

# UKUUG Treasurer Report

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The draft accounts for the year to 31 December 2010 have been made available on the website.

The accounts show a loss this year of around £4k, as against a profit last year of around £22k. In part this is due to fewer and less profitable events in the year, and also due to a fall in subscription income also related to attendance at events.

We have held several events since the last AGM, the main highlights being our Spring Conference this time in Leeds, the annual OpenTech, and tutorials on Perl and Debian packaging.

Attendance and membership has recovered somewhat from the depths of the credit crunch, but we have yet to see the upsurge in interest in Free Software development that many of us are hoping for. Possibly we are not [yet] benefiting from the increasing interest that has occurred over the last year.

We continue to make progress on upgrading our website to enable better member and community involvement in, and comment on, what we do. We would welcome suggestions as to how UKUUG's website could better serve the membership, our sponsors and the wider community, and in particular any suggestions as to fund-raising activities that we should pursue.

We have now registered FLOSSUK.org as our primary point of entry, as Free Libre Open Source Software and its associated platforms and infrastructure is, in this day and age, a more appropriate term than the Unix platform(s) on which much of it originated.

Many thanks to all our sponsors for their support and involvement with us in 2010/2011.

As always, UKUUG remains committed to investing its funds wisely and looking after the reserves for the benefit of its members and the long term interests of the group, whilst also looking at new projects. Long term stability is important, but we must also invest time and effort in adapting and improving our services to members to maintain our core aims as set out in the Memorandum of Association, including the advance and development of open computing systems, facilitating interaction between developers, and users, and helping to inform a wider audience.

My thanks to my fellow Council Members, and Jane Morrison for their efforts in the last year.