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*David Blincow, Chairman Caston Village Hall Charitable Trust*

May 2023

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|                                            | Opening  |          | Closing   |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Opening Balances 1st April 2022            |          |          |           |
| Current Account                            |          |          |           |
| Lloyds Bank Current Account                | 5700.36  |          |           |
| Plus Receipts                              |          | 37346.41 |           |
| Minus Payments                             |          |          | 81855.06  |
| Plus Transfers from Deposit Account        |          | 43000.00 |           |
| Less Transfer to Savings Account           |          |          | 2000.00   |
| Total                                      |          | 80346.41 | 83855.06  |
| Current Account Closing Balance (31/03/23) |          |          | 2191.71   |
| Savings Account                            |          |          |           |
| Opening Balance                            | 47001.55 |          |           |
| Plus Interest Received                     |          | 14.58    |           |
| Transfer from Current Account              |          | 2000.00  |           |
| Transfers to Current Account               |          |          | 43000.00  |
| Savings Account Closing Balance            |          | 2014.58  | 43000.00  |
|                                            |          |          | 6016.13   |
| Petty Cash                                 |          |          |           |
| Opening Balance                            | 5.26     |          | 5.26      |
| Total Cash (Bank + Petty Cash)             | 52707.17 |          | 8213.10   |
| Total Change in funds                      |          |          | -44494.07 |
| Acre Loan                                  |          |          |           |
| Amount Borrowed                            | 11945.00 |          |           |
| Repayed                                    |          | 524.11   | 11420.89  |

Audited 30/5/2023.  
*J. M. Wembelove*

Income and Expenditure Summary - 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

**IRREGULAR INCOME**

|                                                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Grants Bernard Sunley (£5000), Garfield Weston £3000) | 12274.00 |
| ACRE Loan                                             | 11945.00 |
| Total Irregular Income                                | 24219.00 |

**REGULAR INCOME**

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Coffee Morning                      | 4178.07  |
| Hall Hire                           | 2500.50  |
| Breckland Lottery                   | 1013.10  |
| Easyfund Raising                    | 82.63    |
| Amazon Core                         | 17.11    |
| Alford Storage & Astco Recycling    | 134.10   |
| Special Events (Includes Bar Sales) | 3787.90  |
| Total General Income                | 11713.41 |

**Hall refurbishment**

68847.21

**Fittings**

6778.12

**Loan Repayment**

524.11

**General Expenditure**

|                                                     |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Loan Interest                                       | 161.56  |
| Misc (£9.88 = Interest Received)                    | 14.58   |
| Hall Insurance (£570.00 from Caston Parish Council) | 570.00  |
| Internet                                            | 95.86   |
| Window Cleaning                                     | 150.00  |
| Hall Cleaning                                       | 1361.81 |
| Water                                               | 247.21  |
| Electricity                                         | 898.50  |
| Electric Meter (Cash from Meter)                    | 344.00  |
| Bar Supplies                                        | 789.85  |
| Total Misc Receipts                                 | 928.58  |
| Total General Expenditure                           | 5705.62 |

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S. M. Webblove

|                   |          |           |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Total Income      | 36860.99 |           |
| Total Expenditure |          | 81855.06  |
| Surplus/Shortfall |          | -44994.07 |

Surplus/Shortfall 2022/2023 Analysis

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Income from Normal Activities             | 11713.41  |
| Income Electric & Ins from Parish Council | 928.58    |
| Less General Expenses                     | 5705.62   |
| General Surplus                           | 6936.37   |
| Less Hall Refurbishment                   | 68847.21  |
| Less Fittings                             | 6778.12   |
| Total Spend on VH Extension               | 75625.33  |
| Surplus/Shortfall for the year            | -68688.96 |
| Plus                                      |           |
| Grants                                    | 12274.00  |
| ACRE Loan                                 | 11945.00  |
| Less ACRE Repayments                      | -524.11   |
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