



**Asian Welfare and Cultural  
Association  
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	<b>2021/20 22</b>	<b>2020/2 021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at Bank - current accounts	45,774	49,961
Cash at Bank - deposit account (Building Fund)	<u>123,076</u>	<u>120,559</u>
	<b>168,850</b>	<b>170,520</b>
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Current Assets	<b><u>168,850</u></b>	<b><u>170,520</u></b>

**AWCA MELA A/C 2021/2022**

	£
B/fwd	39,722
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	-
Stalls & Brochure	1,226
Grants	<u>24,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>25,226</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Production	12,324
PPE	5,026
Performers	<u>8,200</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>25,550</u></b>
<b>Summary</b>	
Balance B/fwd	39,722
Total Income	25,226
Total Expenditure	<u>25,551</u>
<b>Balance to C/fwd</b>	<b><u>39,398</u></b>

**AWCA GENERAL A/C 2021/2022****Income**

Donations	-
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Membership	383
Grants	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>633</b>

### Expenditure

Administration	1,078
Donation	1,200
Bollifit classes	150
Website	613
Yoga	912
Insurance	442
PPE	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,495</b>

### Summary

Balance B/fwd	10,238
Total Income	633
Total Expenditure	4,495
<b>Balance to C/fwd</b>	<b>6,376</b>

### WCA DEPOSIT A/C 2020/2021

	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
B/forward	120,559	120,498
Interest	18	61
Donations	1,000	-
Refund	500	-
Visual	1,000	-
	<b>123,077</b>	<b>120,559</b>

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