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**Subject:** Important News About Card Readers



Dear Chairs and Treasurers,

**Re: Card readers**

Some good news! We know that local parties are coming up to the annual dinner season, and many of you will be running raffles, auctions and other fundraising events.

Since the pandemic, fewer people carry cash, and this has tended to make it harder to raise money at these kinds of events. (Our in-person appeal at last year's Autumn Conference raised about 1/4 of what it used to from the hall collection, for example.)

**We wanted to confirm that local parties can legally use card readers at these events.**

(Many local parties bank with Unity Bank, who offer card readers through Elavon. See details here: <https://www.unity.co.uk/business-banking/accepting-card-payments/>.)

To ensure compliance with the law, you need to:

- Only accept payments **up to £499** through card readers. **Any payment larger than this needs to be reported and checked against the Electoral Roll.** It is much safer and simpler to do this through a bank transfer.
- **Do not accept multiple payments from a single person that go above £499. You cannot split a larger payment into a number of smaller ones!**

Please contact [compliance@libdems.org.uk](mailto:compliance@libdems.org.uk) if you have any queries.

With best wishes,



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