	£2,638.42
Investment income	6	£43.08	£22.13
Transfers in	7	£0.00	£0.00
Property and rental income	8	£0.00	£0.00
Profit on sale of assets		£0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	9	£640.00	£852.18
Reduction in liabilities		£0.00	£1,400.00
Total receipts		£57,750.32	£28,123.96

PAYMENTS	Note	2019	2018
Membership subscriptions	1	£0.00	£0.00
Property costs	8	£5,661.48	£5,574.74
Office costs	10	£2,684.99	£3,520.50
Branch expenditure	4	£4,891.37	£5,644.71
Staff costs	11	£3,628.40	£0.00
Transfers out	7	£130.00	£130.00
Campaigning costs	12	£22,226.09	£2,791.22
Fundraising costs	5	£561.20	£148.80
Financing charges and taxation	13	£78.30	£30.20
Loan repayment		£0.00	£1,400.00
Miscellaneous	9	£3,152.14	£1,911.19
Depreciation		£720.00	£720.00
Total payments		£43,733.97	£21,871.36

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		£14,016.35	£6,252.60
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Stroud CLP

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

At 31 December 2019

Fixed assets	Note	2019	2018
Property		£0.00	£0.00
Fixtures and fittings		£0.00	£0.00
Office equipment		£0.00	£720.00
Total fixed assets		£0.00	£720.00

Current assets (at 31 December)		2019	2017
Cash in hand		£0.00	£0.00
Current account		£10,031.70	£3,816.79
Deposit account		£12,062.99	£9,405.91
Branches		£13,405.52	£7,541.16
Total current assets		£35,500.21	£20,763.86
Total assets		£35,500.21	£21,483.86

Liabilities	Note		
Loans outstanding		£0.00	£0.00
Total liabilities		£0.00	£0.00

Net assets/(liabilities)		£35,500.21	£21,483.86
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Annual Statement of Accounts 2019

Stroud CLP

1 January to 31 December 2019

Notes to accounts

Note 1 - Membership

Membership	2019		2018	
	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing
From Head Office	£3,035.75	-	£3,492.60	-
Subs collected locally	£0.00	-	£0.00	-
Subs sent to head office	-	£0.00	-	£0.00
Total	£3,035.75	£0.00	£3,492.60	£0.00

Note 2 - Affiliations

Organisation	2019	2018
GMB	£6.00	£6.00
Co-operative Party	£30.00	£30.00
Unison	£48.00	£48.00
USDAW	£12.00	£12.00
CWU	£6.00	£6.00
Unite	£6.00	£0.00
Total	£108.00	£102.00

Note 3 - Donations

Cash and non-cash (notional) donations with a value of more than £500 are reported to the central Labour Party at the end of the quarter in which they are received. In turn, the central Labour Party reports some donations received by the Accounting Unit on to the Electoral Commission as follows:

- a) donations from Trade Unions and the Co-operative Party of more than £500
- b) donations of more than £1500 from the same donor (individuals, companies, unincorporated associations etc) in a calendar year given either as a single donation or several donations of more than £500 which add up to more than £1500.

A list of the donations received by the Accounting Unit which have been reported to the Electoral Commission can be viewed at: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/party-finance/PEF-online-registers>

Donations	2019	2018
<u>Donations of more than £1500</u>		
Co-operative Party	£1,815.00	£0.00
CWU	£4,700.00	£0.00
Stroud District Labour Group	£4,175.00	£1,591.00
Stroud Club and Institute	£5,199.88	£5,116.36
RMT	£2,000.00	£0.00
Unite	£5,000.00	£0.00
FBU	£2,000.00	£0.00
Sub-total	£24,889.88	£6,707.36
All other donations	£13,603.27	£5,445.00
Total donations	£38,493.15	£12,152.36

Note 4 - Branch income and expenditure

Branch	2019		2018	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Cainscross BLP	£102.98	£320.00	£321.92	£97.00
Cam and Dursley BLP	£3,846.86	£2,838.28	£2,638.56	£2,799.40
Chalford and Painswick BLP (was West Cotswold BLP)	£1,294.00	£927.00	£485.14	£1,280.77
Nailsworth and Rodborough BLP	£961.85	£178.09	£1,115.47	£536.34
Stonehouse BLP	£353.04	£558.00	£1,290.70	£931.20
Stroud BLP	£4,197.00	£70.00	£1,373.85	£0.00
The Stanleys BLP	£0.00	£0.00	£238.63	£0.00
	£10,755.73	£4,891.37	£7,464.27	£5,644.71

Note 5 - Fundraising

Event	2019			2018		
	Income	Costs	Profit	Income	Expenditure	Profit
Stroud Labour 100's Club	£743.00	£0.00	£743.00	£883.50	£148.80	£734.70
AMM Raffle	£297.84	£0.00	£297.84	£371.36	£0.00	£371.36
Christmas Lunch	£624.40	£0.00	£624.40	£118.00	£0.00	£118.00
International Workers Day Lunch	£290.60	£50.00	£240.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Etsy Shop	£295.00	£0.00	£295.00	£341.06	£0.00	£341.06
Cam & Dursley event	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£789.00	£0.00	£789.00
Summer fundraiser	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£135.50	£0.00	£135.50
Danny Dorling event	£830.85	£511.20	£319.65	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grace Petrie event	£381.35	£0.00	£381.35	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Music night	£46.25	£0.00	£46.25	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Paul Mason event	£157.40	£0.00	£157.40	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Rave4Dave event	£1,007.92	£0.00	£1,007.92	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£4,674.61	£561.20	£4,113.41	£2,638.42	£148.80	£2,489.62

Note 6 - Investment Income

From fixed assets and other investments

Investment income	Balance at 31/12/19	Dividend/ received	Balance at 31/12/18	Dividend/ received
Deposit account	£12,062.99	£43.08	£9,405.91	£22.13
Total	£12,062.99	£43.08	£9,405.91	£22.13

Note 7 - Transfers

Transfer to/from	Purpose of transfer	Amount	
		Incoming	Outgoing
SW Regional Labour Party		£0.00	£130.00
Total		£0.00	£130.00

Note 8 - Property - rental income & costs

Item	2019		2018	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Fire Protection Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£55.02
Insurance	£0.00	£689.04	£0.00	£648.77
Notional rent	£0.00	£52.00	£0.00	£52.00
Rent paid	£0.00	£4,200.00	£0.00	£4,200.00
Repairs and renewals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Utilities	£0.00	£720.44	£0.00	£618.95
Total	£0.00	£5,661.48	£0.00	£5,574.74

Note 9 - Miscellaneous

Item	2019		2018	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Delegates fees - annual Conference etc.	£0.00	£694.00	£0.00	£564.00
Delegates expenses - annual Conference etc.	£0.00	£1,477.63	£0.00	£950.10
Local conference	£0.00	£0.00	£822.18	£350.00
Other miscellaneous	£640.00	£980.51	£30.00	£47.09
Total	£640.00	£3,152.14	£852.18	£1,911.19

Note 10 - Office costs

Item	2019	2018
Consumables	£97.53	£0.00
Data Protection Registration	£35.00	£35.00
Equipment	£0.00	£1,319.98
Insurance	£353.68	£328.70
Refuse	£54.00	£0.00
Room hire for party meetings	£646.50	£367.00
Stationery	£646.07	£447.63
Telephone and Internet	£852.21	£1,022.19
Total	£2,684.99	£3,520.50

Note 11 - Staff costs

Item	2019	2018
Salary	£3,628.40	£0.00
	£3,628.40	£0.00

Note 12 - Campaign costs

Item	2019	2018
Attainer lists	£0.00	£0.00
Dursley Office	£220.00	£0.00
Labour Party leaflets	£196.00	£48.34
Marked register	£0.00	£16.00
Photocopying	£232.72	£126.96
Postage	£2,902.86	£481.44
Commercial printing	£10,876.03	£1,713.38
Room hire	£192.00	£329.50
Stroud Office	£3,753.52	£0.00
Website	£11.99	£25.60
Misc. campaign expenses	£3,840.97	£50.00
	£22,226.09	£2,791.22

Note 13 - Bank charges and tax

Bank accounts	2019	2018
Bank charges (all accounts)	£78.30	£30.20
	£78.30	£30.20