

Leicestershire Fieldworkers – short statement concerning the theft of money from the group by the previous Treasurer, John Maloney. A longer statement concerning this issue and the action taken will be given at the Fieldworkers AGM on 20th September 2018, 6pm, University of Leicester, George Davies Building, Lecture Theatre 2.

- 1) It came to light in late November 2016 that the previous Treasurer, John Maloney, had been committing fraud by regularly taking money from the bank account since 2012, to a total sum of £10,600 plus an unknown cash sum thought to be in the region of £400.
- 2) Following an internal investigation in early 2017 the fraud was reported to the national Action Fraud centre for advice, to the Charity Commission, and to Leicestershire Police who then pursued the matter. Mr Maloney admitted his fault and said he was being treated for a benign brain tumour and was receiving counselling. £6,000 was paid back by him in March 2017.
- 3) Due to an additional issue within the Fieldworkers Committee, the Police were unable to pursue the matter again until November 2017. Following investigations and interviews Mr Maloney was given a Conditional Caution in May 2018 on the proviso that the remaining money of £4,600 was paid back or he would face court proceedings. The deadline for this was 6th August 2018. This deadline has now passed and the court has not received the money so the police are again pursuing the case. A report to the Charity Commission will be made in due course.

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