

# GREAT BARDFIELD TOWN HALL

England & Wales · Charity number 301308

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1963-10-14

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Gibraltar Mill  
Mill Road  
Great Bardfield  
Braintree  
CM7 4QG

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## Activities

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**Objects:** VILLAGE HALL

**Activities:** Provides hall facilities for local clubs, groups and individuals to hold fundraising and social activities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF GREAT BARDFIELD AND ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY
- Essex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£20,392	£17,063	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,362	£16,167	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,559	£38,578	-	-
2022-03-31	£32,507	£22,171	-	-
2021-03-31	£35,658	£20,455	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GREAT BARDFIELD TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		

**GREAT BARDFIELD TOWN HALL**

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# Accounts

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Great Bardfield Town Hall Management Committee  
Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

		2024			2023		
		Income	Expend- iture	Net	Income	Expend- iture	Net
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Lettings Village Organisations		3066	0	3066	5144	0	5144
Lettings Casual Bookings		2980	0	2980	2021	0	2021
Donations from Village Organisations		0	0	0	100	0	100
Parish Organisations Orchestra etc		0	0	0	593	0	593
Boules Competition		615	74	541	628	73	555
Art Show		7963	5779	2185	6180	4056	2124
Quiz Night		1515	648	867	1243	557	686
Band Night		876	454	422	1415	2013	-598
Rent from Cottage & Info Point		7662	0	7662	5592	0	5592
Parish Council Support		2000	0	2000	0	0	0
Christmas Income		150	431	-281	185	398	-213
Craft Show		413	91	321	295	33	262
Donations & Grants		2660	0	2660	60	0	60
Other Income		461	0	461	105	0	105
<b>Total</b>		<b>30362</b>	<b>7477</b>	<b>22885</b>	<b>23561</b>	<b>7130</b>	<b>16431</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
<b>Direct</b>							
Staff Costs				7044			6422
Water Rates				411			1179
Insurance				2471			2411
Repairs Renewals & Restoration				241			17249
Electricity				2881			1878
Heating Oil				2320			1336
<b>Total</b>				<b>15367</b>			<b>30475</b>
<b>Overheads</b>							
Performing Right Society				355			139
Membership Fees				0			72
Cleaning Materials				197			223
Donations Made				20			0
Miscellaneous				288			389
General Office Expenses				434			221
Professional Fees				42			41
Bank Interest Paid(Received)				-536			-110
<b>Total</b>				<b>800</b>			<b>975</b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>				<b>6718</b>			<b>-15019</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>							
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Freehold Property (valuation 2017)</b>			1231916			1231916
	<b>Fixed Assets Other</b>			3573			102
	<b>Total</b>			<b>1235489</b>			<b>1232018</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>Bank Deposit Account</b>			45739			42814
	<b>Bank Current Account</b>			1524			1203
				<b>47263</b>			<b>44017</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>None</b>			<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>				<b>47263</b>			<b>44017</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>				<b>1282753</b>			<b>1276035</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>	<b>Property Valuation Reserve BF&amp; CF</b>			1211855			1211855
	<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>bf</b>		64180			79199
		<b>year</b>		6718			-15019
		<b>cf</b>		<b>70898</b>			<b>64180</b>
	<b>Toal Reserves</b>			<b>1282753</b>			<b>1276035</b>

I have examined the Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet to 31st March 2024 of the Great Bardfield Town Hall and can confirm they are in accordance with the books and records I have seen and explanations I have received.

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# Accounts

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## Town Hall report

At our AGM last year, Carolynne Ruffle stood down as Chairman of the Town Hall Management Committee and John Maidman took over. Carolynne served on the committee for more years than even she can remember, and was Chairman for the last six years. We are grateful to Carolynne for her hard work and dedication. She will be a hard act to follow. Thanks also to Martyn Lennard who retired from the committee after many years.

At the beginning of our financial year, Covid restrictions were still in place regarding gatherings indoors, therefore our first letting of the Hall was not until June 2021. Fortunately, we received grants from Braintree District Council to compensate for loss of earnings and from Essex County Council and the Rural Community Council of Essex's Covid Safe Community Buildings Fund for repairs to the windows and doors.

Since June, village activities have gradually started up again. All restrictions were lifted on 19<sup>th</sup> July and we were delighted that the Horticultural Society were able to hold their Summer Show in August. Sadly, Great Bardfield's Mother and Toddler Group closed as Angela Boyle, who ran the group for many years, moved away and there was no-one to take it over. We would like to thank Angela for all she did for the Toddler Group over the years, and wish her and her husband every happiness in their new home.

Our first fundraising event was the Boules Barbecue at the final of

the Boules Competition on a lovely sunny day in early October. Later that month we held a band night featuring 'Strike School' to mark the official opening of the Town Hall following the pandemic. The evening was a great success and a fun time was had by all.

This year we had another wonderful Christmas Tree outside the Town Hall and were extremely grateful for donations from the Parish Council, the *Bardfield Times* and Bardfield Charities towards the cost. Bardfield Community Choir were unable to hold their usual Christmas Carol Concert inside the Hall due to the large numbers who usually attend. However, the Choir sang carols around the village, ending at the Town Hall in front of the beautifully lit Christmas tree. Mulled wine and mince pies were served to put everyone in the festive spirit.

This March the Town Hall Quiz took place after an absence of two years. Minds were as sharp as ever, and the somewhat challenging questions were ably put together by our renowned quiz-master Iain Graham, with Kate Fox doing the hard work of calculating the scores.

During the summer, Paul Brandl repaired the window frames and doors on the Hall, the CIP and the Cottage. This year the exterior of the CIP, Store Room and cottage will be painted. An electrical inspection was also undertaken and any issues requiring attention were rectified by Spencer Smith.

In December 2021, we opened a 'Community Fridge', giving out food donated by the Co-op which can no longer be sold. The Community Fridge is open on Monday and Friday from 10.00am-2.00pm and on Saturday mornings from 10.00am-12.00. Thanks go to Great Bardfield Co-op for this wonderful initiative, and to Sarah Hymas, the Hall's caretaker, for running it.

**Patricia Walsh**  
Treasurer

**John Maidman**  
Chairman

Great Bardfield Town Hall Management Committee  
Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

		2022			2021		
		Income	Expenditure	£ Net	Income	Expenditure	£ Net
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Lettings Village Organisations		3950		3950	3744		3744
Letings Casual Bookings		1208		1208	-108		-108
Donations from Village Organisations		100		100	100		100
Parish Organisations Orchestra etc		80		80	0		0
Boules Competitions		452	62	391	0		0
Arts & Crafts		98		98	0		0
Quiz Night		992	457	534	0		0
Band Night		496	311	185	0		0
Rent from Cottage		6072		6072	5702		5702
Christmnas Draw		0	460	-460	0	379	-379
Wine Tasting		15		15			
Donations & Grants		17667		17667	21868		21868
Other Income		1378		1378	4335		4335
<b>Total</b>		<b>32507</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>31217</b>	<b>35641</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>35262</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
<b>Direct Expenses</b>							
Staff Costs		0	6023	-6023	0	6686	-6686
Water Rates		0	109	-109	0	208	-208
Insurance		0	2284	-2284	0	951	-951
Repairs Renewals & Restoration		0	9640	-9640	0	9516	-9516
Electricity		0	2377	-2377	0	1397	-1397
Professional & Membership Fees		0	0	0	0	103	-103
Heating Oil		0	802	-802	0	291	-291
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>21235</b>	<b>-21235</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19152</b>	<b>-19152</b>
<b>Overheads</b>							
Performing Rights Society		0	132	-132	0	400	-400
Membership Fees		0	132	-132	0	0	0
Cleaning Materials		0	53	-52.67	0	368	-368
Donations Made		0	-240	240	0	0	0
Miscellaneous		0	806	-806	0	157	-157
Professional Fees		0	58	-58	0	0	0
Bank Interest Paid (received)		0	-5	5	17	0	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>-936</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>-908</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>22171</b>	<b>-22171</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20077</b>	<b>-20060</b>
<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>32507</b>	<b>23461</b>	<b>9047</b>	<b>35658</b>	<b>20456</b>	<b>15202</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>							
Fixed Assets Freehold Property at Valuation 2017				1231916			1231916
Fixed Assets Other				83			0
<b>Total</b>				<b>1231999</b>			<b>1231916</b>
Current Assets	Debtors			0			0
	Petty Cash			0			50
	Bank Deposit Account			57361			47680
	Bank Current Account			1693			2361
	<b>Total</b>			<b>59054</b>			<b>50091</b>
Current Liabilities	Net Wages			0			0
<b>Net Current Assets</b>				<b>59054</b>			<b>50091</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>				<b>1291053</b>			<b>1282007</b>
Represented by	Property Valuation BF & CF			1211855			1211855
	General Reserve BF			70152			54949
	Surplus / (Deficit ) for year			9047			15203
	General Reserve CF			79198			70152
	<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>1291053</b>			<b>1282007</b>

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William Mules FCA



19/04/2022

Great Bardfield Town Hall Management Committee  
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		2022			2021		
		Income	Expenditure	£ Net	Income	Expenditure	£ Net
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Lettings Village Organisations		3950		3950	3744		3744
Letings Casual Bookings		1208		1208	-108		-108
Donations from Village Organisations		100		100	100		100
Parish Organisations Orchestra etc		80		80	0		0
Boules Competitions		452	62	391	0		0
Arts & Crafts		98		98	0		0
Quiz Night		992	457	534	0		0
Band Night		496	311	185	0		0
Rent from Cottage		6072		6072	5702		5702
Christmnas Draw		0	460	-460	0	379	-379
Wine Tasting		15		15			
Donations & Grants		17667		17667	21868		21868
Other Income		1378		1378	4335		4335
<b>Total</b>		<b>32507</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>31217</b>	<b>35641</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>35262</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
<b>Direct Expenses</b>							
Staff Costs		0	6023	-6023	0	6686	-6686
Water Rates		0	109	-109	0	208	-208
Insurance		0	2284	-2284	0	951	-951
Repairs Renewals & Restoration		0	9640	-9640	0	9516	-9516
Electricity		0	2377	-2377	0	1397	-1397
Professional & Membership Fees		0	0	0	0	103	-103
Heating Oil		0	802	-802	0	291	-291
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>21235</b>	<b>-21235</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19152</b>	<b>-19152</b>
<b>Overheads</b>							
Performing Rights Society		0	132	-132	0	400	-400
Membership Fees		0	132	-132	0	0	0
Cleaning Materials		0	53	-52.67	0	368	-368
Donations Made		0	-240	240	0	0	0
Miscellaneous		0	806	-806	0	157	-157
Professional Fees		0	58	-58	0	0	0
Bank Interest Paid (received)		0	-5	5	17	0	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>-936</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>-908</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>22171</b>	<b>-22171</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20077</b>	<b>-20060</b>
<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>32507</b>	<b>23461</b>	<b>9047</b>	<b>35658</b>	<b>20456</b>	<b>15202</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>							
Fixed Assets Freehold Property at Valuation 2017				1231916			1231916
Fixed Assets Other				83			0
<b>Total</b>				<b>1231999</b>			<b>1231916</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors				0			0
Petty Cash				0			50
Bank Deposit Account				57361			47680
Bank Current Account				1693			2361
<b>Total</b>				<b>59054</b>			<b>50091</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>							
Net Wages				0			0
<b>Net Current Assets</b>				<b>59054</b>			<b>50091</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>							
				<b>1291053</b>			<b>1282007</b>
<b>Represented by</b>							
Property Valuation BF & CF				1211855			1211855
General Reserve BF				70152			54949
Surplus / (Deficit ) for year				9047			15203
General Reserve CF				79198			70152
<b>Total Reserves</b>				<b>1291053</b>			<b>1282007</b>

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# Accounts

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## Town Hall report

It has been a difficult year for the Town Hall. As soon as we went into lockdown in March 2020, all our regular clubs and societies were forced to cancel their bookings and our usual fundraising activities also had to be cancelled (the last being the Town Hall Quiz just before lockdown in March 2020). We reimbursed deposits and payments for private bookings too, as several parties were planned and then cancelled during 2020.

As restrictions lifted in early summer our Vice Chair, John Maidman, attended a course on the safe reopening of community buildings and spent many hours reviewing and establishing a Risk Assessment and Plan. The Hall was fitted out with several hand sanitisers, deep cleans undertaken, many notices put up and a one-way system into and out of the Hall established. We tentatively reopened for bookings in September. However most Clubs and Societies were still unable to restart due to continued social distancing measures. No Horticultural Society Shows and meetings, no Cinema Club, Choir, Tuesday Club, Carpet Bowls or Players. The only bookings we have had this year have been a few Zumba classes held in the autumn before we went into Tier 3, 4 and then another extensive lockdown.

Hence, this year we have had next to no income. However, we have been fortunate that the Town Hall qualified for the Government's Business Support Grant Scheme to cover loss of income due to Covid-19. This has kept us afloat until the Hall can re-open again and has enabled us to make the Hall Covid secure, repair a leak and the old boiler in the Cottage, paint the stage area and pay our bills! We are now considering the requirements for refurbishing the Community Information Point and the range of buildings in which that sits. Let's hope there are grants for that as it will be an expensive job.

A big thank you to our caretaker, Sarah Hymas, for keeping an eye on the Hall while it has been empty, giving it a regular deep clean, and ensuring there were no frozen pipes over the long winter months.

Many of you would have seen our magnificent Christmas tree with new light-up star, in December. Bigger and better than ever! A shame that we could not gather for the usual Christmas Concert. We are extremely grateful for the generous donations from the Parish Council, the *Bardfield Times* and Bardfield Charities to help us bring some Christmas cheer.

A pared-down version of the Bardfield Boules competition took place, under socially distancing rules, over the summer, with more teams than we might have expected, but no spectators and no Grand Finals Day. The competition is back for 2021 and hopefully we will be able to gather for the Finals early this autumn.

Thanks to the Town Hall Management Committee for continued support and actions during this difficult year.

Committee meetings have continued, via Zoom. Not ideal, but it has meant we can continue to plan for the care and upkeep of the Town Hall and will be ready for bookings again once permitted. It may take a little while for regular users to feel able to start up again. However we look forward to seeing the Town Hall as busy as previously, with many enjoyable and sociable events for all.

**Carolynne Ruffle**  
**Chairman**

**Patricia Walsh**  
**Treasurer**

Great Bardfield Town Hall Management Committee  
Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Income & Expenditure Account		2021			2020		
		Income	Expenditure	£ Net	Income	Expenditure	£ Net
Income	Lettings Village Organisation	3744	0	3744	4180	0	4180
	Lettings Casual Bookings	-108	0	-108	4031	0	4031
	Donations from Village Organisations	100	0	100	1668	0	1668
	Parish Organisations	0	0	0	3000	0	3000
	Boules Competitions	0	0	0	544	115	429
	Arts & Crafts	0	0	0	5067	2691	2376
	Quiz Night	0	0	0	1444	566	878
	Rent from Cottage	5702	0	5702	6072	0	6072
	Christmas Draw	0	379	-379	1140	379	761
	Roof Slate Sponsorship	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Donations & Grants	21868	0	21868	0	0	0
	Murder Mystery Evening	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Garage sale	0	0	0	250	17	233
	Other Income	4335	0	4335	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35641</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>35262</b>	<b>27396</b>	<b>3768</b>	<b>23628</b>
Expenditure	Direct Expenses						
	Staff Costs	0	6686	-6686	0	5591	-5591
	Water Rates	0	208	-208	0	1149	-1149
	Insurance	0	951	-951	0	1999	-1999
	Repairs, Renewals & Restoration	0	9516	-9516	0	8158	-8158
	Electricity	0	1397	-1397	108	2265	-2157
	Professional & Membership Fees	0	103	-103	0	73	-73
	Heating Oil	0	291	-291	0	1396	-1396
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19151</b>	<b>-19151</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>20631</b>	<b>-20523</b>
	Overheads						
	General Office Expenses	0	0	0	0	17	-17
	Performing Rights Society	0	400	-400	0	356	-356
	Cleaning Materials	0	368	-368	0	179	-179
	Donations Made	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous	0	157	-157	0	103	-103
	Bank Interest Paid (received)	17	0	17	58	0	58
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>-908</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>-597</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20076</b>	<b>-20059</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>21286</b>	<b>-21120</b>
	<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>35658</b>	<b>20455</b>	<b>15203</b>	<b>27562</b>	<b>25054</b>	<b>2508</b>
Balance Sheet	Fixed Assets Freehold Property at Vaaluation (2017)			1231916			1231916
	Current Assets						
	Debtors			0			0
	Petty Cash			50			50
	Bank Deposit Account			47680			31562
	Bank Current Account			2361			3276
	<b>Total</b>			<b>50091</b>			<b>34888</b>
	Current Liabilities						
	Net Wages			0			0
	<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>50091</b>			<b>34888</b>
	<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>1282007</b>			<b>1266804</b>
Represented by	Property Valuation BF			1211855			1211855
	Surplus on Valuation			0			0
	Property Valuation CF			1211855			1211855
	General Reserve BF			54949			52441
	Surplus / (Deficit) for Year			15203			2508
	General Reserve CF			70152			54949
	<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>1282007</b>			<b>1266804</b>

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Great Bardfield Town Hall Management Committee  
Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Income & Expenditure Account		2021			2020		
		Income	Expenditure	£ Net	Income	Expenditure	£ Net
Income	Lettings Village Organisation	3744	0	3744	4180	0	4180
	Lettings Casual Bookings	-108	0	-108	4031	0	4031
	Donations from Village Organisations	100	0	100	1668	0	1668
	Parish Organisations	0	0	0	3000	0	3000
	Boules Competitions	0	0	0	544	115	429
	Arts & Crafts	0	0	0	5067	2691	2376
	Quiz Night	0	0	0	1444	566	878
	Rent from Cottage	5702	0	5702	6072	0	6072
	Christmas Draw	0	379	-379	1140	379	761
	Roof Slate Sponsorship	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Donations & Grants	21868	0	21868	0	0	0
	Murder Mystery Evening	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Garage sale	0	0	0	250	17	233
	Other Income	4335	0	4335	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35641</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>35262</b>	<b>27396</b>	<b>3768</b>	<b>23628</b>
Expenditure	Direct Expenses						
	Staff Costs	0	6686	-6686	0	5591	-5591
	Water Rates	0	208	-208	0	1149	-1149
	Insurance	0	951	-951	0	1999	-1999
	Repairs, Renewals & Restoration	0	9516	-9516	0	8158	-8158
	Electricity	0	1397	-1397	108	2265	-2157
	Professional & Membership Fees	0	103	-103	0	73	-73
	Heating Oil	0	291	-291	0	1396	-1396
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19151</b>	<b>-19151</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>20631</b>	<b>-20523</b>
	Overheads						
	General Office Expenses	0	0	0	0	17	-17
	Performing Rights Society	0	400	-400	0	356	-356
	Cleaning Materials	0	368	-368	0	179	-179
	Donations Made	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous	0	157	-157	0	103	-103
	Bank Interest Paid (received)	17	0	17	58	0	58
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>-908</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>-597</b>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20076</b>	<b>-20059</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>21286</b>	<b>-21120</b>
	<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>35658</b>	<b>20455</b>	<b>15203</b>	<b>27562</b>	<b>25054</b>	<b>2508</b>
Balance Sheet	Fixed Assets Freehold Property at Vaaluation (2017)			1231916			1231916
	Current Assets						
	Debtors			0			0
	Petty Cash			50			50
	Bank Deposit Account			47680			31562
	Bank Current Account			2361			3276
	<b>Total</b>			<b>50091</b>			<b>34888</b>
	Current Liabilities						
	Net Wages			0			0
	<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>50091</b>			<b>34888</b>
	<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>1282007</b>			<b>1266804</b>
Represented by	Property Valuation BF			1211855			1211855
	Surplus on Valuation			0			0
	Property Valuation CF			1211855			1211855
	General Reserve BF			54949			52441
	Surplus / (Deficit) for Year			15203			2508
	General Reserve CF			70152			54949
	<b>Total Reserves</b>			<b>1282007</b>			<b>1266804</b>

I have examined the Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet to 31st March 2021 of the Great Bardfield Town Hall & can confirm they are in accordance with the books & records I have seen & any explanations I have received.