

**FRIENDS OF MONTGOMERY STREET PARK
AGM 22 JUNE 2009**

TREASURER REPORT

SUMMARY

A successful first year, we have now £1,550 in the bank which can be used to improved our park and organised more community events.

INCOME

We raised £5,717 in income during the year.

Grant

Just over half the total income was a grant from the Edinburgh Green Space Trust to carry out a consultation on our draft plan for the park.

Events

The next larger source was money raised at events: £2,098 (excluding sale of bags and memberships).

Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the amount for event was raised at our 16 August 2008 event . We raised £460 from stalls fees, £438 from the tombola, £440 from books , coffee and cake sale and £320 from various donations from business takings.

The event on the 13 March 2009 was a smaller, organised at quite short notice we raised £300 from the sale of bricks and £141 from the various activities (cake,coffee, face painting etc..)

Bags sales

We collected £394 from this. Back in the summer 2008, we decided to design re-usable bags for sale at events and at local business to raise awareness for our park and raise funds. The agreement with four of the businesses , Eero & Riley, the Mana House, Cornelius & Renroc, was that they will share the cost of producing 500 bags, each business will take 100 bags each for sale and when all the bags were sold to give the profit to the group. (This amounted to £104 per business). This left 100 bags to be sold at events. There are still some bags to sale which should bring further money next year.

Membership and donations

During the year we received £160 in membership and £91 in donation. We have 70 adult members on our book. There are also some children members as part of our family membership but I do not have a count of those

EXPENSES

Our total expenses amounted to £4,174. These were kept low thanks to the various in kind donations we received from members and businesses during the year.

Consultation

The largest cost at £2,974, was the cost of consultation for which the grant was raised. This still remained to be paid as we have not received the invoice yet.

Other

Remaining costs amount to £1,200. This is made up of £345 Web site design and maintenance, £272 materials for events (pergolas and Frisbee panel for 13 March event), £234 for park improvement (painting the police box and couple of bird boxes), £156 for public liability insurance, £99 for licence to hold events in the park, balance of £94 was for printing, membership to the Community Local Action Network and postage.

ACCOUNT VERIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION

The accounts have been independently verified by Helen Linton , FCCA.

They will be posted on the website and I have paper copies for anybody who wants them.

CONCLUSION

Financially, a successful first year, but we have an ambitious goal, for the next year we need to step up the fund raising particularly the grant application which can bring big money. We need to continue to lobby the Council to ensure funds are put aside for our park.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to say a big thanks to all of the people who have supported us over the last year, either by giving their time, contributing money and giving us in kind donation.