

**Lee Manor Society**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the 12 Months Ended 31 July 2025**

The Plant Mart was a huge success this year. The income figure of £2,337.55 was well up on last year. Please note that the outgoings figure for the Plant Mart of £206 includes £150 in the shape of the floats for the stalls (LMS money withdrawn from the bank so it needs to be characterised as an outgoing. To get the final surplus figure deduct £206 from the income figure: £2131.55). In fact, the only actual cost for the Plant Mart in these accounts was flowers for the Paton family who generously allowed the event to go ahead on their front garden despite Ian's death a few days earlier. All the plant donations, cakes and prizes were generous donations, as was the time of the volunteers. The cost of the insurance for the event will appear in next year's accounts.

Donations were dominated by £500 from John Payne who support the LMS website. We call this a donation rather than sponsorship which would otherwise be a business activity potentially subject to VAT.

The Ice House produced £280.39 in donations and sales of leaflets, but there is the potential to do even better, I suspect.

The Southbrook Trees donations were match-funded by the LMS as we have previously discussed. In fact, the Lewisham Council cash we had been safeguarding for trees didn't quite cover the final cost so we needed to provide a little extra from our own funds to cover the final cost.

The NCIL grant for the Big Bed project will in due course go to Glendale when they carry out the restoration work and we will need to top that up – along with a contribution from the Friends of Manor House Gardens.

**On the expenditure side**, please note that the website costs reflect the price of running a professional, secure, and good-looking site. We have to pay for the hosting, security certificate, e-mail account for newsletters and of course the domain. The actual building of the site was done for nothing by Tom Bilson. Some of this year's costs are one-offs to cover the setting-up or forward payments for multi-year services. In fact, the sum is more or less covered by the John Payne donation which we hope will be repeated next year.

As you know, we have taken over responsibility for the Community Garden which we think was the right move, but it will incur some extra costs over the coming year.

We have successfully kept down the cost of meeting room hire thanks to tough negotiating by Frances and reducing the number of meetings per year. The main cost of the AGM was an honorarium paid to the speaker.

However, supporters should note that the final year-end balance was artificially inflated by the NCIL grant which is already spoken for. If you strip that out we ended the year with a deficit against the opening balance of £1,000. So, although we have some reserves, it's important that we continue to raise funds with another successful Plant Mart and generous donations including at the Ice House.

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		<b>2024/2025</b>	<b><u>2023/24</u> LMS</b>
<b>Starting Balance</b>		£9,520.55	<b>£9,009.54</b>
<i>Income</i>			
	Plant Mart	£2,337.74	£1,510.12
	Donations	£528.68	
	Ice House	£280.39	£271.52
	Southbrook Trees donations	£2,617.50	
	NCIL grant	£2,450.00	
	NY Social raffle	£65.84	£0.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£8,280.15</b>	<b>£1,781.64</b>
<i>Expenditure</i>			
	Southbrook Trees	£5,135.00	
	Subscriptions	£28.00	£28.00
	AGM	£184.70	£124.00
	Website costs	£561.71	£150.00
	Publicity/printing	£236.62	£643.25
	Meetings	£168.00	£90.00
	2nd Card Reader	£39.99	£29.99
	Plant Mart costs exc. insurance	£206.00	£0.00
	Research (book purchase)	£73.49	
	NY Social	£128.00	
	Ralph White wake/flowers	£0.00	£155.25
	Donations (Ade Joseph)	£25.00	
	Sundries	£0.00	£74.00
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£6,786.51</b>	<b>£1,354.78</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for the period</b>		<b>£1,493.64</b>	<b>£426.86</b>
<b>Balance on 31 July 2024</b>		<b>£11,014.19</b>	<b>£9,436.40</b>