Treasurer's report: 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

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It has been another successful year with 3 exhibitions and the Risborough festival adding to our savings, as well as progress with Quainton and Aylesbury High Street.

Bank account

The 3 exhibitions continue to do well for us with Haddenham, Risex and Railex all contributing to our funds by over £8000. Railex attendance was lower this year than before, but we were still over the break-even threshold, and our second-hand stand continues to perform really well. Thanks for all those involved with second-hand as this source of funds is clearly critical to our club.

For the first time we ran a quiz thanks to the hard work of Gary. This brought in a further £445 so a well worthwhile and fun event.

We have funds of £83,430.07 in total at the end of the year which is an increase of nearly £4000 over the previous year.

Income

Our income was £41,849.51 and outgoings were £37,962.37. Some of that income was from members buying things from our second-hand stock, some from hiring out club equipment and the club tea money box.

Expenditure

The premises costs are largely the cost of the hire of the hall during the year plus the storage costs of the coach and Palvan at Quainton.

Materials costs were some materials for the laser cutter and a service and new laser for the laser cutter. This item is now 10 years old – hard to believe we have had it that long. As a tool for us modellers it is invaluable.

Sundries included the cost of the zoom licence and the membership of the Chiltern MRA.

The new club room expenses were for a planning application for the new building and a small amount for Quainton's solicitor. Ours were free of charge but we did treat our solicitor, a fellow railway modeller, to an evening out and a box of wines. Well deserved.

Net result

The net result of this year is a significant surplus to add to our funds for the future.

We remain in a very healthy situation for a model railway club with income exceeding expenditure and substantial savings.