

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This concerns Castle Cary Town Council staff costs and use of contractors. In relation to this I would be grateful if you could please:

- 1. A full breakdown of all expenditure incurred for the Market House from the start of the current financial year to the present date. This should include, but not be limited to:**

**utilities (water, electricity, gas, waste disposal, broadband etc)
maintenance and repairs
cleaning and caretaking
staff costs (including time spent on bookings, administration, marketing, and management)
business rates or other taxes
insurance
licences, subscriptions, and compliance costs
any other direct or indirect costs attributed to the Market House**

The link below will take you to the budget year to date report up to 31/03/2026 that is on the website.

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Information relating to expenditure for the Market House can be found as follows:

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- 2. A breakdown of all income allocated to the Market House cost centre for the same period. This should include income from:**

**room or space hire within the Market House
use of the surrounding environs (including the weekly market)
any other charges, fees, or commercial activity associated with the building**

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Information relating to income allocated to the Market House can be found as follows:

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3. A list of all events, bookings, or uses of the Market House or its environs for which no charge was made, including the date, nature of the event, and the reason no charge was applied

Castle Cary Commerce Association meetings x 3 to support the re-building of the group.

Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival Society for the Carnival and Children's Carnival as part of Town Council contribution to support the event.

All CCTC meetings.

Cary's Christmas event.

4. The current value of the Market House dowry, together with a record of its value at the end of each of the previous five financial years (or for as many years as records are held)

The current value is £20,000 and nothing has been spent during the last 5 financial years.

5. Details of any reserves held specifically for the Market House, including earmarked reserves, designated funds, or ring-fenced balances.

Earmarked reserves held as at 31/03/2026

£20,000 - Market House contingency (dowry)

£27,667.42 - Market House long term maintenance

£4,477.86 – Market House project

6. If possible, please also provide an indication of the staff time taken to process this request.

4 hours