

BIGLITTLE Arts Support Trust (BLAST)

Treasurers Report 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025

Balance c/f from 2023/2024

£6,495.97

Balance c/f 31 August 2025

£9,713.64

SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit £
Membership ▼	49.60		49.60
Donations ▼	4,281.28		4,281.28
Premier Night 2024	998.36	368.40	629.96
Premier Night 2025 = ▼	833.67	41.61	792.06
AGM Cake sale ▲	47.44		47.44
Christmas Party 2024 ▼	1,812.66	890.04	922.62
Secret Garden Bars ▲	966.12	434.20	531.92
ArtsFest 25 ▲	4370.72	1226.57	3144.15
Cake sale ▲	109.50	16.82	92.68
MT Kidz Bar ▲	344.52	80.26	264.26
BBQ ▲	361.21	113.47	247.74
Soiree 24** (profit end 23/24 financial year was £1015.90)		110.00	-110.00
Soiree 25** ▲	1662.12	518.54	1143.58
Summer school Bars ▼	660.37	369.13	291.24
Plant sales ▲	41.50		41.50
Bar stock Purchases			-309.57
Grants in ▲	5000.00		5000.00
Grants out: ▲		13,073.72	-13,073.72
Broadway Showtunes £6000.00			
Secret Garden £1500			
Sponsored student £1400.00			
Summer School Grants / young carer workshops etc £4101.00			
Lollies for kids £72.72			
Misc ▲		769.07	-769.07
Insurance £162.00			
Web site (Domain name, web site hosting, plug ins) £234.82			
Electric Fridge £96.60			
Hot plate and tools £217.43			
Stands for pictures /signage £58.22			
TOTALS	£ 21,539.07	£ 18,011.83	£ 3,217.67
Balance c/f 2023-2024	£6,495.97		
Profit 2024/2025	£ 3,217.67		
Balance c/f 31 August 2025 ▲	£ 9,713.64		
Bank balance as at 31 August 2025	£9,404.92		
Cash balance as at 31 August 2025	£308.72		
Balance c/f 31 August 2025	£9,713.64		

** Income and expenditure falls in two different financial years so profit is not absolute.

Key points to note:

- Prior to grants being allocated, the overall profit for the year was £16,218.67 of which £11,218.67 was raised by BLAST members and £5,000 was raised through a generous grant from an anonymous donor. Last year the internal amount raised was £13,223.40 which shows decrease of approx. £2,000. The main area where income declined was through donations. Despite a higher than usual donation from Glastonbury Festival, parent donations dropped by approx. £2,300. This was primarily due to parents not having to go through the enrolment process to join where a voluntary donation can be made.
- Circa £371 was invested in equipment to enable easier fundraising going forward. These were one off costs.
- Premiere Night 2025 and the 2024 Christmas party along with Summer School bars saw a decrease in profit, possibly reflecting the increase in costs (food, drink etc) generally. This trend will need to be considered when planning the next events and ticket prices may have to rise. In addition, with more people paying by card the transaction fees will have had an impact.
- Lloyds bank are introducing bank charges for charities from Nov 25 which will affect profits next year. Alternative banking solutions and a means of reducing transactions (such as less frequent pay outs for Sum up etc) will need to be considered.
- Whilst the total carried forward this year is higher than last year by a few thousand pounds, Glastonbury Festival is not being held in 2026 which will see a significant reduction in donations (£3,800). This increased amount carried forward will help provide consistent support across the years rather than having to reduce grants.