

## **BNC - AGM - Treasurer's Report**

Gareth Lewis replaced Douglas Wight as Treasurer at the AGM in 2021

The financial position of the Club was largely unchanged in 2021. The main revenue stream, subscriptions, continues to cover expenditures, the largest of which were publication of the History and the Margaret Rebecca Dickinson book. In the financial year to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, there was a small deficit of (£188) and a bank balance at year end of £11,176.

The healthy bank balance has allowed us to maintain a reserve of £5,000 in funds to be used towards the bicentenary celebrations in 2031.

Copies of the 2021 Report & Accounts are available to members by request.

Funds are reducing in 2022 but remain healthy as we invest in 2 more books - "the Medieval Grave Slabs of the Borders" and "the Early Presidents of the Berwickshire Naturalists Club" funds will strengthen again as we sell the stock of these publications.

We are currently pursuing setting up with HMRC - GiftAid which will bring an improved revenue stream from our membership (with no cost to members) as well as investigating better banking facilities to improve interest returns on our reserves and allow us to set up Direct Debit payments from our members.