

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION - EUROPEAN BUTTERFLY GROUP 2020/2021**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 March 2021**

	2020/2021	2019/2020
INCOME		
Subscriptions & Gift Aid	4143*	5085
Calendar, Polo Shirts & booklet sales	1002	952
TOTAL INCOME	5145	6037
EXPENDITURE		
Bursaries	1000**	NIL
Donations/Sponsorship - support for Conservation Projects	NIL	NIL
BC Europe Meetings	NIL	126
International Symposium Expenses	NIL	NIL
Purchase of Calendars for resale & postage	707	507
Membership costs - AGM - Website	NIL 100	850 100
Newsletter, booklet & distribution	938	1042
Governance Costs - Meetings & Expenses	NIL	NIL
HQ Vat Charges (net)		(50)
Membership Leaflets ID Guide Project (Raymond/Watts)	NIL 31	NIL 22
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2776	2597
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	2369	3440
TOTAL FUNDS Carried Forward 31 March 2020		9751
BANK BALANCE at 31 March 21	12120	

*There remain ongoing issues with subscriptions income received from BC Finance, and I am currently corresponding with Sam Taylor in the hope that a resolution can be found. I believe that we need to establish the precise breakdown of members and

memberships which will allow both parties to ensure correct allocation of subs/gift aid going forward.

****Scrutiny of income and expenditure has now been made more difficult by the move to close Branch bank accounts. EBG, like all other branches, now relies on a set of monthly management accounts prepared by BC Finance. The actual amount spent on bursaries is £850, as the payment to Juan Pablo Cancelo was comprised of a £350 up-front payment followed by an intended payment of £150 when his project was nearing completion. This latter payment has not yet been made, but the management accounts are treating it as a prepayment in FY 2020/21, which is when the agreement to award the bursary was made. To reconcile this, the outstanding £150 will be omitted from the 2021/22 accounts.**

Treasurer's Report and Notes on the Accounts

The accounts at 31.03.2021 show an abnormally large cash in bank figure which has largely arisen due to the effects of the global coronavirus pandemic. Social distancing restrictions have led to plans for both committee and annual general meetings to be shelved, meaning that no expenses have been incurred for the above.

It was expected that no grants/bursaries would be awarded for the same reason, but the Group supported a project by Juan-Pablo Cancelo in the Sistema Iberico region of Spain as well as Paul Browning's extremely generous offer to allow his revised and updated work, *Butterflies of the Iberian Peninsula*, to be available via free download from the EBG website.

There was already a surplus of c. £3.5k carried forward from FY 2019/20, so even though the Group dedicated £1k to grants/bursaries where none had been budgeted for, this has seen the overall surplus rise to in excess of £6k. Given the pandemic's financial impact on the parent charity, it has been decided to award £5k to help to fund the work Sam Ellis does on behalf of European Butterfly Conservation, and this figure will appear in the accounts for FY 2021/22.

Sadly, it seems likely that the aims of EBG will continue to be stymied by the ongoing pandemic (although one hopes that mass vaccinations will see restrictions somewhat diminished later in the year). This means that whilst the group does not expect to award any bursaries nor envisage any expenditure on conservation projects/training/monitoring in the current financial year, financial support has been agreed for two publishing projects relating to Pyrenees/Aquitaine butterflies.

One can only hope that during the latter part of this financial year, the Group will be able to hold meetings in person again (including an AGM) and be able to plan for more normal activities/projects to resume.

David Moore (EBG Treasurer) 11th May 2021
