

Radley Village Shop: Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2015

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 show a surplus of £9,224 (2014: £16,757). The following points are worthy of note:-

- Our turnover in 2015 was down by 4.3% which might give cause for concern if this trend continues year on year. However, bearing in mind the road closure at the start of the year had a great effect on our turnover, we have, with continued careful management of our purchases and margins, regular scrutiny of our wastage costs, achieved a favourable result even with reduced turnover.
- The gross profit margin has dropped a percentage point this last year to 21%.
- Repairs and maintenance has increased this last year, and this is to be expected as the shop enters its 9th year of trading. An additional £6000 has been spent on renewing equipment and carrying out maintenance in the shop. Our depreciation costs have increased because the Refrigeration Equipment is now showing as a depreciating item on the Profit and Loss Account. This depreciation is offset **in part** by the Grant we obtained for the purchase of the equipment, which is being brought in as deferred income.
- The Village Shop gave a grant to the Parish Council to provide Defibrillator equipment which is now installed and housed on the outside of the shop premises.

Net Assets in the Balance Sheet at 31st December 2015 were £131,582 (2014: £122,404).

The outstanding mortgage on the shop premises is reducing as planned. At the end of 2015 the amount owed to ICOF was £40,339 (31 December 2014: £44,731). We could redeem the Mortgage but there would be a penalty for so doing and for the moment it is considered best to let the mortgage run its course.

During 2016, we will make a further sum of £1000 available for grants to help village projects. Accordingly, with the approval of the members at this Annual General Meeting, the Village Shop will again invite applications for consideration by the Management Committee.

We will continue to build our reserves and expect the demands of maintenance will increase this year. Our volunteer base has been diminished since the last Annual General Meeting and several volunteers are covering more sessions than they might otherwise like. We have to consider the impact of this in the future and our reserves may well be needed to cover additional help in the future.

Once again, the monthly overview of our Accounts by Graham Steinsberg enabled Critchleys to carry out the examination of our books for a reduced fee. Accordingly, I would like to thank Critchleys formally for their services as Examiners and recommend their appointment as our Reporting Accountants for the coming year. I would also like to thank Graham Steinsberg for his continued help and support and to thank Joyce Huddleston and Sue Ward for their continued help with the accounting functions.

Lynda Pasquire Crowley - Treasurer - 12 May 2016