

The Arts Society Glaven Valley Treasurer's Report: AGM 2026

The Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026 show a profit of £1,788, with year-end reserves increasing from £20,227 to £22,015.

Membership has fallen only slightly to 196, which remains encouraging given the current financial climate.

Our Arts Society has a history of reaching out to our local community and in recent years we have been able to do this through projects in our local schools, Church Recordings of the artistic treasures within, and latterly providing Trails of Interest within our community for all.

At the same time, it is important that we continue to attract the highest-quality lecturers for the benefit of our members.

I propose that we freeze the membership fee for a further year, to encourage new members to join while retaining the loyalty of our existing membership in difficult times.

A neutral budget has thus been prepared for the coming year which forecasts a loss. This can be offset by utilising our reserves, but continuing and, as yet, unknown inflationary pressures will inevitably require a review of the current membership fee next year.

Finally, our thanks are once again extended to John Chapman for acting as Scrutineer of the Accounts for the Glaven Valley Arts Society, and I would like to thank him personally for his wise counsel and continued support.

Stephen Williams

Treasurer