

Forum – Treasurers Report for the year ended 31st March 2024.

AGM 17th April 2024.

The accounts to 31st March 2024 are similar to the previous years in that Forum's current 'overheads' are significantly less than they were pre-Covid and are somewhat predictable as we have paid the same website hosting fees, ICO fees, and insurance premium as we did in the year to 31st March 2023.

During the year the Team was able to organise three very diverse CPD events at the Barnabas Community Church and three 'Kitchen Table' networking events at Palmer's Café in Shrewsbury. All were well received by those who attended but it is still a challenge to attract the numbers who used to attend Forum events which we can only assume is due to the plethora of online training resources which have become available over recent years. As a consequence the events arranged by Forum over the year all failed to cover their costs with the exception of the year's last CPD event which returned a surplus of two pounds. Therefore, Forum's financial resources have been slightly depleted again but they continue to remain in rude health.

At this juncture it is probably worth reminding members that Forum would currently be defined as an unincorporated association by H.M. Revenue & Customs. What this means is that it is run solely for the benefit of its members. Therefore, Forum should not be focussed on making 'profits' on the activities it offers members, and if it does, such profits would need to be used for the benefit of our members.

The Team looks forward to seeing you again at Forum training and networking events in the coming year. And I look forward to hanging up my calculator and returning to the back-benches!

Neville Tomlinson

Treasurer

10th April 2024