



The Newton Abbot Accounting Unit  
Statement of Accounts  
For the year ended 31 December 2009

## Introduction

This Statement of Accounts provides a report on the political and financial activities of the Newton Abbot Accounting Unit. The Newton Abbot Accounting Unit's registered address is:

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For the purposes of the Political Parties Elections Referendums Act 2000, Miss Janet Parrott is the Registered Treasurer and Miss Mary Dolley the Deputy Registered Treasurer.

## Review of political activities

### Overview

The main focus of activity for the unit this year was the County Council elections in June, which proved to be a highly successful Campaign, returning an additional 4 Councillors to County Hall. Preparation for the 2010 General Election continued with assistance being provided to the PPC in her campaign by means of help with canvassing and the preparation and delivery of newsletters and survey questionnaires.

### Membership

The unit's membership consists of two different categories:

- Full members who live in the Constituency;
- Out of constituency members;

At the end of the year, the membership of the unit was as follows:

Membership type	2009	2008
Full	260	343
Out of Constituency	2	4
Club	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>347</b>

### Branches

The unit has eight branches under its direct control and all income received and expenditure incurred by those branches has been included in the Unit's accounts:

- Bishopsteignton
- Combe/Stoke/Coffinswell
- Dawlish & District
- Ipplepen
- Kingsteignton
- Newton Abbot Town
- Shaldon
- Teignmouth

## **Committees**

The Unit's Executive Council met twice during the year. This Committee is the governing body of the Unit. The Management Committee is made up of the Officers of the Unit and has the day to day responsibility for the management and administration of the Unit and met six times during the year.

## **Campaigning**

During the early part of the year, attention focused on campaigning for the County Council elections which were held in June. The efforts of the candidates and those helping them paid off, the division already held being comfortably retained, and a further four divisions having been taken from Liberal Democrat councillors. Branches have been invited to give consideration to possible candidates for the District Council elections which are due to be held in 2011. Continuing uncertainty remains about the future of the proposals for the creation of unitary authorities. The PPC's campaign has continued with both practical and financial support from the Association.

## **Review of Financial Activities**

### **Overview**

The continuing poor economic climate has unfortunately taken its toll on the Association, and the financial position of the Unit is less satisfactory than had been hoped.

### **Income and Expenditure**

#### **Income**

Income from subscriptions continued to decline and there was also a small decline in fundraising income. No donation was received from Shaldon Conservative Club and the donation from Dawlish Conservative Club remained at the same level as in 2008. The substantial increase in donations represented receipts for the PPC's campaign. The appeal for money for the Fighting Fund in readiness for the County Council election accounted for the increase in the sum raised.

#### **Expenditure**

The largest increase in expenditure related to the charges for the Agent and her staff and the Association's office facilities as part of the Devon East Group. Expenditure on the election costs for the County Council elections was more than covered by the funds raised by the fighting fund appeal in the spring. The greater part of the costs incurred in advertising, delivery and promotion related to the PPC's campaign and were covered by the donations received for this purpose.

It should be noted that although there is a substantial excess of income over expenditure, much of the surplus is represented by donations obtained specifically for the PPC's campaign and will be disbursed accordingly.

#### **Balance Sheet**

The improvement noted at the end of the last financial year has not been sustained. It has proved possible to repay no more than a further £500.00 of the loan received from Tiverton & Honiton Conservative Association.

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## Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31 December 2009

	See Note	2009 £	2008 £
<b>Income</b>			
Donations		21272	1581
Subscriptions		8527	10765
Appeals		2345	195
Local Government Candidate Contributions		935	0
Patron's Club		1837	2586
CCHQ Grant		4530	6622
Sundry Income		20	70
<b>Fund Raising Income</b>			
Branch Fund Raising - Gross	10	6079	7153
Other Fund Raising – Gross	10	4065	4399
Notional Income	9	7290	0
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>56900</b>	<b>33371</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Devon East Management Charge		13500	12000
Agent's Travel Costs		0	130
Computer Costs & Support		953	423
Insurance		130	130
Postage		625	810
Printing & stationery		0	232
Sundry expenses		388	155
Website costs		0	229
<b>Fund Raising Expenditure</b>			
Branch Fund Raising – Cost	10	1541	2469
Other Fund Raising - Cost	10	2436	1872
<b>Political</b>			
Literature / Printing		3371	7540
Advertising/Delivery/Promotion		13576	167
Local Government Election Costs		1569	0
CCO – per capita levy		965	1230
Devon Area Management levy		100	100
Euro Campaign Quota		-800	800
Notional Expenditure	9	7290	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>45644</b>	<b>28287</b>
<b>Excess income over expenditure before taxation</b>		<b>11256</b>	<b>5084</b>
Taxation on investment income		0	0
<b>Excess income over expenditure before taxation</b>		<b>11256</b>	<b>5084</b>

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## Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2009

		<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Property		-	-
Fixtures & fittings		-	-
Information technology		-	-
Investments		-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors including prepayments`	6	500	2492
Cash at bank and in hand		18443	4339
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>18943</b>	<b>6831</b>
<b>Creditors falling due in less than one year</b>			
Creditors including accruals	7	4778	3421
Other – Inter Party Loan		2500	3000
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>7278</b>	<b>6421</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>11665</b>	<b>410</b>
Creditors falling due in more than one year		-	-
Provisions for liabilities & charges		-	-
<b>Net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>11665</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>			
Accumulated fund		410	-4674
Excess income over expenditure after taxation		11255	5084
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>11665</b>	<b>410</b>

## Notes to the accounts

### 1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and guidance issued by the Electoral Commission.

### 2. Accounting convention

The statements are prepared on a historical cost basis.

### 3. Change in basis

There have not been any material changes to the SOA, since last year's return.

### 4. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during 2009.

### 5. Fixed assets

The Newton Abbot Unit does not own any fixed assets.

### 6. Debtors and prepayments

	This year £	Last year £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	0	2492
Prepayments	500	-
Investment income	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>

### 7. Creditors and accruals

	This year £	Last year £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	3813	872
Accruals	965	2549
Short term loans & overdrafts	2500	3000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7278</b>	<b>6421</b>

### 8. Salaries

The Unit does not employ any staff. Agent support and Administration is carried out by staff employed by the Devon East Grouping and is covered by the monthly Management charge.

## **9. Notional expenditure and income**

The following notional items were provided to the Unit, by way of donations in kind to the Candidate's Campaign.

Beaconsfield Constituency Association: Postage cost of Candidate's Business Survey - £517.50.

Invoiced by DECG and settled direct.

Borderbridge Ltd: Candidate's local newspaper columns - £489.90

Britannia Ltd: Printing and stationery for use by the Candidate plus secretarial support for the Candidate - £4997.76

Britannia Ltd: Secretarial support for the Candidate - £1285.40

These actual costs, totaling £7290.56, have been included as notional expenditure and notional income in the Income and Expenditure account.

## **10. Fundraising**

The Unit ran a number of fundraising activities, which included:

- Wine Tasting Evenings
- Raffles
- Coffee Mornings, Lunches, Suppers and Dinners
- Annual Dinner and Luncheon

