

Treasurer's Report to LDER AGM 2023 30th November 2023

2023 has been an interesting year with the expenses for two in person party conferences for the first since 2019, generously supported by Unlock Democracy, Electoral Reform Society and Make Votes Matter.

The protracted transition to the party's new digital platform, including the long-awaited Fleet/Lighthouse membership and online payment processing has hampered LDER's recruitment and fundraising in 2023. We should be fully enabled in this respect by January 2024; though we will by then be in the throes of the run up to the General Election with fundraising efforts both by the party and by ally reform organisation at full throttle

Membership income has been stable but there has been some additional expenditure relating to the exhibition stand at the conferences, photography, printing, a banner and leaflets.

- a) The accounts for 2022 have been examined by Dominic Mathon and they are now presented to the AGM for approval. .
- b) The AGM is also invited to note information on the year to date for 2023. This shows a balanced at the bank of £4429.81 with no outstanding debts. Membership income is just over £1,700.
- c) The AGM is further invited to note the draft budget for 2024. In particular, the fees for the website (now called Fleet) and access to Lighthouse are significantly greater than the fees for the Prater Raines website.

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