

ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending 28th February 2026

Summary

We started the financial year with total funds of £13,457. We ended the year with funds of £12,296. So, the total assets held by the Community Association fell by just over £1k for the year. As such, our overall level of funds remain healthy – and I am particularly pleased with the end result for the year given the significant cost increase in running the Xmas lights events, matched by improved fund raising, which of course is the biggest annual expenditure item for the ECA.

In terms of the Xmas lights, the responsibility for the repair, maintenance and replenishment of the physical lights (the assets as it were) rest with Eton Town Council (ETC), but the installation and running of the event is our responsibility and this year with the improved fund raising we covered our costs and were able to make a contribution to the on-going maintenance of the lights.

Our second major “bucket” of expenditure concerns the costs related to producing Eton Matters which costs c£2,500 per annum. We did not quite cover our costs here and we will need to make some price adjustments for advertising in Eton Matters going forward – something we have not done for several years.

Admin expenses – including our annual public liability insurance premium and the IT hosting of Shout Out, AGM canape and drink expenses amounted to c£1,600. We did, however, earn c£200 in bank interest.

Other events, like the pub quiz, all covered their costs.

Additional one-off expenditure this year included our own Hi-Viz vests with the ECA name on them for use for the litter picks and additional new poppies for street decoration in the week leading up to Remembrance Day. So, overall, as previously stated we start the 26/27 financial year with funds of just over £12k.

Clearly, the challenge for FY 26-27 is to continue to secure the necessary funding support for the famous Eton Xmas lights, which will, as in previous years, be our key financial priority over the coming months.

Overall, however, for a small local Community Association we are well funded, with good reserves and we continue to be in good financial health.

Finally, the 25-26 accounts have already been prepared in draft and will be independently reviewed in time for the AGM in April.

Stewart Rogers

ECA Treasurer

15th April 2026