**IHBC North Branch AGM

Thursday 26th May 2022**

**@ Redhouse, 32 Sandhill, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3JF**

 **Treasurer’s Report**

1. **Introduction**

Since 2020 we have all experienced a challenging time in dealing with the covid-19 pandemic. During this time the North Branch finances have been ‘paused’, ready for 2022 when we begin to look ahead after covid.

A change of the branch chair has also meant a change in authorisation and instruction with Lloyds Bank. Not straightforward, but something which we are still in the process of finalising.

1. **Income and Expenditure for the Year**

There has been little financial activity over the preceding year due to a lack of branch events, resulting from the covid-19 pandemic.

In terms of income the North Branch received a one-off special pandemic support funding grant of £750.00 in November 2021 from the National Office, with many thanks.

In terms of expenditure, there wasn’t any! Waiting for now when we can relaunch our events programme and branch activity.

This now means that the bank balance is currently has a healthy surplus of £2,603.85.

1. **Looking Forward**

After an abrupt halt to our plans in 2020 the branch finances are in a good and healthy position moving into 2022/2023, ready to support an exciting programme of events throughout the coming 12 months which also ties in perfectly with IHBC’s 25th year celebrations.

Thanks massively to continuing support from committee and branch members with funding support from supporters, without which we would not be able to provide a stable core fund to engage with and excite our members in the North.

 **Michael Atkinson***Acting Treasurer of the IHBC North Branch*22/05/2022