



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		01	04	2024			31	03	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Bury Asian Women's Centre

Other names charity is known by BAWC

Registered charity number (if any) 1078253

Charity's principal address 90 South Cross Street

Bury

Postcode

BL9 0RS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Farzana Ali	Chairperson		
2	Shazana Kausar	Vice Chairperson		
3	Zubaria Ijaz	Treasurer		
4	Afzal Khan	Executive Committee		
5	Naseem Farooq	Executive Committee		
6	Aqsa Shahzad	Secretary		
7	Safeer Ahmad	Executive Committee		
8	Zafar Iqbal	Executive Committee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Ayesha Arif -Community Development Director

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Bury Asian Women's Centre adopted its constitution governing document on the 21st January 1999 when the charity was first formed. This was amended on the 5th October 1999 and further amended in 13th February 2008.

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Bury Asian Women's Centre became an incorporated Charity on 17th November 1999 and is registered with the Charity Commission under Registration No: 1078253.

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Any individual who has an interest in supporting and furthering the objects of the charity and wishes to be nominated to the board trustees, can self-nominate, but will need two sponsors who are usually volunteers or other trustees.

The trustees also actively seek to recruit interested people who can contribute to the skills required to manage the Charity and if successful members can be co-opted onto the board/committee. These co-opted members can then be sponsored and elected at each AGM.

The current trustees stand down at each AGM and have to seek re-election.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity Trustees for the purpose of charity law are known as members of the Executive Committee. All members of the Executive Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefit from the charity.

All trustees have an induction meeting and are presented with an induction pack. The trustees attend at least one trustee training or planning day annually.

Bury Asian Women's Centre is managed by its Executive Committee, meeting two times a year. Day to day responsibility for the management of the charity, the provision of services and the supervision of staff, has been delegated to the Community Development Director.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations within the premises occupied by the charity. Risk assessments are carried out under the Health and Safety Regulations to ensure the safety of staff at all times. Procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Objects of the Charity are:

“To further the advancement of Asian women in Bury in particular but not exclusively by:

- 1) the advancement of their education and that of their families
- 2) the development health and social care facilities appropriate to their needs
- 3) the provision of advice and assistance which directly meets the needs of the beneficiaries”.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Over all 312 women received education and training with 500+ local received welfare support thought out the year.

- Supported 500+ local people
- Supported 30 families monthly from food bank, provided 162,000 Hot Halal Meals and 54,000 breakfasts over 12 months period.
- 60 People were involved in community clean up with Bury keep it clean, encouraging families to work together to improve their local environment. These were planned to run in conjunction with community groups across Bury.
- 26 women received their training with Women’s chai Project Online safety training in partnership with MCR council
- 69 Women completed ‘ESOL’ course
- 51 Completed Like in the UK and B1
- 26 Women completed online safety training course with MCR city council
- 25 Women completed ‘Healthy eating cooking’ in partnership with BAWC, SAHELI and RWWA
- 20 Women completed ‘Physical and mental health and wellbeing Monitoring and Evaluation

Please see the appendix for the evaluation, Updated for 2024-25 with 114 user evaluations completed:

- Overall satisfaction averaged 9.30 with 99.1% in the positive domain;
- 100% reported opportunity to be involved with planning and delivering last year’s activities with an average rating of 9.37;
- 100% reported that the service provided by BAWC meet their needs and interests with an average rating of 9.46;
- 100% reported that coming to BAWC had improved their self-esteem with an average rating of 9.47;
- 100% reported that coming to BAWC had improved their ability to make positive choices about their life with an average rating of 9.26;
- 100% reported that involvement in BAWC activities led to them living a healthier lifestyle with an average rating of 9.28.
- For those attending relevant courses:
- 100% said that they helped improve their cooking or healthy living skills with an average rating of 9.52;
- 98.3% said that they helped improve their English skills with an average rating of 9.76.

Average rating of mental health rose from 2.79 before accessing BAWC services to 9.07 after, with those reporting positive mental health rising from 8.77% to

100%.

Average rating of confidence rose from 3.18 before accessing BAWC services to 9.21 after, with those reporting positive confidence rising from 13.2% to 98.3%. Average rating of healthy lifestyle rose from 3.00 before accessing BAWC services to 9.12 after, with those reporting healthy lifestyle rising from 12.3% to 100%.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Bury Asian Women's Centre has recruited 5 volunteers this year, who assist us on an ad-hoc basis and are of great assistance.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The project aimed to empower Women to learn, build confidence, skills and enter work, through building a range of skills with women to give them improved life chances and ability to make positive decisions on the direction they wish their life to take. They have clearly benefited, be it through gaining English skills, solving a specific practical problem, or feeling more empowered to make positive life choices for them and their families.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Executive Committee has examined the charities need for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. The Charity needs reserves to protect its current activities, and to ensure that it continues to operate on a going concern basis. In view of the level of commitment needed to provide reasonable assurance to beneficiaries of the continuation of the charitable services they Depend on; the optimum level of unrestricted reserves would be between 3- and 6-months running costs including salaries. Bury Asian Women's Centre needs to develop a Reserves Policy, which will be reviewed annually. In the interim, Trustees are seeking to generate additional income in order to maintain adequate reserves in the light of potentially reduced level of funding in the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

As at 31st March 2025 the charity had a spend of £22360.

It has also been successful in securing funding from WEA, Small Grants Fund, and Reaching Communities National lottery.

The charity's assets are held for the objects of the charity.

Section F

Other optional information

Our plans for the future remain ambitious and necessarily focus on ensuring the financial sustainability and security of Bury Asian Women's Centre whilst continually reviewing our activity programme to make sure it meets the needs of our members. Reaching out to those women who may not currently use the Centre is also a key objective of the Charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Farzana Ali	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30/01/2026	



Bury Asian Women's Centre				1078253		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from		Period start date		To		
		01/04/2024				
		Period end date				
		31/03/2025				

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Lottery Funding	-	36,065	-	36,065	17,766
Miscellaneous funding & grants	-	41,161	-	41,161	1,200
Sundry income & rents	-	2,940	-	2,940	1,891
Sub total	-	80,166	-	80,166	20,857
Total receipts	-	80,166	-	80,166	20,857
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pensions	-	19,765	-	19,765	2,089
Activities and events	-	-	-	-	6,362
Tutors	-	19,275	-	19,275	2,190
Postages, printing and stationery	-	144	-	144	88
Insurance	-	669	-	669	669
Telephone and internet	-	1,963	-	1,963	1,814
Volunteers expenses	-	1,072	-	1,072	700
Food etc	-	5,291	-	5,291	5,002
Payroll costs	-	120	-	120	120
Accountancy	-	570	-	570	474
Repairs and maintenance	-	1,986	-	1,986	2,267
Equipment purchased	-	738	-	738	-
Travel and tourism	-	-	-	-	7,516
Website and software costs	-	256	-	256	244
Cleaning and welfare	-	-	-	-	100
Motor and travel	-	802	-	802	845
Sundry expenses	-	335	-	335	588
Project related costs	-	2,700	-	2,700	-
Consultants	-	110	-	110	-
Premises utilities	-	2,010	-	2,010	3,639
Sub total	-	57,806	-	57,806	34,707
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	57,806	-	57,806	34,707
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	22,360	-	22,360	- 13,850
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	61,635	-	61,635	75,485
Cash funds this year end	-	83,995	-	83,995	61,635

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	-	83,995	-
	Cash account	-	-	-
	Credit cards	-	-	-
	Total cash funds		-	83,995
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountancy 2025	restricted		
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BURY ASIAN WOMEN'S CENTRE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1078253

Set out on pages

On the attached pages

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

Name:

S J McDonald B.Sc., ICPA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Independent Certified Practising Accountants

Address:	Station Chambers, 36 Bolton Street
	Bury, Lancs
	BL9 0LL

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None to report
