

Taplow Cricket 2020 Season – Treasurers Report

This has been a strange season for Taplow, which has resulted in a very different set of accounts. I will pick out a few of the more significant features.

Income:

In July, we were eventually able to play for half a season in the Thames Valley League on Saturdays and the remainder of our Sunday friendlies. The colts Friday evenings sessions were well attended throughout July and August, but unfortunately no league matches were possible.

The club took the decision not to collect member subscriptions due to the uncertainty of the length of the season. Match fees continued to be collected and were deemed to include a contribution to member subscriptions as unfortunately no teas could be provided due to Covid restrictions.

Other Income: The club was able to successfully apply for the £10,000 Government grant for small businesses, and this has been the saving of the club this season. Other monies received includes £2,000 for hirings pre-Covid and £400 for from colts sessions and sale of equipment.

Donations: Thanks to all those members who kindly made donations to the club to help in this difficult time; this is much appreciated.

Bar: The bar takings were similarly affected by the reduced season and restricted usage.

Costs:

Rates: Buckinghamshire Council gave a rates holiday for 2020 due to Covid.

Insurance: We have changed our insurance company and now pay on a monthly basis rather than yearly. The total premium was slightly lower at £1,554.

Club Repairs: The total includes £800 to get an electrical safety certificate and £1,440 paid to tree surgeons for tree work following damage in high winds. Other expenses have been reduced wherever possible.

Our total expenses for the year were down on last year and there was a small profit for the year after depreciation costs.

Our cash balances at 31 August 2020 were looking strong - but the winter brings many costs for essential ground work, machine services and repairs, along with the need to replace the leaking roof of the veranda. We have applied for grants to help with these costs which we should hear the results of in the coming months.

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