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W I COMMUNITY HALL, DIBDEN PURLIEU, SOUTHAMPTON, SO45 4QP

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1.1.20 TO 31.12.20

<u>Income</u>		2020	2019
Hall bookings	Regular	7515.00	9181
“ “	Casual	1745.61	2589
Grants	Sport England Grant	5000.00	
“	NFDC Coronavirus Support (Grant)	10000.00	
	Biffa Grant	10753.29	
Private donation		5.00	6
Bank Interest		<u>1.78</u>	2
		35020.68	
Bank Balance b/fwd 1.1.20		8043.39	
Cheques written off (2019)		<u>101.00</u>	
		43165.07	
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Expenditure

Utilities	Gas	1593.32		1400
	Electric	612.00		612
	Water	<u>335.98</u>	2541.30	<u>335</u>
				2425
NFDC Rates			32.00	316
PRS			282.20	
Insurance			1599.85	1587
Cleaner			1080.00	1473
Maintenance	Materials	60.48		
	J Still – manholes	260.00		
	kettle & keys	34.37		
	Grass cutting	54.42		
	Boiler service	86.40		
	Door realignment	40.00		
	Painting	39.28		
	Flooring extras	<u>187.34</u>	762.29	1246
Hutchison Flooring and skirting boards			15546.88	9540
Refunds due to Lockdown			291.00	
Admin			<u>16.57</u>	61
			22152.09	
Balance in hand 31.12.20	Current account		16059.04	
	Deposit account		<u>4953.94</u>	
			43165.07	
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