



Financial Report (Summary) : April 2023 to March 2024

The Fulbourn Forum accounts for the period 2023/24 are summarised as;

Item	Income	Expenditure
Repair Cafés (2x events)	£584.16	£285.64
Community Markets (4x events)	£2,599.83	£1,180.44
Grant for Poor Well Herb Bed (SCDC)	£450.00	£655.69
Apple Pressing	£59.00	£304.05
Swifts Project	£35.23	£158.47
Donations	£258.04	
Memberships & Donations to other organisations		£150.00
General Operational Expenses		£415.62
Public Liability Insurance		£168.00
Adjustments (<i>Supplier error and claim back</i>)	£300.00	£300.00
Totals	£4,286.26	£3,617.91
Income less Expenditure for the period		£668.35
Bank balance & cash at period end		£5090.62

The activities of Fulbourn Forum during the past year are described within the Annual Report and these summary accounts adds financial context to this.

Our financial model is based on delivering our community objectives and to do this we earn from some activities and spend on others. We don't charge a membership fee as the entire village population is our membership and we offer free entry to activities. We aim to generate a small surplus year on year to build up a reserve to buy necessary equipment and to ensure we can provide activities that do not cover their own costs.

We continued to hold our funds with MetroBank with all banking activities carried out online; this has proven to be an efficient and convenient approach. For the last two years we have added the facility to accept credit cards for payments and donations and have found this to be particularly popular at the Community Markets. Cash does however remain important and we keep a £100 cash float.

The full version of the accounts summarised above were reviewed and approved by Mr. Mike Humphrey-Davies (M.A. F.C.A ret'd) and we are most grateful to him for this.

A credit / debit anomaly is shown in the accounts due to NHS incorrectly crediting F.Forum with £300 intended for someone else and then claiming it back a few days later. As this money passed through our bank accounts it is shown as an 'adjustment'. The effect is that the income and expenditure for the period is overstated by £300 but the overall result is unaffected.

Through the year we organised various events including Community Markets, RepairCafes, Environmental Film Showings, Apple Pressings and Litter Picks. Of these the community markets provide a significant proportion of our income through table hire to local vendors and our own tables selling cakes, preserves, plants, apple juice and beer. It should be noted that much of what is sold on the Fulbourn Forum tables is donated by supporters. The beer is provided by Moonshine Brewery (Fulbourn) on a sale or return basis.



The RepairCafes and Environmental Film Showings are reliant on donations and we remain impressed by the generosity of the community in this respect.

In addition to income from events and donations Fulbourn Forum also applies for grants to enable specific projects. In the 2023/24 period a £450 grant was received from SCDC towards the replacement of the herb bed at Poor Well on Cow Lane. An additional £200 was provided from our own funds and we benefited from the voluntary assistance of Mr. Richard Drage in preparing the wood. For the 2024/25 period the Wrights CL CIO Fund is providing a grant for a survey of the trees around the village that will potentially lead to a planting programme later in the year.

Fulbourn Forum continues to support the Fulbourn Swift Group and during the year provided funding for presentation materials.

Contributions, as either donations or membership subscriptions, are made to other local organisations whose activities align with our objectives. These include Cambridge Past, Present & Future (CPPF), CamValley Forum and Cambridge Carbon Footprint / Cambridge RepairCafe Network.

General operational expenses are those involved in the running of the organisation and includes items such as Public Liability Insurance, Web-Site hosting, stationery and equipment. In 2023-24 an additional pasteuriser was bought to support our apple-pressing event.

Looking forward we anticipate a similar programme of events as last year including community markets, repaircafes, apple pressing, litter picks and the screening of films with an environmental theme. Our main one-off project being the continuation of the Fulbourn Tree Survey and Planting Programme.

The Fugolburna film project, initiated in 2021 and completed in 2024, documents the challenges of our local chalk-streams and wetlands and its first showing will be after the AGM on the 10th May. (Grants provided by Wrights CL CIO & Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund)

Finally, a big thank-you to all those who have worked in conjunction with Fulbourn Forum to make the various events a success. Without the voluntary repairers there would be no RepairCafes; our community market tables rely on the generous donation of cakes, preserves and plants; the apple juice from the pressings uses gifted apples.

There is no getting away from it – doing good things costs money so please attend our events, buy things at our markets and make donations where and when you can.