

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year 2023

Can I thank the committee for their support and advice and especially Paul Markwell for his sterling work in maintaining the subscription records.

On a subscription income of £9252, we have shown a surplus of £1460 – more than most league clubs!

At year end, we had £5383 in the bank, Currently, our bank balance stands at £6035 having just paid for the Akademy daytime pitches for April (we pay in advance). We are also owed £160 by the Australian Walking Football Team - we have paid for the Queen's Park pitch they needed for practice. We'll get that back in May when they get here.

However, the pitch fee for Hasland for 2024 has risen by another 25% to £1200. It has doubled in 2 years. I would not blame Chesterfield Borough Council, their funding has been squeezed by central government and they have little choice. On a lighter note, it still means we break even with 13 players and comfortably exceed that most weeks.

If you've had time to look at the final accounts for 2023, the biggest expense is pitch hire (61%). As things stand, we have negotiated a fixed £330 per month for Monday and Friday – which is a good deal. Tuesday evening is due to increase in April meaning it will rise to £2125 pa. So total cost of pitches in 2024 will be £7285 – up from £6377 – 14% increase.

We were able to show a modest profit, allowing us to subsidise the pre Xmas lunch and new kit etc.

As a result (and this is where I can sound like the Chancellor – except we know what we're doing) I would not recommend any increase in subs this year unless something extraordinary happens.