

Black Heritage Association

Chairman's Report 2024- 2025

Welcome to you all. I feel sad to say that we are so few. The past year has been very quiet sad to say we have lost more member who have past away. Last year we lost our treasurer who served us for many years. Our new treasurer had not being as active as we would like so we need a new treasurer who would take more interest. It is in everyone's interest to contribute in the offices of our organization so that we can thrive. I am sure you have read the treasurers report and we need to consider seriously the future of our organization. I have made it no secret that I am in poor health and feel I can no longer carry on as chairman. I will support whoever is appointed as the new chairman but I feel that for me it is as much as I am able to do. I do hope you will understand. We have not heard from West Itchen Trust other than to say they are short of funds, so it looks as if we need to carry on as we are with no input on the refurbishment. There are lots of work that we can do on the inside of the building to make us more comfortable but we cannot do any work on the outside. These were the instructions for West Itchen Trust.

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Treasurers Report 2024-2025 Black Heritage Summary of Accounts

Income

Membership	£280
Entrance	£683
Fundraising	£0
Grants	£0
Donations	£25
Hall hire	£310
Events	£0
Raffle	£105
Coffee morning	£0
Royalties	£15

Total **£1713**

Expenditure

Insurance	£215
Groceries	£21.85
Projects	£0
Gas	£1079
Electricity	£1021.15
Water	£254.20
Phone/broadband	£732.35
Garden	£0
Rates	£79.84
Rent	£0
Events	£15
Sundries	£18
Stationery	£0
Repairs	£139
Furniture	£0
Tv	£169.50
Coffee morning	£0
Reimbursments	£200

T0tal **£4078.79**

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- The Expenditure is extremely high
- Income by comparison is low
- There is a shortfall
- We need a basic income-of £400 per month
- BD was advised by an accountant that we need to raise £200 per month but with inflation it has doubled
- With 11 members we cant afford to keep the organization,this is not viable.
- We have looked at options,eg hiring out the buildingtoother community groups but we didn't think this was manageableat this time.

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