

Report

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1 **AGM Report for South East Edinburgh Greens sub-branch**

2 **Sub-branch activities**

3 Newsletters

- 4 • We produced two editions of newsletters for Southside Newington and
5 Liberton/Gilmerton wards, writing all the copy, sourcing photos, laying
6 out etc. Some main stories were taken up by other local teams. Print runs
7 were 13,000 (all households) and 6,000 (just under half all households)
8 respectively.
- 9 • Unfortunately we were only able to distribute one edition of the
10 newsletters. The Spring edition was just about to go to print when
11 #lockdown happened and we had to follow guidance to stay at home.

12 Stalls etc

- 13 • A highlight was the stall we held In July, under our gazebo, at the
14 Meadows Climate Festival, where the focus was on plastics. Ross Greer MSP
15 had attended and there had been an excellent workshop.
- 16 • In September we set up a table on Nicholson Street with the aim of
17 encouraging adults to support the school children's climate strike that
18 month.

- 19 • In July and August members took part in nationally organised issue
20 surveying in The Inch, to gather information ahead of the next Holyrood
21 election campaign. This has begun to raise our profile in the area and
22 particularly when we were able to follow up issues raised.
- 23 • In July we organised a successful training seminar on 'Re-framing the
24 Narrative' around the Independence debate. This was well attended both by
25 SEEG members and the wider Yes movement and many had come away with new
26 ideas and skills, particularly for canvassing.
- 27 • We had tried to organise Social Evenings for members. The first had gone
28 OK, but the second had not been attended.

29 Fundraising

- 30 • We raised over £200 for SGP from the sale of craft goods produced by our
31 members.

32 Elections

- 33 • In November and December many members, recent and long-standing, played a
34 full part in the General Election campaign in support of our SGP
35 candidate, Kate Nevens. Despite the result we all agreed this had been an
36 excellent experience, with Kate bringing a fresh approach to our
37 campaigning and canvassing, the benefit of working with Morningside team,
38 and the numbers of old and new members we managed to involve in the
39 campaign.

40 **Finance report**

41 Income and expenditure for the 2019/2020 financial year were as follows:

42 Opening balance £380.44

43 Expenditure included room hire, online conferencing and a gazebo.

44 Closing balance tbc

45 We noted the national party is short of funds and neither Edinburgh nor Glasgow
46 branch has been paid their capitation, and the possible knock-on effects on the

47 sub-branch.

48 **Election of office holders**

49 The following positions were elected at the SEEG AGM:

- 50 • Co-convenors: Alison Neathey and Guy Johnson
- 51 • Membership & Finance Secretary: Steve West
- 52 • Minutes Secretary: John Palmer
- 53 • Representative to Edinburgh Branch Committee: John Nichol