



# **Ballot Box Scotland Accounts - Financial Year 2019/20**

**Accounts**

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# 1. Overall Figures - Net Income £1,170.77

## 1.1. Headline Income and Expenditure Figures

<b>Income</b>	
<b>Donations</b>	
Q1	£507.20
Q2	£219.61
Q3	£546.24
Q4	£252.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,525.74</b>
<b>Paid Work</b>	
Q1	£0.00
Q2	£0.00
Q3	£0.00
Q4	£162.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£162.00</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>£1,687.74</b>
 <b>Expenditure</b>	
Q1	£85.77
Q2	£360.91
Q3	£38.82
Q4	£31.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>£516.97</b>
 <b>Net Income</b>	 <b>£1,170.77</b>

## 1.2. Notes

Ballot Box Scotland began taking donations shortly after the beginning of the 2019/20 financial year, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.

The quarterly breakdown mostly follows calendar months for simplicity, except that Q4 also includes dates in April up until the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, to align with the financial year.

BBS committed to publishing these accounts when launching the donations platform.

Donations to BBS are completely anonymous when paid via Stripe, whilst payments via Paypal provide the donor's name. Although Paypal does provide a name, all donations are listed anonymously in these accounts, and I have not kept a record of who has donated and how much beyond what exists on my Paypal account.

*These accounts were re-issued in July 2020, when by sheer chance I noticed I'd mixed up a cell in my spreadsheet and accidentally took the £162 of paid work out of the donations total for Q4, which gave a Donations Total for that quarter (and thus the year) that was therefore £162 smaller than the actual sum of listed donations.*

## 2. Income - Total £1,687.74

### 2.1. Donations - Total £1,525.74

#### 2.1.1. Q1 (April-June) - Total £507.20

Date	Amount
15/04/2019	£28.78
15/04/2019	£1.73
16/04/2019	£8.49
16/04/2019	£8.49
16/04/2019	£28.78
16/04/2019	£5.11
16/04/2019	£1.73
16/04/2019	£19.52
16/04/2019	£58.96
17/04/2019	£8.49
23/04/2019	£9.66
26/04/2019	£8.14
30/04/2019	£14.29
30/04/2019	£8.49
30/04/2019	£8.49
30/04/2019	£1.77
05/05/2019	£50.03
05/05/2019	£19.12
07/05/2019	£43.27
12/05/2019	£11.39
13/05/2019	£8.67
20/05/2019	£11.63
21/05/2019	£8.67
22/05/2019	£8.49
26/05/2019	£19.12
26/05/2019	£19.52
26/05/2019	£1.77
26/05/2019	£8.67
26/05/2019	£8.67
26/05/2019	£3.74
27/05/2019	£8.49
27/05/2019	£8.49
27/05/2019	£8.49
27/05/2019	£2.76
27/05/2019	£8.67
27/05/2019	£14.29
28/05/2019	£8.67
19/06/2019	£3.66

## 2.1.2. Q2 (July-September) – Total £219.61

Date	Amount
01/07/2019	£9.46
02/07/2019	£8.49
10/07/2019	£21.98
13/07/2019	£1.87
17/07/2019	£3.66
24/07/2019	£8.67
25/07/2019	£11.63
31/07/2019	£14.59
16/08/2019	£3.66
21/08/2019	£1.74
21/08/2019	£8.67
23/08/2019	£8.44
24/08/2019	£1.78
28/08/2019	£1.78
29/08/2019	£8.44
04/09/2019	£19.52
05/09/2019	£15.31
05/09/2019	£9.41
09/09/2019	£45.14
14/09/2019	£3.74
18/09/2019	£11.63

### 2.1.3. Q3 (October - December) - Total £546.24

Date	Amount
01/10/2019	£8.67
02/10/2019	£8.67
02/10/2019	£9.66
03/10/2019	£8.39
11/10/2019	£3.74
16/10/2019	£11.63
30/10/2019	£8.44
31/10/2019	£1.64
31/10/2019	£19.52
31/10/2019	£51.07
31/10/2019	£51.07
03/11/2019	£9.66
06/11/2019	£3.04
06/11/2019	£1.64
13/11/2019	£35.30
13/11/2019	£11.63
15/11/2019	£28.83
15/11/2019	£9.41
15/11/2019	£9.41
15/11/2019	£38.54
20/11/2019	£1.64
26/11/2019	£16.40
30/11/2019	£11.29
08/12/2019	£43.38
11/12/2019	£10.30
16/12/2019	£4.55
16/12/2019	£24.45
18/12/2019	£11.35
19/12/2019	£7.69
20/12/2019	£9.41
22/12/2019	£37.57
29/12/2019	£38.25

### 2.1.4. Q4 (January – 5<sup>th</sup> of April) – Total £252.69

Date	Amount
06/01/2020	£28.83
08/01/2020	£3.58
31/01/2020	£1.64
31/01/2020	£4.73
01/02/2020	£56.99
03/02/2020	£1.77
03/02/2020	£19.12
04/02/2020	£4.73
04/02/2020	£7.69
04/02/2020	£7.47
04/02/2020	£7.69
04/02/2020	£7.69
14/02/2020	£7.69
18/02/2020	£49.10
19/02/2020	£7.69
26/02/2020	£30.56
01/04/2020	£5.72

### 2.1.5. Donation Notes

Donations saw peaks in Q1 and Q3, which coincided with the European and Westminster elections, respectively.

Q2 and Q4 were quieter times, and Q4 had a notable gap in donations entirely in March, likely due to the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic which has delayed the by-elections BBS was due to cover as well as caused an understandable reduction in non-essential expenditures for people who might otherwise donate.

The fees collected by Paypal (20p + 3.4%) and Stripe (20p + 1.4%) are not included in the donation figures here, as I never see that money! If you're looking for your own donation here, you won't find the nice round figure you paid.

### 2.2. Paid Work – Total £162.00

Date	Amount
25/02/2020	£120.00
25/02/2020	£42.00

Only one piece of paid work was commissioned from BBS this year, to produce five articles about constituencies for the UK General Election for the relevant local papers in the Newsquest group.

In addition to the agreed fee, an additional late fee was received per Late Payment of Commercial Debts standard.

### 3. Expenditure - Total £516.97

#### 3.1. Q1 - Total £85.77

Date	Amount	Description
16/04/2019	£48.00	Domain Purchase - ballotbox.scot
27/04/2019	£8.39	Web Hosting
27/05/2019	£8.39	Web Hosting
27/06/2019	£8.39	Web Hosting
30/06/2019	£12.60	Q1 Liberapay Donation

#### 3.2. Q2 - Total £360.91

Date	Amount	Description
14/07/2019	£45.25	Payment-in-kind for design work
21/07/2019	£285.00	New Laptop (Half)
27/07/2019	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
27/08/2019	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
27/09/2019	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
30/09/2019	£ 5.49	Q2 Liberapay Donation

#### 3.2.3. Q3 - Total £38.82

Date	Amount	Description
27/10/2019	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
27/11/2019	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
27/12/2019	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
06/01/2019	£ 13.65	Q3 Liberapay Donation

#### 3.2.4. Q4 - Total £31.47

Date	Amount	Description
27/01/2020	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
27/02/2020	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
27/03/2020	£ 8.39	Web Hosting
05/04/2020	£ 6.30	Q4 Liberapay Donation

#### 3.2.5. Expenditure Notes

Far fewer line items for expenditure so just presented as consolidated quarterly blocks here.

Most of the expenditure for 2019/20 was part-payment for a new laptop. Obviously, Ballot Box Scotland maps and charts need to be created somewhere, and my previous machine was on its very last legs. Only half of the purchase price has been allocated as BBS expenditure however, as it obviously also serves other personal uses.

The bulk of the remaining expenditure relates to web hosting and domain registration fees.

Payment-in-kind for design work amounted to covering the cost of meals for a friend who is due to do the work.

Quarterly Liberapay donations are approximately 2.5% of that quarter's donation income. That payment is voluntary, to support the free platform provided for collecting donations.