

Annual Report of the Central England (Anglia) Society Party Council for the year ended 31 December 2019

Officers

Chair: Dennis Jones
Secretary: Vince Moon
Assistant Secretary: Heather Skibsted

Council Members

John Chillcott
Alan Dowson
Christian Defeo
Lisa Forbes
Michael Langford
Graeme Watkins
(until his death in June)

Fellow Members,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report of the Central England Anglia Society Co-operative Party for the period ending 31st December 2019.

We have three branches of the Co-op Party; King's Lynn and West Norfolk, North East Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, including Huntingdon. Party membership has been maintained in all these areas.

In Peterborough we had local elections to the City Council in May 2019. We supported eight candidates who were members of the Co-op Party and five of these were victorious bringing to eight the number of our members on this Council. We also had success in King's Lynn where two of our members, who we supported, stood for the district council and were elected.

Lisa Forbes, one of our Co-op Party Council members, surprised the pundits in the Peterborough Parliamentary By-election held in June by winning, as the Labour Candidate. Sadly, she was unable to hold the seat in the December General Election due to a considerable national swing against Labour, although her result was still a very strong performance when compared to others in the Eastern region. As well as supporting her we also supported Jo Rust in King's Lynn and Dianne Boyd in North East Cambridgeshire. Although unsuccessful, both worked extremely hard and fought creditable campaigns.

The Party has also been represented at a number of local, regional and national meetings and conferences, including the Co-op Party National Conference in Glasgow and a joint Co-op Party / Parliamentary History Group meeting at Portcullis House in Westminster. Local activities have also taken place, including a Fairtrade stall in Peterborough City Centre during Fairtrade Fortnight.

On sad note we lost our most stalwart member, Graeme Watkins, who died in June. Graeme's record as a co-operator and Co-op Party activist goes back at least five decades. A former director of both the Anglia and Central England Societies, he was a member of the National Executive Committee of the Co-op Party as well as being Treasurer of the local Party. His contribution to the movement over many years was immense and we greatly miss his wisdom and his wit.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks for the Society's continued support for the local Co-op Party and to the officials of the Society for their co-operation and friendly assistance throughout the year.

Vince Moon

Secretary

Society Party Council Central England (Anglia Region)

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 December 2019

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Society Grant		7,500		7,400
Membership subscriptions		260		348
Peterborough Branch Account		327		-
Other		12		-
Total Income		8,099		7,748
Expenditure				
Operations				
Conferences and Meetings	1,232		1,392	
Election Grants	10,850		1,400	
Schools & Courses	88		-	
Room Hire	24		85	
Affiliation fees	631		751	
	12,825		3,628	
Establishment				
Postage and Stationery	35		23	
	35		23	
Total Expenditure		12,860		3,651
Excess / (Deficit) of income over expenditure		(4,761)		4,097
Balance Sheet				
as at 31 December 2019				
Assets				
Intercompany Account		9,274		14,035
		9,274		14,035
Funded by				
General Fund				
Balance brought forward		14,035		9,938
Excess / (Deficit) of Income over expenditure		(4,761)		4,097
		9,274		14,035