

# Hassocks & Hurstpierpoint Liberal Democrats



Annual General Meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

## The Year 2019

H&H have not held a separate bank account since joining Mid Sussex in 2014. Local funds are held by and are accounted for within the Local Party; in consequence, the accounts are therefore shown on a memorandum basis.

Mid Sussex accounts to the national party for its and its branches finances with a 31 December year end. Hence these accounts are for the year ended 31 December 2019. Since this is effectively old news, over page I have added a review of the activities of the 2020 year to date.

### **2019 - a very busy year.**

Following on from the 2018 which was a relatively quiet year 2019 was all but. We started the year facing the full up District and Parish elections enough to make it a busy year on their own but these were then followed by the European elections and we rounded off the year with a General Election.

<b>Hurst &amp; Hassocks Liberal Democrats</b>				
			<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Income</b>			
	Miscellaneous inc MSLD		-	152.50
	Councillor levies		2,948.64	1,621.44
	Donations		180.00	100.00
			<b>3,128.64</b>	<b>1,873.94</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>			
	Fundraising		69.00	150.00
	Printing		1,181.34	324.39
	Hall hire		155.00	54.00
	ALDC membership		345.12	-
	Election campaigns		2,363.71	-
			<b>4,114.17</b>	<b>528.39</b>
	<b>(Deficit) / Surplus</b>		- 985.53	1,345.55
	Balance b/fwd		1,746.32	400.77
	Balance c/fwd		<b>760.79</b>	<b>1,746.32</b>
	Cash at bank		<b>760.79</b>	<b>1,746.32</b>

Elected councillors contribute a tithe / levy towards the communications budget in local funds and the impact of this is a regular monthly income from our elected County and District councillors which is allocated to the branch. Following the success in May 2019 this has increased the funds available to the branch with a net income of approximately £280 per month which in 2019 helped to fund the General Election campaign for Arundel and South Downs as well as local campaign activity.

Branch donations raised £ 180 to help support the campaigns by the Hurst and Hassocks branch.

The Hurst and Hassocks branch spent a total of £4,114.17 in the year mostly on election campaigns and local literature, a net deficit from 2019 of £985.53 leaving a balance of £ 760.79 at its disposal at the start of 2020.

## 2020

This year has been an unusual one – campaigning has been restricted because of the Covid 19. Local parties were just about recovering from the busy 2019 and the December General Election when we were plunged into the pandemic and needed to shut down our activities.

Locally this has meant consolidation and a chance for councillors to build their roles on local councils. In terms of branch finances, councillor levies are helping to build a base from which to fight the 2021 elections.

Campaigning in the first part of 2020 was limited to targeted mailing using Royal Mail of a survey across Hurst & Hassocks in preparation for the 2021 County Elections the costs are in the accounts below. More recently a local Focus has been printed (after the date of these accounts).

<b>Hurst &amp; Hassocks Liberal Democrats</b>		
<b>9 months to 30th September 2020</b>		
		£
<b>Income</b>		
Miscellaneous inc MSLD		
Councillor levies		2,989.36
Donations		77.80
		<b>3,067.16</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Fundraising		
Printing		947.96
Hall hire		
ALDC membership		443.72
Election campaigns		
		<b>1,391.68</b>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus</b>		1,675.48
Balance b/fwd		760.79
Balance c/fwd		<b>2,436.27</b>
Cash at bank		<b>2,436.27</b>

Members are encouraged to help the branch by donating to the branch funds to help build a strong campaign for the County elections in 2021.

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