

## **HRGB Treasurer Report – AGM 06/04/2024**

The HRGB accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 have been available on the HRGB website (<https://handbells.org.uk/hrgb-accounts>), Charity Commission website and a shortened version was printed in the 2023 Autumn / Winter edition of Reverberations.

In summary, HRGB had a net surplus for the year before revaluation of assets of £21,809. This is a considerable increase on 2021 but has primarily come about due to donations of bells to the society throughout the year.

The revenue (and expenditure) has greatly increased due to the two main events being held, the National Rally and UK Bronze, and bank interest has also increased significantly given the trend of interest rates being increased and subsequently passed on by both CAF and CCLA. We have unfortunately seen a drop in our investments year on year but hope this to bounce back in 2023

Day to day expenses are still having to be paid, but we have seen a drop on these where savings can be made. The publication of Reverberations still remains one of the societies biggest yearly expense (mainly due to postage costs) something no doubt the regions would have felt too.

The balance sheet for the charity remains strong and we are managing and monitoring as needed.

HRGB Promotions Ltd posted a deficit for the year of £1,336 which is based around general administration costs for the charity / company and the supporting of attendees at the International Symposium in the USA. No further costs have been allocated to the International Symposium in 2026 to be held in the UK during 2022 but the deposit for the venue was paid in 2023.

These accounts were approved by the external examiner, accepted by the members of the NEC in July 2023 and were submitted successfully to the Charity Commission for England and Wales and OSCR for Scotland soon afterwards.

The overall picture for the 2022 accounts is one of a strong, sound running charity.

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### **2023 Review (HRGB Accounts)**

As I am writing this report the 2023 accounts at National level are very near to being completed and will be passed to our external examiner as soon as possible. So this report for the 2023 accounts is classed as an un-examined assessment based on the National Accounts only (so no regional consolidation at this point).

The 2023 accounts are more comparable to 2022 in the income and expenditure figures, but due to no year on year events being the same there will be some variance in the final figures. We expect the final figure to be somewhat on par with that reported in 2022

Savings have continued to be made where possible and we are still being prudent with stock provisions to ensure keeping risk to a minimum.

The 2023 accounts, once approved by our examiner will be submitted to the NEC in June for approval, and then will be made available on the website and in Reverberations.

As always I just want to pass my thanks on to the Regional Treasurers for all their hard work in keeping to the tight deadlines I have to impose on them.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to get in touch with me along my normal communication channels.

Thank-you

Anthony Hayes  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2024