**STEP OUT SHEFFIELD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021 - 2022**

**Financially, if nothing else, we have had our best year ever.**

**We received a significant increase in Council Ward Pot Grants over previous years. I suspect this was due to a lot of social groups with whom we would be competing for grants being shut down due to Covid-19 and not applying.**

**We even received a Ward Pot Grant specifically to contribute towards the cost of a coach trip to York for two of our walks. Those walks who organize their own trips and were not aware of this possible funding take note!!!**

**We also received an unexpected one off payment from the Medical School for providing student placements.**

**For once, as Treasurer, I am pleased to say we started spending money again!**

**One notable item of expenditure was the payment made to Ramblers for membership of Ramblers Wellbeing Walks. They offered a discount for schemes paying three years membership at once, and we took advantage of this offer. This means we will not be paying membership in the next financial year!**

**However, the new Financial Year will be slightly more challenging. Council Ward Pot Grants will be back to their competitive worst, and other Grants will be difficult to secure, as funders struggle to recover from Covid-19 costs. We will, of course, do our best!**

**Largely due to the increased income we finished Financial Year 2021 – 2022 well ahead of Budget.**

**A detailed spreadsheet is attached to this report, and the figures speak for themselves!!!**

**Nigel Ross**

**Volunteer Walk Leader and Treasurer – Step Out Sheffield**