

**REPORT OF WORKING PARTY FOR
THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 14 OCTOBER 2007**

As you are aware the Working Party made only very limited progress at reviewing the Society's Costs. The main Expenses were:

1. The Recorder Magazine – This was outside our brief.
2. The Conference and Annual General Meeting and Committee Meetings – savings have been shown by holding one of the 3 Committee Meetings immediately after the Conference
3. Walter Bergmann Fund and NYRO – Both of these were outside our terms of Reference.

As part of the exercise Gift Aid Status was sought and has been granted by the Revenue. This has enabled a Claim to be made on the following basis:

2003-2004	-	£2,493.61
2004-2005	-	£2,576.54
2005-2006	-	£2,786.10

From 2005/2006 we were able to allocated £45.69 to the Walter Bergmann Fund £14.10 to NYRO.

Claims have yet to be submitted for later years. 2006/2007 will be more complicated due the problems with Subscription rates for that year.

The next question concerns the basis of Gift Aid. HM Revenue and Customs have confirmed that the Branch Subscriptions would also be eligible. In many instances it is understood that double claims are made, one for the national portion and a separate one by each of the local organisations.

It is understood that one or two Branches have already gone down this route. This is a matter for the Society to consider.

The Working Party has achieved a significant increase to the Society's Funds. It is not felt that the Working Party can make any further contribution to our activities, and it is proposed that it should now be wound up.

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