

FCS CIO Chairmans Report 2020 - 2021.

This has been another disappointing year for the Friends of Christchurch Railway Station Charity as a result of the continued Covid-19 outbreak. A number of issues all outside our own direct control, which have totally caused a major upset into the expected running and planning of our charities activities and its plans for recovery from last years downturn. Our expectations for this year were not possible to fulfil. Our Landlords, South Western Railway tendered several restrictions throughout the year on all Community Stations as a result of Covid-19 safety rules and regulations imposed by the Government, which restricted our regular activities at the Railway Station. These were necessary for safeguarding those travelling on the network and their staff, as a consequence it had a dire impact on our normal working activities. Added to this was the national restrictions on groups meeting up along with the restrictions on us for not allowing our group access on many occasions to our property, particularly restricting numbers to only one person attending on any one day only. The number of trains running was somewhat restricted and we were not allowed to be around when they did operate, so as not to make any contact with either passengers alighting or entering onto trains or platforms, as well as the restrictions of no contact with any staff members. A number of additional rules were posted up at our station which made our normal activities unable to be fulfilled in full. Unfortunately we also fell foul of the rules as we did not qualify to be able to seek reimbursement for any losses as many other charities also suffered. We were fortunate in allowing only minor expenses during this year and with no chance of any income from any source which was not forthcoming, but we managed to complete some planting for our floral displays throughout the year to maintain our presence, all be it at a much greater reduced option than previous years. We have been able in the later part of this year, as restrictions were becoming lighter and some restrictions being lifted, to plan for the 2022 season and in particular to plan our displays for the upcoming Queens Jubilee celebrations later in the year to support the travelling public and re-stamp our presence. Providing Covid rules do not return to the same level as they were, we should be able to process our plans for the future.

Fred Neale,
Chairman FCS CIO.

February 2022.

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH STATION CIO
Income Expenditure and Balance Account
YEAR ENDING 24 FEB 2022

PAYEE	CHQ NO	DATE	RECEIVED	PAID	BALANCE
24 Feb 2021 Balance b/f					6,980.80
Zurich Insurance	100040	17-Sep		157.00	6,823.80
A Finn (volunteer)	100041	28-Sep		20.00	
A Finn (volunteer)	100042			32.89	6,770.91
Bank Charges		14-Jan		5.00	6,765.91
Bank Charges		14-Feb		5.00	6,760.91
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24 Feb 2022 Balance					<hr/> 6,760.91 <hr/>

Breakdown of Balance: