

2017 Financial Review

This year has been a challenging one financially in some respects.

During the winter months entry fees for our Stud and Flock Fairs were reviewed and as a result considerably more income was generated than in previous years. All credit to our committee who banded together to run two very successful days of selling. This year we also hosted an additional outside ram sale, so it is great to see this facility being used on a regular basis throughout the summer months.

It has been sad for us to lose the support of The Alliance Group's sponsorship for the Ram Fairs and the Show; however they say when one door shuts another opens. We had been very fortunate to have had their support for such a long time and had been very grateful for this.

On the other hand, it is great to have the new horse boxes up and running to capacity at nearly all horse events. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Our Committee again worked hard to run another very successful Show. As a result of hosting a feature section in the Dairy Section, we had several additional Canterbury competitors who attended the Show. I understand they were very impressed with the running of the Show, our hospitality, as well as the facilities and grounds. I see this continuing stream of visitors as are our best advocates for future years of support.

We are grateful to the MLT for their financial support of the Show. This support enabled us to host the dynamic little red-head Te Radar for the day. Thank you to Bridget Lowry for organising and hosting Te Radar during his visit to the south.

This year our Show hosted a Sunday of dog trials in the main ring and speed shearing as a prelude to the World Shearing Championships in Invercargill a week later. Thank you to the Dog Trial Club for coming to the fore and I understand they are keen to repeat this coming Show.

Rental incomes, stock revenue and the annual interest derived from the Murrayfield Trust bequest form a major part of the A & P's financial viability. The A & P also continue to be indebted to the Gore District Council for their valuable financial contribution and Council representatives on the Joint Management Committee who all work well together to enhance the running and use of the showgrounds.

Next month we are embarking on another cheese roll making fundraising day following on from last August's mammoth day out. This money has been set aside to contribute to the continuing maintenance and upgrading of the A & P's facilities.

Thank you to Bevin, our Caretaker; Rob Hall, our President; Carmen, our new Secretary and Helen, our Showday Secretary for all your hard work. It has also been heartening to have welcomed several new faces with new ideas to the Committee during the year.

Onwards and upwards.

Thank you.

Jane Allen (Treasurer).