

National Finance Officer Report 2021

General

2021 has been a bit a struggle, with work and family commitments, I have attended / organised a successfully walking holiday in Mid Wales, with typical Welsh weather (it Rain a lot – nothing thunderous). I have organised several local events for my local Plus, kept Zoom meeting going and experimented with Hybrid meeting i.e. Zoom Meetings in the Pub. (It's needs a quiet space to be successful). I attended WASH last year, I attended the Midland Area Quiz and Chips in October.

Finances

Last Year due to pandemic Plus had no income from the Areas with the only income been the Bank Interest from the Reserve Account.

Various expenditure was incurred during 2021 including missed expenses for website domain, Insurance, and it was agreed that the Plus should be registered with Information Commission Office, this is a statutory requirement.

Monies was transfer out of the Main Reserve account, into the Plus AGM account to give it a float to deposit future AGM venues.

The Domain hosting charge was not paid as I have not received an invoice, this is despite emails to the hosting provider and Internet Officer, and person who set up the contract to see if they had been received an invoice however in 2022, I did issue a payment to the hosting provider in as payment of our debt.

Risk Assessments.

I have hopefully simplified the process of Plus groups in submitting Risk Assessments when doing activities.

Thank you to all groups who submitted a Risk Assessment, when groups do submitted a Risk Assessment, a copy is also given the National Activities Officer as well. Please do remember that the email address is plus_risk_assessment@googlegroups.com

Thank you to groups who submitted Risk Assessments include Solihull, Lichfield, Lincs Quest, Dunstable, NTCA, Barnet, Barking and Dagenham. They can size of War and Peace or simple one / two paragraphs of information relating to event and understanding of the risk involved.

Future

I am not standing for re-election after been approached by someone at WASH who wished to stand for the post at this year AGM.

I am organising a Fish & Chips on a Steam Train for 2022, spaces are limited and cost is £24.50, Walking Holiday will not be taking place in 2022 as it is clashing with Commonwealth Games will and the 80th +1 Anniversary celebrations, be moved to 2023.

I had hope to spend more time with my father in 2022, however this is not to be the case.

I might spend more time developing Solihull Quest up again.

James Oliver

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