



University of Bristol Politics Society Finance Review
2020/2021

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Our membership currently stands at 272 members.

In the first month of this academic year, new membership purchases brought us **£1,392**

Considering the Coronavirus crisis and the chaos it has brought, this is pretty strong going. It is very comparable to what we get in an ordinary academic year!

- ◆ First month of 2019/2020: **£1,737**
- ◆ First month of 2018/2019: **£925**
- ◆ First month of 2017/2018: **£1,503**

There are many perks to being a member, including access to exclusive members-only events, as well as being first in line for ticket release for our balls and celebrations. And to top it off, UBPS members save, on average, **£76 a year.**

Whatever our balance is at the end of the academic year will roll over, to be given to the 2021/22 society. This is usually a great boost at the start of term.

- ◆ Funds brought forward August 2020: **£4,279**
- ◆ Funds brought forward August 2019: **£4,317**
- ◆ Funds brought forward August 2018: **£3,192**

Depending on the pace at which things begin to pick up, it may be that the 2021/22 committee have much more money to begin with than usual.

We would much prefer to be spending on:

- Our summer ball
- Food and drinks socials
- Having external speakers come to Bristol
- A trip (either international or in the UK)
- Debates, hustings, other political events
- and much more

But at least if not, we can help the society of next year out, and make 2021/22 the best year of Politics Society yet.

Currently, we have a balance of over £5,500

This number will go up as more members join throughout the year, as well as events begin to be held. If we possibly can, we want to hold a trip, a summer ball and many more talks and political events.

Our Snow Ball 2019 generated £5,800 in ticket sales alone.



Projections for 2021

We are hoping to hold a **Summer Ball** in 2021, Covid-19 allowing.

Not every member will buy a ticket, and venue/food prices may increase following this economic year. However, our projections are as follows:

Venue Hire: around £2,000 + VAT

Catering: dependent on how many members register interest in the event, £2,000-£2,500

Ticket price in order to cover cost, estimate: at least £40 (this could only be the cost if every single member were to buy a ticket)

Prices of Snow Ball 2019 tickets (a realistic idea of what tickets would actually cost):

1 st Release Member £35	2 nd Release Member £38	3 rd Release Member £41	Non-Member/Guest £44
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Last year, we held many foodie socials. On average, one of these gatherings would cost the society **£250.**

If possible, more of these will be held in 2021!

However, throughout 2020/21, we predict we will have spent the same amount of money on prizes for our virtual competitions.



Other expenses included our trip to Krakow:



And plenty of pub quiz prizes...