

Minutes of the Berkswell Society 2022 AGM

Held on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 7 pm, Jordan Room, St John Baptist Church, Church Lane, Berkswell. 24 members present. Apologies were received from Graham Lock and Beverley Spicer.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 7th October 2021 were approved. (see website [link](#))
2. The Secretary gave an update on the Society's activities over the last 2 years using photographs on screen appendix 1. Particular thanks were given to the volunteers who looked after the 35 planters, those involved in the litter pick and the Berkswell traffic calming project and to Jim Ellis for the website which provided a wealth of information and suggestions for things to do and places to visit in the parish. It was noted that the Society would be one of 4 parties seeking to raise money to refurbish the roof of the war memorial
3. Treasurer's report covering 2021. See appendix 2
 - 3.1. Thanked the Berkswell Charities and PC for their ongoing financial support
 - 3.2. Explained that the Society remained in good financial shape
 - 3.3. It was noted that its investment account was in preference shares. The value of this was expected to drop as interest rates rise which was the converse to what had happened over the last few years where dropping interest rates had caused the value of the preference shares to rise. However, the income remained stable at about £550 per annum irrespective of the capital value. The Committee had reached the conclusion that there was no better place to invest the money and it provided a steady income.
4. The Chairman invited nominations for the committee. The previous committee were re-elected unopposed as follows
 - 4.1. Jane Edwards – Chairman
 - 4.2. Ken Shaw Treasurer
 - 4.3. Andrew Burrow – Secretary
 - 4.4. Committee members
 - 4.4.1. Jim Ellis (Communications)
 - 4.4.2. Beverley Spicer
 - 4.4.3. Flick Wheeler
 - 4.4.4. Barrie Howarth
 - 4.4.5. Kay Howles
 - 4.4.6. Graham Lock
5. It was agreed that Richard Drake is appointed to scrutinise the 2022 accounts

6. Discussion of parish business was conducted as part of the parish assembly which followed the Society AGM. There was an exhibition of the Concept and special plans from the Solihull draft local plan.



Andrew Burrow
Secretary to the Berkswell Society
28th June 2022

Appendix 1 – Society Activities 2021



Berkswell Society AGM



Planter renewal (4 in Balsall Common)



Maintain 35 across the parish (and a bit of Balsall)

- 10 in Berkswell village
- 3 in rural Berkswell
- 5 at Berkswell Station
- 11 in Balsall Common
- Station Roundabout
- Masala Club bed
- 4 on Central Balsall Common roundabout (with BCVRA)

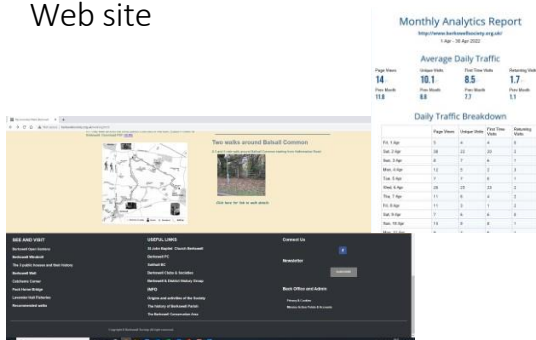
Berkswell traffic calming

A true financial and people partnership



- Society £1000, Charities £3950
- PC circa £6,700
- Arup
- Input from groups and residents
- Best compromise
- Funded by WMCA
- Delivered by SMBC Highways

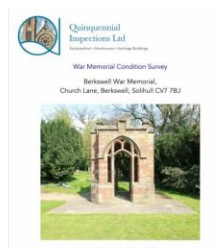
Web site



Open Gardens – 26th June Charitable fund raiser



War memorial roof appeal - another joint project



Appendix 2 – Society Accounts

Income £

	2020	2021
Berkswell Charites	450	750
Berkswell PC	500	550
Investment dividend	574.88	554.88
Bank interest	0.01	0
Total	£1524.89	£1854.88

Thanks to the Berkswell Charities and parish council for their grants

Expenditure £

	2020	2021
Plants and planters	1750.88	1427.25
Telephone box library	140	0
Investment admin fee	40	0
Fee for termination of Investment administrators	0	20
Printing for Open gardens charity event	0	25
CPRE membership	36	36
Total expenditure	1967.58	1508.25
Excess of income over expenditure	-£442.69	£346.63

Balance sheet and reserves

Current account	
Year end 2020	£2,135.20
Excess of income over expenditure	£346.63
Year end 2021	£2,481.83 held in bank account

Investment account (Aviva preference shares)	
Opening value end 2020	£10,074
Closing value end 2021	£9,471

