

Bristol Rural Branch AGM

23 November 2024

Treasurer's Report

Financial activity continues to be minimal. This year we have closed the Virgin savings account because the Bristol Branch closed and the interest rates were not that impressive. The cash is still in the Lloyds interest bearing account, but your new treasurer may want to explore opening a better account with an institution that is handy for them.

We voted for and paid a grant this year, for the first time I can recall. The amount was £1,474.68 and the recipients Syston. The amount looks a bit odd but simply matches the amount voted by the central G&B.

After several years of decline, the membership numbers are up slightly. Not enough to get excited about but perhaps a corner has been turned. We have sadly lost a few members during 2024 so recruitment is needed to maintain the direction of travel; especially juniors.

Membership

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Senior	73	78	74	107	115
Junior	17	17	14	12	11
Retired	64	55	40	0	
Associate	2	3	2	7	2
Honorary Life Member	2	1	1	1	1
Total	158	154	131	127	129

Interest rates have remained low for most of the year but our account balances are OK:

- the Business Instant account balance at 31 October 2024 is £2,008.44
- the Treasurer's account at 31 October 2024 has a balance of £102.90
- and the Virgin Money Charity Deposit Account has been closed.

This is my 5th report and, because of other pressures I am standing down from this AGM. It has been most interesting and I thank you for the opportunity you have allowed me.

I wish your new treasurer all the best and will, of course, offer any assistance required.

I am happy to answer any questions on the accounts, or on the role of Treasurer.

Thank you.

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