

BOLTON SOLIDARITY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1101649

Details

Other names	THE NEW BOLTON SOMALI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Company number	09268271
Registered	2004-01-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Allerton House Duke Street North Off Prince Street Bolton BL1 2NE
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Activities

Objects: 1)TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OF THE SOMALI COMMUNITY IN BOLTON BY WORKING WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION, HOUSING ASSOCIATION AND OTHER STATUTORY BODIES IN AN EFFORT TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH A VIEW OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY. 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE CULTURE OF SOMALIA AND SUCH WAYS THAT THE TRUSTEES DETERMINE. 3)TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

Activities: Client Drop In Youth Activities and Outings TripsHealth PromotionCommunity Cohesion ProjectsHousingTranslationEmployment and Training Homework Club

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOLTON
- Bolton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£338,060	£261,591	-	-
2024-03-31	£228,358	£200,601	-	-
2023-03-31	£186,242	£196,844	-	-
2022-03-31	£195,833	£196,631	-	-
2021-03-31	£240,657	£127,754	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AHMED ISMAIL SARMAN		
ALI ABDULLAH AWAD		
MAHAMED ARALE		
Mohamed Osman Jama		2026-01-23

Accounts

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

**Allerton House Community Centre
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Bolton
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**Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Legal and administrative information

Status

B.S.C.A. The full name of the charity is **Bolton Solidarity Community Association**.

The legal registration details are:

Date of formation:	15 May 2002
The principal Office is:	Allerton House Community Centre, BL1 2NE
Charity Registration Number:	1101649
The telephone number:	Tel: 01204 813489 / 01204 813485
Website:	www.bscabolton.com

Current Trustees

Hussain Ahmed Osman	Chairman
Ahmed Sarman	Secretary
Mohamed Arale	Treasurer
Ali Abdullah Awad	Member

Secretary	Ahmed Sarman
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Registered Office	Allerton Community Centre, School Hill Bolton BL1 2NE
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Accountants	Berkley Heath 2 Redstone Road Manchester M19 1RB
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Business address	Allerton Community Centre, School Hill Bolton BL1 2NE
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Bankers Lloyds	Lloyds Bank 13 Hotel St, Bolton BL3 6LS
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Bolton Solidarity Community Association

The Trustees message of appreciation on report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

B.S.C.A. (Bolton Solidarity Community Association) is pleased to present our Annual Report and independently examined Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

On behalf of the organisation, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our Management Committee, Staff, and dedicated Volunteers. Their unwavering commitment, hard work, and collective effort have been instrumental in enabling B.S.C.A. to achieve its goals over the past year.

Through their dedication, B.S.C.A. has continued to deliver valuable services and initiatives that have directly benefited the local community. Whether through educational programmes, community outreach, or support services, our team has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of those we serve.

We are proud of what has been accomplished and recognise that none of this would have been possible without the passion and resilience of everyone involved. As we look forward to the year ahead, we remain committed to building on this foundation and continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of our community members.

Thank you once again to all who have contributed to B.S.C.A.'s mission and success.

B.S.C.A. Trustees

Bolton Solidairity Community Association

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

Background

The Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A.) was established in 2002 in direct response to the growing number of new communities, including refugees and asylum seekers, settling in the Bolton area. From the outset, our mission has been clear: to maximise the potential of individuals from new communities, helping them to build stable, empowered, and meaningful lives in the UK.

Over the past 23 years, B.S.C.A. has worked tirelessly to address the challenges faced by newly arrived individuals and families — challenges such as language barriers, cultural adjustment, and access to services, employment, education, and social inclusion. Through this work, we have developed deep-rooted trust within diverse communities and have become a vital support system for many.

As a result of our long-standing commitment and proven track record, B.S.C.A. is now widely recognised as a model of best practice for other voluntary and community sector organisations across Bolton and beyond. Our extensive background and community-based experience give us unique insight into the needs, strengths, and aspirations of Bolton's multicultural population. This positions us as the go-to organisation for culturally competent support and meaningful community engagement.

In 2025, we have seen a notable increase in the number of clients and cases we have supported compared to the previous year. This rise reflects both the continued growth of Bolton's new communities and the increased visibility and trust in the services that B.S.C.A. provides. We see this as both a challenge and an opportunity — a challenge to continue expanding our capacity, and an opportunity to positively impact even more lives.

B.S.C.A. remains committed to our core values of solidarity, empowerment, and inclusion, and we continue to adapt and respond proactively to the changing needs of the communities we serve.

B.S.C.A.'s Move to New Premises in Halliwell

Recently, B.S.C.A. successfully relocated to new premises in Halliwell — an exciting but challenging milestone for our organisation. Moving from our old location to a new site required careful planning, teamwork, and dedication from everyone involved. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of both our staff and volunteers, we were able to complete the transition smoothly and begin full operations in February this year at Allerton House, situated on School Hill in Halliwell.

Since moving, we have established Allerton House as our main centre, where we now welcome and meet with our clients. The new premises provide a comfortable, accessible, and professional environment, better suited to the needs of our service users and the growing range of activities we deliver.

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

Staff Structure

B.S.C.A. operates with a small, dedicated team. Thank you to our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication over this year

Volunteers at B.S.C.A.

At B.S.C.A., our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. The organization relies heavily on the passion, dedication, and hard work of its volunteer base, which plays a vital role in delivering our wide range of community services and initiatives.

B.S.C.A. Trustee's Responsibilities

The Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A.) is governed by a Board of Trustees who are collectively responsible for ensuring the charity operates in line with its charitable objectives and complies with all legal and regulatory requirements. The Trustees meet six times per year to oversee the strategic and financial governance of the organisation.

The key responsibilities of the Trustees include:, Strategic Oversight, Financial Management and Governance, Legal and Regulatory Compliance, Reporting and Accountability etc.

Partnership Working

Collaborating with other organizations is often a challenging process. It requires mutual understanding, clear communication, shared goals, and a willingness to be flexible. Despite these challenges, the value of partnership working cannot be overstated. Our experience in 2024/2025 has shown us just how beneficial working in partnership can be, not only for delivering successful projects but also for strengthening our capacity as an organization.

Over the past year, we have successfully delivered a number of key projects in Bolton through close collaboration with a range of local organisations. These partnerships have enabled us to pool resources, access additional funding, and deliver services more efficiently and effectively than we could have done on our own.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening our partnerships and building new ones. We recognise that working together is not just an option—it is a necessity if we are to continue making a meaningful impact. We are proud to collaborate and form partnerships with many organisations that support our mission and contribute to the success of our projects. These partnerships help us create a more inclusive, thriving Bolton, where individuals and communities can grow and flourish. We will carry forward the spirit of collaboration, learning, and mutual support as we navigate the difficult times ahead.

B.S.C.A. Reserve policy

The Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A.) recognises the importance of maintaining financial reserves to ensure its long-term sustainability, financial stability, and the continuity of its operations and services. Reserves are an essential part of responsible financial management, enabling the charity to respond effectively to unforeseen events, economic uncertainties, or interruptions to income streams.

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Purpose of Reserves

The purpose of holding reserves is to:

- Provide a financial buffer to ensure uninterrupted delivery of services in the event of unexpected funding shortfalls or delays.
- Meet ongoing financial commitments such as staff salaries, rent, and core operational costs.
- Enable the charity to respond to opportunities or emergencies without jeopardising its financial position.
- Support investment in new strategic initiatives aligned with the charity's mission and values.

Risk Management

At B.S.C.A. (Bolton Solidarity Community Association), we are fully committed to operating in a responsible, ethical, and effective manner. This commitment includes ensuring the sound and prudent management of risks that could potentially impact our mission, stakeholders, service users, operations, reputation, or long-term sustainability. B.S.C.A. takes a proactive and comprehensive approach to identifying, assessing, managing, and mitigating risks. Risk management is an integral part of our governance structure and plays a critical role in helping the organisation achieve its strategic and operational objectives while remaining compliant with legal and regulatory requirements.

We understand that risk cannot always be eliminated, but it can be identified, understood, and controlled. Our aim is not only to mitigate threats but also to recognise and take advantage of opportunities that align with our charitable aims. Trustees are well aware of the critical role that risk assessment and mitigation play in good governance. Regular reviews of the risk register allow the Board to respond swiftly and appropriately to emerging or changing risks.

Activities and achievements of the year (2024/2025)

Client drop-in advice sessions

One of the most essential services provided by B.S.C.A. during the 2024/2025 year has been the Client Drop-in Advice Sessions. These sessions play a critical role in supporting members of the community who face a range of complex and often urgent challenges. The service is designed to offer accessible, free, and confidential advice to clients who visit the centre without prior appointments, ensuring that help is always available when needed most.

Over the past year, B.S.C.A. staff and dedicated volunteers have consistently delivered this frontline support, welcoming individuals from diverse backgrounds and helping them navigate through difficult personal circumstances. These drop-in sessions have been especially important for individuals who may experience barriers such as language difficulties, digital exclusion, or unfamiliarity with UK systems and services. Throughout the year, the demand for drop-in advice services increased, reflecting the growing pressures on low-income and marginalised communities. B.S.C.A. responded to this demand by improving the efficiency of its service delivery, increasing volunteer training, and expanding the number of available weekly sessions.

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Overall, the Client Drop-in Advice Sessions remain a cornerstone of B.S.C.A.'s community support efforts. The achievements in this area for 2024/2025 highlight the organisation's continued commitment to tackling inequality, empowering individuals, and promoting social inclusion through direct and practical support.

B.S.C.A. case workers have assisted clients over the past year with issues such as Housing, Welfare, Health related issues, cost of living crisis support and Community Empowerment.

In some cases, our clients face complex challenges related to essential needs such as housing, access to utilities, healthcare, or education for their children. These issues are often diverse and can vary greatly in nature and severity, depending on each client's unique circumstances.

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While we strive to provide as much support as possible within the scope of our services, there are times when certain cases become particularly difficult to resolve through our available resources. In such situations, the B.S.C.A. (insert full name of B.S.C.A. if needed) takes proactive steps to ensure that clients continue to receive the help they need. During 2024/2025 the number of cases we have dealt with within this service was 3789 cases.

B.S.C.A.'s Projects and Initiatives in the Past Year

Apart from its regular drop-in advice service, B.S.C.A. (Bolton Solidarity Community Association) implemented a range of impactful projects over the past year that directly benefited its target communities. These initiatives focused on key areas such as employment support, integration and community cohesion, education, and training. Each project was tailored to address specific needs within the community, aiming to improve quality of life, promote social inclusion, and create opportunities for personal and professional growth.

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Projects implemented by B.S.C.A. during 2024/2025 include the following:

- FGM project
- Youth activities
- Health and wellbeing
- Cohesion
- Welfare
- Debt Management
- Substance misuse awareness (Khat)
- Employment and Work Experience
- ESOL
- Older people Services
- Week end sport activities
- Digital inclusion project
- HAF (Holiday Food and Activities program)

Other Achievements for the year 2024 to 2025:

- 1** B.S.C.A.'s partnership network has increased substantially along with our reputation as we are always a link and bridge between our clients from new and emerging communities and service providers in Bolton and beyond.
- 2** B.S.C.A. supports vulnerable people from new and emerging families, and individuals and provides advice and guidance. These people are low-income families who are struggling to survive due to the rising cost of living in the UK.
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- 4** Continuation of Health awareness workshops and also walking sessions which were mostly attended by adults and women.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities on the accounts 31 March 2025

The Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A) is governed by a Board of Trustees who are collectively responsible for ensuring the charity operates in line with its charitable objectives and complies with all legal and regulatory requirements.

The Charities Act requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity.

In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They 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.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 10 December 2025.

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association.

I report on the financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts.

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 Act;
 - and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Berkley Heath
Chartered Certified Accountants

The date upon which this report was completed is :-
10 December 2025

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming resources				
Donations	120	-	120	14,728
Grants	101,382	236,558	337,940	213,630
Total incoming resources	<u>101,502</u>	<u>236,558</u>	<u>338,060</u>	<u>228,358</u>
Resources expended				
Staff costs	42,027	98,065	140,092	125,014
Rent, rates and service charge	945	2,205	3,150	4,974
Repairs including painting and decorating	4,360	10,172	14,532	455
Insurance	702	1,638	2,340	1,614
Light and heat	-	-	-	2,107
Printing, postage and stationery	2,147	5,009	7,156	4,350
Advertising	525	1,225	1,750	3,012
Telephone	887	3,550	4,437	3,054
Computer costs	1,683	3,927	5,610	3,422
Community program	14,224	44,978	59,202	44,704
Translation	3,485	-	3,485	-
Consultancy	11,500	-	11,500	-
Legal and professional	2,570	-	2,570	1,375
Accountancy fees	392	1,568	1,960	3,190
General expenses	803	-	803	525
Depreciation & amortisation	2,241	-	2,241	1,777
Interest and charges	763	-	763	1,028
Total resources expended	<u>89,254</u>	<u>172,337</u>	<u>261,591</u>	<u>200,601</u>
 Net movement in funds	 <u>12,248</u>	 <u>64,221</u>	 <u>76,469</u>	 <u>27,757</u>
Total funds brought forward	37,057	165,145	202,202	174,445
 Net Surplus / (Deficit)	 <u>49,305</u>	 <u>229,366</u>	 <u>278,671</u>	 <u>202,202</u>

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income	338,060	228,358
Total expenditure	(261,591)	(200,601)
Net retained surplus for the financial year	<u>76,469</u>	<u>27,757</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of Financial Position
at 31 March 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		6,723		5,329
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		273,998		198,923	
		<u>273,998</u>		<u>198,923</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one		(2,050)		(3,050)	
Net current assets			<u>271,948</u>		<u>195,873</u>
Net assets			<u><u>278,671</u></u>		<u><u>201,202</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	6		49,305		37,057
Restricted funds	7		229,366		165,145
			<u><u>278,671</u></u>		<u><u>202,202</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

The notes on pages 15 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

3 Cost of generating funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	140,092	125,014
Rent, rates and service charge	3,150	4,974
Repairs including painting and decorating	14,532	455
Insurance	2,340	1,614
Light and heat	-	2,107
Printing, postage and stationery	7,156	4,350
Advertising	1,750	3,012
Telephone	4,437	3,054
Computer costs	5,610	3,422
Community program	59,202	44,704
Legal and professional	2,570	1,375
Staff welfare	-	-
General expenses	803	525
	<u>241,642</u>	<u>194,606</u>

4 Management and administration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,960	3,190
Depreciation and amortisation	2,241	431
Bank charges	763	1,028
	<u>4,964</u>	<u>4,649</u>

5 Tangible fixed assets tangible

	Tangible assets	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	36,314	36,314
At 31 March 2025	<u>39,949</u>	<u>39,949</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	30,985	30,985
Charge for the year	2,241	2,241
At 31 March 2025	<u>33,226</u>	<u>33,226</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2025	<u>6,723</u>	<u>6,723</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,329</u>	<u>5,329</u>

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6 Unrestricted funds	1 April 2024 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	31 March 2025 £
Donations and grants	37,057	101,502	(89,254)	49,305
	<u>37,057</u>	<u>101,502</u>	<u>(89,254)</u>	<u>49,305</u>
7 Restricted funds	1 April 2024 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	31 March 2025 £
Donations and grants	165,145	236,558	(172,337)	229,366
	<u>165,145</u>	<u>236,558</u>	<u>(172,337)</u>	<u>229,366</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes as required by the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Accounts

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Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2024

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Legal and administrative information

Status

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The legal registration details are:

Date of formation:	15 May 2002
The principal Office is:	2-16 Mayor Street, Bolton, BL3 5HT
Charity Registration Number:	1101649
The telephone number:	01204 334004
Website:	www.boltonbsca.com

Current Trustees

Hussain Ahmed Osman	Chairman
Ahmed Sarman	Secretary
Mohamed Arale	Treasurer
Ali Abdullah Awad	Member

Secretary	Ahmed Sarman
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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

B.S.C.A. (Bolton Solidarity Community Association) are pleased to present our annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

On behalf of B.S.C.A., we would like once more to take this opportunity to convey our deepest appreciation and thanks to the management committee, Staff and dedicated Volunteers for their hard work, and commitment that has enabled B.S.C.A. as an organisation to achieve many things that local community has benefited from B.S.C.A.

B.S.C.A. Trustees

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Background

Bolton Solidarity Community Association was established in 2002 as a direct response to the increase in the number of new communities settling in Bolton. Our aim as an organisation is to maximise the potential of individuals from new communities in Bolton. Our aim as an organisation is to maximise the potential of individuals from new communities in Bolton including refugees and asylum seekers. We aim to do this by providing over the last 22 years, B.S.C.A. has become a model of best practice for other charities in the area. Our background and experience mean we have unique insight across Bolton's many communities. We are best placed to offer you the understanding and the reach that you need to make a real difference. This year, the number of clients or cases we have dealt with is higher than the previous year.

Governance, Structure and Management

Legal structure

B.S.C.A. (Bolton Solidarity Community Association) has been a registered charity since 2003. The charity is constituted by a Constitution. It is governed by the regulations set out in the Constitution and run by diverse trustees from a different professional background.

Staff

All B.S.C.A. staff are part-time and none are full-time workers. There are also sessional workers and some who sometimes work as short-time consultants. B.S.C.A. activities are mainly supported by B.S.C.A. volunteers.

Volunteers

Volunteers are a vital part of the B.S.C.A., helping us in the areas of events, administration and communication. Many volunteers have been passionately assisting B.S.C.A. activities. Some of the volunteers were volunteering with B.S.C.A. to gain experience that would assist them in finding employment.

We extend our deepest gratitude to every volunteer who has generously given their time and talents. Our volunteers are not just supporters; they are integral members of the B.S.C.A.. We are immensely proud of their contributions and the positive impact they have on the lives of those we serve.

Our commitment to volunteerism goes beyond simple acknowledgement. We are dedicated to creating an enriching and supportive environment for our volunteers. This includes on-going training opportunities, clear communication channels, and efforts to recognize and celebrate their achievements.

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B.S.C.A. trustee's responsibilities

The Charity is governed by the trustees of the B.S.C.A.. They meet six times a year to ensure that the charity activities fit within the agreed charitable objectives. Their work includes setting the strategic direction and agreeing on the financial strategy and operational budgets.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements according to the applicable law and the United Kingdom's accounting standards. None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Partnership

Although working with other organizations is not an easy task, there are many benefits when you work together with other organizations. In 2023/2024 we were able to successfully deliver several projects by working as an organization with other organizations in Bolton. We believe that the partnership work we have done has not only provided us with resource funding but the experience and knowledge we have shared with other organizations has been of great benefit to us. We will continue the commitment to work with other organizations to overcome the difficult times that are facing us.

Membership:

To strengthen its performance as an organisation and its capacity B.S.C.A. is a member of the following platforms: Bolton CVS, GMCVO, NCVO, BME network, Bolton Together and Rum worth Community Alliance.

Through our membership in the organisations, we receive advice, information and access to training, as well as opportunities to share knowledge and network with other organisations.

The Need for our Services

Since B.S.C.A. was founded in 2002 until today, the demand for our service has been increasing year after year. Also, the number of B.S.C.A. service users is increasing. One of the reasons for the increase in B.S.C.A.'s client service is that the number of new and emerging people from Bolton has increased over the last few years.

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Policies

Reserve policy

B.S.C.A. as an organisation believes that we need to maintain our reserve of our financial stability and allow B.S.C.A. to meet its commitment to continue to undertake work and deliver services even when unexpected events come. The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. The charity operates unrestricted reserves account balance of £25,000. The Unrestricted reserves held are comfortably in excess of the minimum balance. The B.S.C.A. trustees are working hard to secure a sufficient level of reserves which is equivalent to 3-6 months running costs.

As this was B.S.C.A.'s 22nd year as a charity, we will be creating a reserves policy to ensure the long-term sustainability of our organization which aligns with our strategic financial planning to mitigate unforeseen challenges and support future initiatives.

Financial review policy

B.S.C.A. is very grateful to all funders and individuals who have so generously helped us financially in being able to continue with all of our projects.

B.S.C.A. financial review and financial Governance are in place. As an organisation, we have in place a system to control and record the organisation's finances and keep track of all financial transactions, including Financial documents e.g. Income and expenditure, cash flow and our business plan to ensure that we are able to keep track of what goes on in the Organisation.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

Unrestricted Funds

B.S.C.A. have two principal sources of unrestricted income. They are from donations legacies and membership subscriptions.

Restricted Funds

B.S.C.A. holds restricted funds which are intended to be used for specific projects. This year we have implemented projects that were based on restricted funds.

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Risk Management

At B.S.C.A. charity we are committed to operating responsibly and effectively, ensuring the prudent management of risks that may impact our mission, stakeholders, and operations. Our risk management approach is integral to our governance structure and is designed to identify, assess, and mitigate potential threats while maximizing opportunities.

B.S.C.A. has risk management which is reviewed annually by the trustees of the organisation. Our trustees are well aware of the benefits of reviewing this policy including risk assessment and maintaining a risk register.

B.S.C.A. takes a proactive and comprehensive approach to risk management. By fostering a culture of awareness and accountability, we strive to safeguard the interests of our stakeholders and to fulfil our charitable objectives. We remain committed to transparency and open communication as we navigate the dynamic landscape in which we operate.

Activities and achievements of the year (2023/2024)

Client drop-in advice sessions

This service is one of the most vital services that B.S.C.A. staff and their volunteers provide support to B.S.C.A. clients who come to the centre for help with various issues. B.S.C.A. case workers have assisted clients over the past year with issues such as Housing, Welfare, Health related issues, Immigration, Education and Training.

During 2023/2024 we dealt with 3915 cases within this service.

Apart from drop-in-advice, B.S.C.A. as an organisation last year implemented various projects that benefitted the target group of B.S.C.A.. Some of these projects were aimed at employment, integration and community cohesion, education and training.

Projects implemented by B.S.C.A. during 2023/2024 include the following:

- FGM project
- Youth activities
- Health and wellbeing
- Cohesion
- Welfare
- Debt Management
- Substance misuse awareness (Khat)
- Employment and Work Experience
- ESOL
- Older people Services
- Week end sport activities
- Digital inclusion project
- HAF (Holiday Food and Activities program)

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B.S.C.A. is also able to partner with Bolton College to offer its clients ESOL courses on Friday morning and Monday afternoon.

- 1 B.S.C.A.'s partnership network has increased substantially along our reputation as we are always a link and bridge between our clients from new and emerging communities and service providers in Bolton and beyond.
- 2 B.S.C.A.'s membership this year 2024 has increased compared to the previous year 2022/2023. The first and most noteworthy is that B.S.C.A. values the relationship and cooperation it has with its members.
- 3 B.S.C.A. supports vulnerable people from new and emerging families, and individuals and provides advice and guidance. These people are low-income families who are struggling to survive, due to the rising cost of living in the UK.
- 4 We have continued to produce publications and research related to the needs of people from new and emerging communities in Bolton.
- 5 Continuation of Health awareness workshops and also walking sessions which were mostly attended by adults and women.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They 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.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 10 December 2024.

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

for the year ended 31 March 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association.

I report on the financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts.

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 Act;
 - and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Berkley Heath
Chartered Certified Accountants

The date upon which this report was completed is :-
10 December 2024

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources				
Donations	14,728	-	14,728	110
Grants	64,089	149,541	213,630	186,132
Total incoming resources	<u>78,817</u>	<u>149,541</u>	<u>228,358</u>	<u>186,242</u>
Resources expended				
Staff costs	34,992	90,022	125,014	130,674
Rent, rates and service charge	1,492	3,482	4,974	5,845
Repairs	136	319	455	675
Insurance	484	1,130	1,614	858
Light and heat	632	1,475	2,107	3,361
Printing, postage and stationery	1,305	3,045	4,350	4,495
Advertising	904	2,108	3,012	1,276
Telephone	611	2,443	3,054	3,162
Computer costs	1,027	2,395	3,422	3,185
Community program	8,921	35,783	44,704	37,433
Legal and professional	1,375	-	1,375	-
Accountancy fees	638	2,552	3,190	1,753
General expenses	525	-	525	1,388
Depreciation & amortisation	1,777	-	1,777	2,369
Interest and charges	1,028	-	1,028	370
Total resources expended	<u>55,847</u>	<u>144,754</u>	<u>200,601</u>	<u>196,844</u>
 Net movement in funds	<u>22,970</u>	<u>4,787</u>	<u>27,757</u>	<u>(10,602)</u>
Total funds brought forward	14,087	160,358	174,445	185,047
 Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>37,057</u>	<u>165,145</u>	<u>202,202</u>	<u>174,445</u>

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Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income	228,358	186,242
Total expenditure	(200,601)	(196,844)
Net retained surplus for the financial year	<u>27,757</u>	<u>(10,602)</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments
at 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		5,329		7,106
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		198,923		169,389	
		<u>198,923</u>		<u>169,389</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one		(2,050)		(2,050)	
Net current assets			196,873		167,339
Net assets			<u>202,202</u>		<u>174,445</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	6	37,057		14,087	
Restricted funds	7	165,145		160,358	
		<u>202,202</u>		<u>174,445</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

The notes on pages 15 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

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3 Cost of generating funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	125,014	104,539
Rent, rates and service charge	4,974	5,845
Insurance	1,614	858
Light and heat	2,107	3,361
Printing, postage and stationery	4,350	4,495
Advertising	3,012	1,276
Telephone	3,054	3,162
Computer costs	3,422	3,185
Community program	44,704	37,433
Legal and professional	1,375	-
General expenses	525	1,388
	<u>194,151</u>	<u>165,542</u>

4 Management and administration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	3,190	1,753
Depreciation and amortisation	1,777	431
Bank charges	1,028	370
	<u>5,995</u>	<u>2,554</u>

5 Tangible fixed assets tangible

	Tangible assets	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	36,314	36,314
At 31 March 2024	<u>36,314</u>	<u>36,314</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	29,208	29,208
Charge for the year	1,777	1,777
At 31 March 2024	<u>30,985</u>	<u>30,985</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,329</u>	<u>5,329</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>7,106</u>	<u>7,106</u>

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6 Unrestricted funds	1 April 2023 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	31 March 2024 £
Donations and grants	14,087	78,817	(55,847)	37,057
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Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes as required by the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

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Charity Registration Number
1101649

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Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2023

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Legal and administrative information

Status

B.S.C.A. The full name of the charity is **Bolton Solidarity Community Association**.

The legal registration details are:

Date of formation:	15 May 2002
The principal Office is:	2-16 Mayor Street, Bolton, BL3 5HT
Charity Registration Number:	1101649
The telephone number:	01204 334004
Website:	www.boltonbsca.com

Current Trustees

Hussain Ahmed Osman	Chairman
Ahmed Sarman	Secretary
Mohamed Arale	Treasurer
Ali Abdullah Awad	Member
Secretary	Ahmed Sarman
Charity Registration Number:	1101649
Registered Office	2-16 Mayor Street Bolton BL3 5HT
Accountants	Berkley Heath 2 Redstone Road Manchester M19 1RB
Business address	2-16 Mayor Street Bolton BL3 5HT
Bankers Lloyds	Lloyds Bank Daub Hill Branch Bolton BL3 6LS

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Our Annual report highlights the differences we have made to new and emerging communities in Bolton borough during the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. B.S.C.A. is an organization whose mission is to work with and support people from new and emerging communities.

The trustees of B.S.C.A. are pleased to introduce this year's annual together with the financial statement of the charity for the last 12 months ended 31st March 2023.

The post-pandemic environment remains challenging for every organisation and their clients. The cost of living has particularly affected the clients we support or work with. It was a tough and challenging year, which in many ways affected their daily lives. Despite the B.S.C.A. facing many challenges this year, the organisation was able to continue to carry out many activities that benefit the local community in Bolton and beyond.

On behalf of B.S.C.A., I would like once more to take this opportunity to thanks and convey my deepest appreciation to the Management Committee, Staff and our dedicated Volunteers for their hard work, and commitment that has enabled B.S.C.A. as an organisation to achieve the many things that our local community has benefited from.

We would not be able to do this without the support of our funders and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support. We also give special thanks to the following funders who provided financial support during the last year: Bolton at Home, Lloyds Foundation, The DWP, Igen Trust, Bolton CVS, Bolton Council, Bolton Together, Good THINGS Foundation, GMCVO, Bolton Carers Support, The Voluntary sector of Bolton and many more.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 27 December 2023

Ahmed Sarman

On behalf of the Management Committee.

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Who we are

Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A.) was founded in 2002 and achieved registered charitable status in 2003. Our service users are mainly the most disadvantaged and hard-to-reach members of the local Community, mainly of new and emerging communities in Bolton borough and surrounding areas. Our services are also open to the wider members of the local communities regardless of background.

Over the last 21 years, B.S.C.A. has become a model of best practice for other charities in the area. Our background and our experience mean that we have unique insight across Bolton's many communities. We are best placed to offer you the understanding and the reach that you need to make a real difference. This year, the number of clients or cases we have dealt with is more compared to the previous year.

B.S.C.A.'s Values are

Open and Honest

Integrity

Working together

Empowerment

Respect and valuing others

Our Vision:

Our vision is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged, isolated and marginalised new and emerging communities in Bolton Borough.

B.S.C.A.'s Aims and Objectives:

To provide an accessible and welcoming venue that is a focal point for the community, a place for people to meet and where B.S.C.A. offer their services and activities.

To reduce isolation among new and emerging communities in Bolton and support them to promote their cohesion and integration into the wider society and also build the confidence of the new and emerging community.

To support young people to prevent their involvement in crimes and help them to improve their education achievement.

To reduce health inequalities in the Bolton Borough and raise awareness of new health issues affecting new and emerging communities which contribute to inequalities i.e. Khat, Female Circumcision, domestic violence etc.

To improve employability skills of new and emerging communities in Bolton and also improve their involvement in main stream services.

To build a stronger and more sustainable organisation.

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Governance, Structure and Management

Legal structure

B.S.C.A. (Bolton Solidarity Community Association) has been a registered charity since 2003. The charity is constituted by a Constitution. It is governed by the regulations set out in the Constitution and run by diverse trustees from a different professional background.

Staff

Regarding the funding we have secured for several projects that B.S.C.A. is implementing, we have secured to employ nine part-time workers including a chief officer, Development manager, Youth Coordinator and several project officers. B.S.C.A. activities are mainly supported by B.S.C.A. volunteers.

Volunteers

B.S.C.A. volunteers have been one of the backbones of B.S.C.A. in the last twenty one years, and we believe that the existence of B.S.C.A. would be difficult without the contribution of volunteers.

B.S.C.A trustee's responsibilities

B.S.C.A. trustees ensure that the charity is carrying out its purpose for members of the community benefit and also comply with the charity's governing document. B.S.C.A.s are led by trustees who volunteer their time to lead B.S.C.A.. They give their valuable time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the B.S.C.A. charity.

The trustees are aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise. Therefore, strategies are in place to control these risks. All the trustees of the B.S.C.A. including the chair are elected once every two years by the members of the organisation attending the Annual General Meeting. The trustees met 6 times during the year to review the activities of the charity including the approval of the annual report and accounts as well as budgets, capital expenditure and to set out the fundraising date for the charity.

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Activities and achievements of the year (2022/2023)

- Client drop-in advice sessions
- Flexible support
- FGM project
- ESOL
- Unlocking wellbeing project
- Work experience
- Digital inclusion
- HAF (Holiday Food and Activities Program)
- Substance misuse awareness (Khat)
- Hidden talent
- Outreach work
- Bolton Unity Project (Inter-generational activity, Social mixing program, walk, Black History Month)
- B.S.C.A. training and workshops
- International women's day
- EU settlement scheme
- Litter picking
- Homework club
- Weekend sports activities
- Partnership

Client drop in advice sessions:

This service is one of the most vital services that B.S.C.A. staff and their volunteers provide support to B.S.C.A. clients who come to the centre for help with various issues. The B.S.C.A. centre offers a range of advice and support services. The advice includes education, housing, employment, local services etc.

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B.S.C.A.'s client drop-in advice is a service available for B.S.C.A. clients on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (three-day service). During 2022/2023 the number of cases we have dealt with within this service was **3757 cases**.

Flexible Support

We have been lucky to secure one year of funding from the DWP (Department for Work and Pension). The project is taking place at the B.S.C.A. community building on Mayor Street. The overall aim of the "flexible support project" is to increase the chances of employment for those who have been unemployed for some time due to different barriers. This project is working specifically with unemployed people living in Bolton who are over 18 years of age.

Activities of the project:

- Language Support
- Confidence building sessions
- Job interview techniques
- Filling on application forms
- Filling online job applications
- CV writing and many more sessions
- Internet learning sessions
- Seeking and securing volunteering opportunities
- Attending Job Fairs and many more

During this project 2022/2023, support was given to 117 people both male and female. The project was successful as it provided face-to-face meetings and employment sessions. Some of these people were lucky enough to get employment opportunities through this project while others got volunteering activities. The other success of the project was working with project volunteers as well as other partners to support the target group if placement and volunteering opportunities were needed.

FGM Project:

B.S.C.A. continues to provide FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) services to clients who are victims of FGM. In 2022/2023 B.S.C.A. held workshops and one-to-one support aimed at eradicating FGM. Workshops were mainly based on allowing FGM victims to share or discuss the problems

Another activity related to the FGM project was the training we provided to some schools in Bolton, especially primary and secondary schools. This training aimed to strengthen awareness of FGM and ways to prevent it. During 2022/2023 the project workers provided 113 one-to-one advice sessions and 11 FGM community workshops.

ESOL

During 2022/2023 we have initiated some ESOL classes at the B.S.C.A. centre (Mayor Street) in partnership with Bolton College. The ESOL classes were available twice a week, Friday morning and Monday afternoon. The ESOL classes were based on face-to-face classes, group conversation and one-to-one help. During this year 57 people benefitted from the ESOL lessons.

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Unlocking wellbeing project

In this unlocking wellbeing project, B.S.C.A. was one of the research partners to raise the needs of carers from BME. Currently, B.S.C.A. is one of the partner organisations dealing with BME carers and their needs.

During 2022/23 key workers of the project made contact and engaged with health centres and GP practices in the Rum Worth area to promote the project and raise awareness. Also, B.S.C.A. has set up a referral system with partners in Rum-worth and this has seen 47 people have been referred from various sources including self-referral to our key project worker for support. This year Carers from the Rum- worth area took part in Carers Week with a social drop-in session on the Friday of that carers week. 16 Carers attended on that day. Also, some other carers and volunteers from the project participated in other awareness trainings. According feedback and views from the participants were positive.

Work Experience

We provide this work placement to year 10 students who usually spend one week working with different sections of the B.S.C.A. such as the youth activities section, client drop-in, Admin and homework club section.

At the time the students are working with B.S.C.A. to get work experience is an enormously valuable part of their education. It allows students to spend time in our workplace to develop the skills they need for work. About 36 students have been helped by B.S.C.A. this year to get work placement experience from our organisation.

Digital Inclusion

With the support of the Good Things Foundation, we have provided free iPads and free SIM cards to some of B.S.C.A. clients and service users, who are digitally excluded. Many of B.S.C.A.'s clients struggle and have problems accessing online services. In 2022/2023, we have created opportunities to provide training to clients who have a lack of digital knowledge. For example, some of the new arrivals in Bolton find it difficult to use the Universal Credit digital service. For these clients to get the skills they need to manage their claims and have access to their Universal Credit Claims, B.S.C.A. provides 7 digital training workshops to people who are new to the system.

HAF (Holiday Food and Activities programme)

B.S.C.A. delivered 5 weeks of HAF activities on the Easter and summer holidays in 2023. The activities of these two programs for Easter and summer were held from Monday to Thursday, In the morning from 11.00 - 13.00 the sessions were arts and crafts based in the morning with physical activity from 1:00-3:00 p.m. During these sessions, the children were doing activities that are related to making things with their own hands and learning skills. Sometimes they were drawing different things while sometimes they were learning how to design letters using Calligraphy. Painting and sculpture were also among the things that the children learned in this session.

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The sessions were very interesting for the children as they were guided by a professional person in this area with the help of three volunteers who themselves have experience in making things related to arts and crafts. In the afternoon the focus was on physical activity which included sports. The sports that the children were doing in this session included the following: Mini football, Mini rounders, Boxing, Basketball and mini circuit floor exercise. This allowed our young people to stay active during the holidays. A total of 79 children participated in these Easter and summer programs.

Substance misuse awareness (Khat)

As we know, on June 24th, the Home Office banned Khat from the UK and it was classified as a C drug. Although Khat has been banned, it cannot be said that Khat is not used in the UK. There are still individuals who regularly use it. These people who still use Khat to chew certainly affect their health, income and lifestyle. Through this project, Khat users offered sessions and workshops related to the impact of Khat use on their personal health and social issues.

B.S.C.A. Khat project worker met with 121 Khat users during 2022/23, who provided them with advice and support related to how these users can stop using Khat and change their lives to a healthier lifestyle. From that period, 9 workshops were also organized and attended by some of the Khat users. The aim of these workshops were to raise awareness about the health problems of Khat and the fact that Khat is illegal in the UK and may result in criminal charges.

Hidden Talent

This program aimed at young people between the ages of 16 and 24 was one of the activities carried out by B.S.C.A. in 2022/2023. This program was about working with young people to make progress in terms of getting a job and also improving their self-esteem and well-being. Through this program, we have worked with 19 young people, who were given guidance and support by professional coaches.

Outreach work

B.S.C.A. plays an important role in working and engaging to reach out to disadvantaged people in Bolton. There are clients who for various reasons cannot come to the B.S.C.A. office so we visit them at their homes to help them with their concerns. In 2022/2023 this outreach activity, we supported 193 individuals.

Bolton Unity Project

1 Intergenerational activity

One of the activities implemented by the B.S.C.A. during 2022/2023 includes intergenerational activities aimed at engaging in activities and interactions, bringing together younger and older generations. The activities were intended to facilitate an understanding of common feelings among different generations of the community.

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2 Walk activity

Walk activity was one of the things B.S.C.A. worked with other organisations such as Bolton Christian Community Cohesion, Bolton Wanderers in the Community, Bolton Interfaith Council, Bolton Solidarity Community Association, Bolton Council of Mosques and Bolton Hindu Forum. One of the objectives of this activity is to promote a healthy community, especially for adults and other people. The walking activity also gave the participants opportunities to explore historical buildings and places in and around Bolton.

B.S.C.A., working with other organisations mentioned above, have made it possible to carry out several walking activities in different areas of Bolton in 2022/2023.

3 Social Mixing Program

The purpose of this social mixing activity was to build stronger connections across communities and neighbourhoods in the area. This activity is a part of the Unity Alliance project and it was one of the most important activities implemented by B.S.C.A. during 2022/23.

Again, this activity worked with young people and kids between the ages of 8 and 16 years old. They have had opportunities to interact with each other and we believe that they have enjoyed all the activities of the social mixing program. B.S.C.A. as an organisation has worked with 49 children and young people in this social mixing program. With this program we would like to mention the Bolton Wanderers who worked with us together in this activity.

4 Black History Month

As usual, B.S.C.A. does activities to commemorate black history month once a year. In September 2023, the B.S.C.A. held a gathering at the B.S.C.A. venue to celebrate Black History Month. Some elders from the community gave speeches and poems related to the contribution made by black people during the vents of the black history months. A total of 65 people, both male and female, attended the events celebrating Black and History Month.

B.S.C.A. training and workshops

During 2022/2023 B.S.C.A. delivered 31 training and workshops related to the following issues: Employment, FGM, Volunteering, Digital, Being trustee and Data protection.

A total of 221 people attended the very useful training. Most of them shared positive feedback and they benefitted from this training.

International Women's Day

In March 2023, the B.S.C.A. women's group celebrated International Women's Day. This event aimed to raise awareness of the difficult situation that many women in the world are in, some of whom have a difficult life and live under oppression.

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During the event, the women who attended also shared stories, poetry and music to commemorate International Women's Day. It is estimated that 87 women and girls attended the event and gave feedback that they enjoyed the day very much.

EU settlement scheme

The United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) on 31st January 2020 and the deadline to apply to the EU scheme was designed to offer EU, non-EU EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK before the end of the transition period and their eligible family members, the opportunity to protect their residence in the UK after the transition period has ended.

The majority applied on time but due to various reasons, some people did not apply for permanent settled status and pre-settle on time. We helped some of those people who missed the deadline, and the 39 individuals were supported and applied for UK residence during 2022/2023.

Litter picking

Litter picking was one of the activities of B.S.C.A. during the period 2022/2023. It was an activity designed to encourage kids and young people to volunteer to care for their community and local environment by collecting litter from their streets in the local area. B.S.C.A. did 11 litter-picking activities with kids and young people in Bolton, especially Deane, Derby and Heaton areas.

Homework Club

B.S.C.A. still provides homework club activities to young people aged 6-16 years in Bolton borough who wish to improve their educational attainment. Through this project, we offer support from Key Stage 2 up to GCSE level in Maths, Science and English. The number of students using this system during 2022/2023 was 78 students.

Weekly sport activities

Weekend sports sessions are one of the most important activities that B.S.C.A. provides to young people and one of the activities is football sessions. These sports activities are also designed to boost young people's sporting skills and act as a diversionary activity that keeps young people away from committing crimes and keeps them positively using their time. The weekend sports sessions take place in different places across Bolton e.g. Pikes Lane and Queens Park. During the period 2022/2023, the workers and volunteers of the project organized about 68 sessions.

Partnership

Although working with other organizations is not an easy task, there are many benefits when you work together with other organizations. In 2022/2023 we were able to successfully deliver several projects by working as an organization with other organizations in Bolton. We believe that the partnership work we have done has not only provided us with resource funding but the experience and knowledge we have shared with other organizations has been of great benefit to us. We will continue the commitment to work with other organizations to overcome the difficult times that are facing us.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They 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.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 27 December 2023.

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

for the year ended 31 March 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association.

I report on the financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts.

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 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Berkley Heath
Chartered Certified Accountants

The date upon which this report was completed is :-
27 December 2023

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources				
Donations	110	-	110	110
Grants	51,186	134,946	186,132	195,723
Total incoming resources	<u>51,296</u>	<u>134,946</u>	<u>186,242</u>	<u>195,833</u>
Resources expended				
Staff costs	26,135	104,539	130,674	135,041
Rent, rates and service charge	5,845	-	5,845	4,320
Repairs	675	-	675	2,950
Insurance	858	-	858	780
Light and heat	3,361	-	3,361	3,798
Printing, postage and stationery	4,495	-	4,495	3,440
Advertising	1,276	-	1,276	637
Telephone	3,162	-	3,162	1,431
Computer costs	3,185	-	3,185	3,998
Community program	9,513	27,920	37,433	30,199
Legal and professional	-	-	-	3,439
Accountancy fees	1,753	-	1,753	2,436
General expenses	1,388	-	1,388	2,308
Depreciation & amortisation	2,369	-	2,369	1,375
Interest and charges	370	-	370	479
Total resources expended	<u>64,385</u>	<u>132,459</u>	<u>196,844</u>	<u>196,631</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(13,089)</u>	<u>2,487</u>	<u>(10,602)</u>	<u>(798)</u>
Total funds brought forward	<u>27,176</u>	<u>157,871</u>	<u>185,047</u>	<u>185,845</u>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>14,087</u>	<u>160,358</u>	<u>174,445</u>	<u>185,047</u>

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Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income	186,242	195,833
Total expenditure	(196,844)	(196,631)
Net retained surplus for the financial year	<u>(10,602)</u>	<u>(798)</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments
at 31 March 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		7,106		4,125
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		169,389		181,972	
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one		(1,050)		(1,050)	
Net current assets			168,339		180,922
Net assets			<u>175,445</u>		<u>185,047</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	6	14,087		27,176	
Restricted funds	7	160,358		157,871	
		<u>174,445</u>		<u>185,047</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

The notes on pages 17 to 19 form an integral part of these accounts.

Accounts

Charity Registration Number
1101649

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Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Legal and administrative information

Status

B.S.C.A. The full name of the charity is **Bolton Solidarity Community Association**.

The legal registration details are:

Date of formation:	15 May 2002
The principal Office is:	2-16 Mayor Street, Bolton, BL3 5HT
Charity Registration Number:	1101649
The telephone number:	01204 334004
Website:	www.boltonbsca.com

Current Trustees

Hussain Ahmed Osman	Chairman
Ahmed Sarman	Secretary
Najeh Omeri	Treasurer
Mohamed Arale	Member
Ali Abdullah Awad	Member
Zamzam Abdi	Member

Secretary	Ahmed Sarman
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Charity Registration Number:	1101649
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Registered Office	2-16 Mayor Street Bolton BL3 5HT
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Accountants	Berkley Heath 2 Redstone Road Manchester M19 1RB
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Business address	2-16 Mayor Street Bolton BL3 5HT
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Bankers Lloyds	Lloyds Bank Daub Hill Branch Bolton BL3 6LS
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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees of B.S.C.A. are pleased to introduce this year's annual report 2021/2022 together with the financial statement of the charity for the last 12 months ended 31st March 2022. Despite the B.S.C.A. facing many challenges this year, the organisation was able to continue to carry out many activities that benefit the local community in Bolton and beyond.

This report summarizes the activities and the progress that B.S.C.A. has implemented over the last 12 months and demonstrates how we support and involve within the local community.

During the last year, B.S.C.A. like other charities faced difficulties and tough challenges triggered by financial and economic stress which is caused by several factors including Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and the war in Ukraine.

On behalf of B.S.C.A. I would like once more to take this opportunity to convey my deepest appreciation and thanks to the management committee, Staff and our dedicated Volunteers for their hard work, commitment that has enabled B.S.C.A. as an organisation to achieve many things that local community has benefited from B.S.C.A.

Finally, the trustees express their thanks to all funders and other partners that have helped the B.S.C.A. as a charity to have the capacity to develop and provide its crucial activities and services for the new and emerging communities in Bolton and beyond. B.S.C.A., would like to give special thanks to the following funders who provided financial support during the last year: Bolton at Home, Lloyds Foundation, The DWP, Igen Trust, Bolton CVS, Bolton Council, ESF, Voice4 Change, Bolton College, GMCVO, Bolton Carers Support, The Voluntary sector of Bolton and many more.

Without the funding support provided to us by the above mentioned funders and partners, it could not have been possible to help such a vast amount of the local community.

For many different reasons, this year has had its challenges and difficulties, But, I have to say that B.S.C.A. team have continued to put in a tremendous amount of time and efforts to secure the funding that covered the activity of the running projects.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 9 January 2023.

Ahmed Sarman

On behalf of the Management Committee.

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Who we are

Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A.) was founded in 2002 and achieved registered charitable status in 2003. Over the last 20 years, B.S.C.A. has become a model of best practice for other charities in the area. Our background and our experience mean that we have unique insight across Bolton's many communities. We are best-placed to offer you the understanding and the reach that you need to make a real difference.

B.S.C.A.'s Values are

Integrity

Working together

Empowerment

Respect and valuing others

Our Vision:

Our vision is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged, isolated and marginalised new and emerging communities in Bolton Borough.

We have the following aims to achieve this:

To reduce isolation among new and emerging communities in Bolton and support them to promote their cohesion and integration into the wider society

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To provide an accessible and welcoming venue that is a focal point for the community, a place for people to meet and where B.S.C.A. offer their services and activities.

To support young people to prevent their involvement in crimes and help them to improve their education achievement.

To improve employability skills of new and emerging communities in Bolton and also improve their involvement in main stream services.

To build a stronger and more sustainable organisation.

Membership:

In-order to strengthen its performance as an organisation and its capacity B.S.C.A. is a member of the following platforms: Bolton CVS, NCVO, GMCVO, BME network and Bolton together.

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Governance, Structure and Management

Legal structure

B.S.C.A. (Bolton Solidarity Community Association) is a registered charity since 2003. It is also a charitable company limited by guarantee having no shares. The charity is constituted by a Constitution. It is governed by the regulation set out in the Constitution and run by a diverse trustees from a different professional background.

B.S.C.A trustee's responsibilities

B.S.C.A.'s are led by trustees who volunteer their time to lead B.S.C.A.. They give their valuable time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the B.S.C.A. charity. B.S.C.A. trustees ensure that the charity is carrying out its purpose for members of the community benefit and also comply with the charity's governing document.

The day-to-day work of the charity is overseen by the chief officer who is responsible to and reports to the trustees. The trustees are aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise. Therefore, strategies are in place to control these risks. All the trustees of the B.S.C.A. including the chair are elected once in every two years by the members of the organisation attending the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees met 6 times during the year to review the activities of the charity including the approval of the annual report and accounts as well as budgets, capital expenditure and to set out the fundraising date for the charity.

Policies:

Reserve policy:

In recent years B.S.C.A. has had a reserve policy. The purpose of our policy is to make the charity more resilient and at least protect the charity in the event of unforeseen circumstances. This year the charity operates a minimum unrestricted reserves account balance of £25,000. The B.S.C.A. trustees are working hard to ensure that level of reserves does not fall below this set figure.

Risk Management:

B.S.C.A. trustees have assessed regularly review and assess if there is any risk faced by our organisation in all sections of our activities. The trustees of B.S.C.A. is satisfied that the Risk Management system is in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks including risks assessment, maintaining a risk register, which is reviewed annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risk the organisation faces.

Financial review policy

B.S.C.A. trustees to ensure that the financial management of the organisation is effective; the trustees have developed and used a financial management policy which is essential for the financial health of the organisation.

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The Need for our Services:

Since the establishment of B.S.C.A., the demand for our service has been increasing year after year. One of the reasons for the increase in B.S.C.A.'s client service is that the number of new and emerging people from Bolton has increased over the last years. Also, some of the cases we dealt with our clients were more complicated and sometimes we need to make referrals to other organisations.

Fixed Asset

Currently, B.S.C.A. as an organisation doesn't have any tangible fixed asset. B.S.C.A. is in building it shares with Bolton Asylum and Mediation Team.

Volunteers

B.S.C.A. activities cannot run without our volunteers. They actually carry out and participate in all the various activities that B.S.C.A. was doing during 2021/2022. Areas where our volunteers are most active include youth activities, homework club, women and girl's activities and many more. Currently 35 volunteers are supporting B.S.C.A.'s projects and other activities.

Our organisation has a risk management policy which is a process of identifying, evaluating and controlling risks. During 2020/2021 the B.S.C.A.'s trustees carries out a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed and has an established risks register which is updated once a year.

Activities and achievements of the year (2021/2022)

- FGM project
- Unlocking wellbeing project
- Work placement
- Digital inclusion service
- Substance misuse awareness
- Outreach work
- Bolton Unity Project (Social mixing program, summer walk, Men's fitness, Black history month)
- Talent match project
- International women's day
- EU settlement scheme
- Standing together project
- Homework club
- Employment project
- Weekend sport activities
- Partnership
- Future plans

Client drop in advice sessions:

The B.S.C.A. centre offers a range of advice and support services. B.S.C.A. client drop in is one of the services offered by B.S.C.A. to its clients. This service is one of the most important and vital services that B.S.C.A. staff and their volunteers to provide support to B.S.C.A. clients who come to the centre for help with various issues. Drop-in and appointment services are available for both young people and their parents. The advice includes education, housing, employment and local services.

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Clients require consultation and advice. In some cases, our clients need solutions to problems such as housing, utilities, health or education for their children. Issues related to this service are huge and different. If for-example some of the cases become difficult to solve, B.S.C.A. refer the clients to other organisation who can provide for further help.

B.S.C.A.'s client drop in advice is a service available for B.S.C.A. clients on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (three day service).

During 2021/2022 the numbers of cases we have dealt within this service were 3411 cases.

Flexible Support

This Flexible support was a project whose duration was 12 months. During this project, support was given to 104 people, most of whom were given support and guidance to gain access to the labor market. In addition, customers of this flexible project were given ongoing employment training sessions, one to one consultation meeting and assessment based on the action plan.

This project also gave some of the customers the opportunity to get volunteering jobs. This project was not only aimed at helping its customers in terms of work but also helped the target group in terms of education, English language and social issues that affect a person's life.

FGM Project:

FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) is one of the projects that B.S.C.A. carried out during 2021/2022. In the past year, mainly two activities can be divided into the things that have been done about this project.

The first is the consultation and advice given to victims of FGM.

The second was the training provided to schools and other institutions in Bolton to raise the awareness about problems of FGM and how to prevent it. One of the aims of these trainings was to raise awareness about FGM and also understanding of the legal framework and to encourage the effective implementation laws against FGM.

There was also monthly gathering for FGM victims to share, discuss and learn from each other's experience about FGM. During the period of 2021/2022 the project workers provided 87 one-to-one advice sessions and 19 FGM community workshops. In additions to that, other useful FGM trainings were organized for schools and other institutions in Bolton.

Unlocking wellbeing project:

The unlocking wellbeing is a project that involves with BAMER communities focusing mainly on carers and people who may have socio economic disadvantage. The objective of this project was about engaging and gathering evidence from these groups. The two main partners of this project were Bolton Carers Support and Bolton Solidarity Community Association.

At the time the students are working with B.S.C.A. to get work experience is an enormously valuable part of their education. It gives students the opportunity to spend time in our workplace to develop the skills they need for work. About 29 students have been helped by B.S.C.A. this year to get work placement experience from our organisation.

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Work Experience:

B.S.C.A. provides work placement experience to students who are looking for work placement while they are still in education. We usually give this work placement to year 10 students who usually spend one week working with different sections of the B.S.C.A. such as they youth activities section, client drop in, Admin and homework club section.

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Digital Inclusion Service

B.S.C.A. has offered to our service users a digital inclusion service that supports them to be connected digitally with focus on well-being. We delivered the service using a mixture of telephone and online during this project. This project work has given our target group the opportunity to get access to support wellbeing connectivity which has had a positive impact on our beneficiaries' mental health during the pandemic and beyond. Without this support tailored for them they would not access any support at all.

Substance misuse awareness (Khat)

With this project (B.S.C.A. khat project), last year engaged with youth groups that represent Khat users in Bolton as well as those who have experience of Khat.

Khat users are offered sessions and workshops related to the impact of Khat use on personal health and social issues. From the activities with our service users the majority of Khat users we work with are now aware of the implications of Khat being classified substance. B.S.C.A. put a lot of work and resources to educate people from new and emerging communities on the legality of Khat, the implications of breaking the law and getting the right support to stop.

Other things that this project offered to Khat users include:

- Providing khat users with information on the health risks of Khat use.
- Providing diversionary activities.

From April 2021/2022 the project workers have organised 13 workshops through webinar and have conducted telephone advice sessions with 109 Khat users.

Outreach work

Despite the difficult situation brought by Covid19, the B.S.C.A. volunteers and workers continue their vital work to reach out hard to reach people. In order for this outreach work to have a positive impact on the target group digital technology was used during Covid19.

To carry out outreach activities, B.S.C.A. workers and volunteers were dealing and communicating clients with phone, video and social media means. In 2021/2022 this activity, we supported 178 individuals.

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Bolton Unity Project

Social Mixing Program

One of the activities we have implemented in 2021/2022 as B.S.C.A. was the social mixing program. We have aimed to work with 80 people for that period, ages from 8-16 years living in various wards in Bolton with different backgrounds. Our main aim was to encourage cohesion amongst this target group through the medium of football activities. With this it was great opportunity for us to work with Bolton Wanderers in the community on this project and the sessions were delivered primarily from Pikes lane and Spa Road.

Summer Walk

B.S.C.A. has worked with other organisations in this Summer Walk activity through the Unity Project, in which the following organisations have participated: Bolton Christian Community Cohesion, Bolton Wanderers in the Community, Bolton Interfaith Council, Bolton Solidarity Community Association, Bolton Council of Mosques and Bolton Hindu Forum.

The walking activity was held several times and everyone was welcome to participate. All the people who participated in this activity enjoyed it and the feedback was positive.

Men's fitness

Because of the various activities that B.S.C.A. has implemented through the Unity Project, men's fitness was one of them, which was intended for adult males. This activity consisted of many sessions held every Tuesday in partnership with Bolton Wanderers. Fitness activity sessions were held at Slater field Community Centre. During this activity, the sessions were very beneficial to the participants and there were 15 Sessions where the participants learned how to do different fitness activities, the benefits of doing fitness and also the healthy diet that a person needs to use.

Black History Month

Black History month was one of the other activities done through the unity project. In October 2021 Black History Month was held on Octagon in partnership with the Bolton Octagon Theatre. This was an open event, and it attracted many people to attend. The event was mainly about speeches related to Black History Month and the contribution of the black people. Poetry and other literature were also presented at the Octagon Theatre.

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Talent Match Project

B.S.C.A. through Talent Match Project has empowered and worked with 25 young people during 2021/2022 and developed them to face the challenges they face. First of all, B.S.C.A. with the help of professional coaches assessed the level of education and skills and experience of the target group. Skills development that this project has helped the young people included: Confidence building, interview techniques, *Computer skills, how to use job search effectively and volunteering opportunities.*

There were also progressions related to apprenticeships, jobs and further education.

International Women's Day

B.S.C.A. women group working with other organisations through unity project organized international women's day. The organisation of this day was to raise the role of the women in the life of the society.

During the event, the participants of the event were discussed themes which affect them as women and also they used the event as a launching pad to form ponds and encourage future working together. The number of women who attended this event was 57 people.

EU settlement scheme

As we all know, the deadline for most of the people to apply to the EU scheme was 30th June 2021. The home office has created an EU settlement scheme for EU citizens to apply for residency in The UK. Before the deadline last year B.S.C.A. helped EU citizens living in Bolton, who do not have the access to down load applications that needed to be completed. Through this activity B.S.C.A. has helped 79 service users.

Standing together project

During this project B.S.C.A. youth workers have worked very closely with young people from new and emerging communities in Bolton and ethnically black African. The way of working with youth included workshops and diversionary activities carried out by two youth workers using College and B.S.C.A. localities. The two workers were working with individual that have been referred to us through Operation Barter, GMP and other partners such as Bolton Council.

Homework Club

The Covid-19 restrictions were in place for the most of the year in 2021. Because of these restrictions the B.S.C.A. homework club sessions were continued to support students via webinar. Some of the parents of B.S.C.A. homework club have complained that their students did not have access to benefit from the homework club sessions via webinar. This was due to the fact that the parents and their children did not have the devices or other technology equipment that would help them to access the homework club sessions. Although the homework club situation was different from before, the number of students using this system during 2021/2022 was 93 students.

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Employment project

The main objective of this project was to increase the opportunities for people from new and emerging communities in Bolton to find work. This project also helps people to get work experience through volunteer jobs. This project has helped 115 people identifying and tackling barriers to employment e.g. language, confidence and lack of experience and getting to know the internet issues such as how to do an effective online job search, CV building and also improve other skills that strengthen chances of these people getting a job.

Weekend sport activities

B.S.C.A. youth workers offers weekend sports activities such as football sessions for young people. These sport activities are designed to boost young people's sporting skills and act as a diversionary activity that keeps young people away from committing crimes and keep them using their time in a positive way.

The feedback we have received from the young people showed that weekend sport activities increased their physical fitness and also gave them the confidence to learn sports skills. The weekend sport sessions take place in different places across Bolton e.g. Pikes lane and Queens Park.

During the period 2021/2022 the workers and volunteers of the project organized about 67 sessions.

Partnership

B.S.C.A. has a tradition of working with many other organisations in partnership and collaboration. Many things that B.S.C.A. has achieved during 2021/2022 are due to partnership with other organisations. Difficulties and challenges faced by B.S.C.A. have also been overcome through cooperation and partnership with other organisations.

Partnership and close collaboration with other organisations has led to us to work closely together, support each other, share best practice and share information and other things that are mutually beneficial.

Future plans:

B.S.C.A. is still working and functioning as the organisation is facing different challenges such as the current financial crisis, Brexit difficulties etc. So future plans involve greatly increasing fundraising efforts and the organisation will focus more on enhancing the knowledge and

The organisation will continue how and ways to secure sufficient funding for the B.S.C.A. activities. We also strive to strengthen partnerships with other voluntary organisation.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They 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.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 17 January 2023.

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

for the year ended 31 March 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association.

I report on the financial statements of Bolton Solidarity Community Association for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

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Berkley Heath
Chartered Certified Accountants

The date upon which this report was completed is :-
17 January 2023

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations	110	-	110	120
Grants	35,108	160,615	195,723	240,537
Total incoming resources	35,218	160,615	195,833	240,657
Resources expended				
Staff costs		135,041	135,041	87,350
Rent, rates and service charge	4,320	-	4,320	4,687
Repairs	2,950	-	2,950	1,150
Insurance	780	-	780	840
Light and heat	3,798	-	3,798	3,145
Printing, postage and stationery	3,440	-	3,440	3,087
Advertising	637	-	637	492
Telephone	1,431	-	1,431	1,251
Computer costs	3,998	-	3,998	2,810
Community program	6,040	24,159	30,199	16,098
Legal and professional	3,439	-	3,439	2,230
Accountancy fees	2,436	-	2,436	2,409
General expenses	2,308	-	2,308	1,820
Depreciation & amortisation	1,375	-	1,375	179
Interest and charges	479	-	479	206
Total resources expended	37,431	159,200	196,631	127,754
Net movement in funds	(2,213)	1,415	(798)	112,903
Total funds brought forward	29,389	156,456	185,845	72,942
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	27,176	157,871	185,047	185,845

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income	195,833	240,657
Total expenditure	(196,631)	(127,754)
Net retained surplus for the financial year	<u>(798)</u>	<u>112,903</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of Receipts and Payments
at 31 March 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		4,125		5,500
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		181,972		181,097	
		<u>181,972</u>		<u>181,097</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one		(1,050)		(752)	
Net current assets			<u>180,922</u>		<u>180,345</u>
Net assets			<u><u>185,047</u></u>		<u><u>185,845</u></u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	6	27,176		29,389	
Restricted funds	7	157,871		156,456	
		<u><u>185,047</u></u>		<u><u>185,845</u></u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 2 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

The notes on pages 15 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

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for the year ended 31 March 2022

3 Cost of generating funds

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	135,041	87,350
Rent, rates and service charge	4,320	4,687
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General expenses	2,308	1,820
	<u>189,391</u>	<u>123,810</u>

4 Management and administration

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees	2,436	2,409
Depreciation and amortisation	1,375	431
Bank charges	479	206
	<u>4,290</u>	<u>3,046</u>

5 Tangible fixed assets tangible

	Tangible assets	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2021	30,964	30,964
At 31 March 2022	<u>30,964</u>	<u>30,964</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	25,464	25,464
Charge for the year	1,375	1,375
At 31 March 2022	<u>26,839</u>	<u>26,839</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,125</u>	<u>4,125</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>

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6 Unrestricted funds	1 April 2021	Incoming	Outgoing	31 March
	£	£	£	2022
				£
Donations and grants	29,389	35,218	(37,431)	27,176
	<u>29,389</u>	<u>35,218</u>	<u>(37,431)</u>	<u>27,176</u>
	<u><u>29,389</u></u>	<u><u>35,218</u></u>	<u><u>(37,431)</u></u>	<u><u>27,176</u></u>
7 Restricted funds	1 April 2021	Incoming	Outgoing	31 March
	£	£	£	2022
				£
Donations and grants	156,456	160,615	(159,200)	157,871
	<u>156,456</u>	<u>160,615</u>	<u>(159,200)</u>	<u>157,871</u>
	<u><u>156,456</u></u>	<u><u>160,615</u></u>	<u><u>(159,200)</u></u>	<u><u>157,871</u></u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes as required by the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Accounts

Charity Registration Number
1101649

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2021

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Legal and administrative information

Status

B.S.C.A. The full name of the charity is **Bolton Solidarity Community Association**.

Directors / Trustees

Hussain Ahmed Osman	Chairman
Ahmed Sarman	Secretary
Najeh Omeri	Treasurer
Mohamed Arale	Member
Ali Abdullah Awad	Member
Zamzam Abdi	Member

Secretary	Ahmed Sarman
Charity number	1101649
Date Registered	15 May 2002

Principal Office	2-16 Mayor Street Bolton BL3 5HT
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Website	www.boltonbsca.com
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Telephone	01204 334004
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Accountants	Berkley Heath 2 Redstone Road Manchester M19 1RB
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Bankers Lloyds	Lloyds Bank Daub Hill Branch Bolton BL3 6LS
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Bolton Solidairity Community Association

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees of B.S.C.A. are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statement of the charity for the last 12 months ended 31st March 2021. Despite the pandemic (Covid-19) BSCA has proven to be yet another year of continued service provision across Bolton borough and surroundings.

This report looks at progress over the last twelve months and demonstrates our involvement within the local community.

On behalf of B.S.C.A. I would once more to like to express my personal thanks to B.S.C.A.'s staff and trustees for all their efforts over the last year.

I also would like to thank our volunteers who support the work of B.S.C.A. and continued their contribution during the last year.

Finally, we would like to thank all our current funders and other partners who have given us great support: Bolton at Home, Lloyds Foundation, Bolton CVS, Bolton Council, Igen Trust, ESF, Salford CVS, Bolton College, BSBT, GMCVO, The voluntary sector of Bolton and many more.

We are very pleased to introduce this year's Annual report 2020/2021. As predicted the financial climate during the year has once more proved to be very difficult. But, I have to say that B.S.C.A. team have continued to put in a tremendous amount of time and efforts to secure the funding that covered the activity of the running projects.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 2 February 2022.



Ahmed Sarman

On behalf of the Management Committee.

Bolton Solidairity Community Association

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

Who we are

Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A.) was founded in 2002 and achieved registered charitable status in 2003. Over the last 19 years, B.S.C.A. has become a model of best practice for other charities in the area. Our background and our experience mean that we have unique insight across Bolton's many communities. We are best-placed to offer you the understanding and the reach that you need to make a real difference.

BCSA works to aid communication, promote understanding, facilitate integration, and empower new and emerging BME communities, including Somali; Ethiopian; Sudanese; Oromo; Eritrean; Kurdish; and Iraqi communities. We provide direct support to refugees, asylum seekers and immigration in Bolton, as well as locally-established BME communities. We also provide support, expertise and training to empower our clients to become successful and active members of the community.

Our Vision:

Our vision is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged, isolated and marginalised new and emerging communities in Bolton Borough.

B.S.C.A.'s Values are

Working together
Integrity
Respect and valuing others
Empowerment

Our aim is to:

To provide an accessible and welcoming venue that is a focal point for the community, a place for people to meet and where B.S.C.A. offer their services and activities.

To support young people to prevent their involvement in crimes and help them to improve their education achievement.

To reduce isolation among new and emerging communities in Bolton and support them to promote their cohesion and integration into the wider society.

To reduce health inequalities in the Bolton Borough and raise awareness of new health issues affecting new and emerging communities which contributes to inequalities i.e. Khat, Female Circumcision, domestic violence.

To improve employability skills of new and emerging communities in Bolton and also improve their involvement in main stream services.

Governance, Structure and Management

Legal structure

Bolton Solidarity Community Association (B.S.C.A) is a charitable company limited by guarantee having no shares.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

B.S.C.A trustee's responsibilities

B.S.C.A.'s trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the B.S.C.A. charity. The Trustees form the management committee who meets regularly to oversee the running of the organisation. B.S.C.A. trustees ensure that the charity is carrying out its purposes for members of the community benefit and also comply with charity's governing document.

All the trustees of the B.S.C.A. including the chair are elected once in every two years by the members of the organisation attending the Annual General Meeting.

Policies:

Reserve policy:

A reserve policy is a key component of a charity's financial management and planning. The commission of charities requires charities like B.S.C.A. to determine and explain their policy for free reserves.

The B.S.C.A.'s management committees have examined this year the charity's reserves. The charity's reserve policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves to cover few months operating expenditure to cushion the organisation during periods when project funding or core funding is unavailable. The charity currently operates with reserve account balances of £29,389 (twenty nine thousand three hundred and eighty nine pounds). The trustees of B.S.C.A. are endeavouring to build up its donor base with view to having sufficient reserves.

Financial review policy

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The role of the fundraising strategy is to ensure the long-term sustainability of the B.S.C.A., so that it can continue to provide its exceptional services and learning experiences for many years to come. Creating a dedicated cross-organisational Fundraising Strategy for B.S.C.A. represents a significant opportunity to strengthen and develop the B.S.C.A.'s fundraising activities.

The overall aims of the Fundraising Strategy are: - to increase and diversify the organisation's income, in order to improve its financial sustainability; and - to introduce systems and procedures to unite fundraising efforts and record-keeping across the organisation, in order to support fundraising activity for the long-term.

It is essential that the Fundraising Strategy aligns with the B.S.C.A.'s overall organisational Strategic Plan (2020-2021).

Risk Management:

Our organisation has a risk management policy which is a process of identifying, evaluating and controlling risks. During 2020/2021 the B.S.C.A.'s trustees carries out a review of major risks to which the charity is exposed and has an established risks register which is updated once a year.

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Activities and achievements of the year (2020/2021)

- FGM awareness sessions
- Substance misuse awareness
- Work Experience
- Homework club
- EU settlement scheme
- Employment project (Bright future)
- Skilled Up project
- Hope project
- Football training
- Walk activity
- Partnership
- Volunteering

Client drop in advice sessions:

Usually B.S.C.A.'s client drop in advice session is available three days a week. The scope and range of issues we deal with are great and diverse. As we know most of the service providers closed their doors during pandemic period. Many of our vulnerable clients felt that it was a difficult period. Some of them become lonely and isolated.

To continue the work and service we are doing for our clients we have created phone service and digital advice online. To the best of our ability we have tried to assist those clients through phone contact as well as other digital media.

During 2020/2021 the numbers of cases we have dealt within this service were 2870 cases.

FGM Project:

Due to Covid 19 the way in which FGM activities were carried out in 2020 and 2021 was different from the previous years. There were fewer sessions being offered face to face meetings.

Sessions were delivered through the webinar. Our project workers delivered 17 FGM awareness sessions to some of the new and emerging communities in Bolton. The project workers also delivered FGM sessions to some of the primary and secondary schools in Bolton.

The purpose of these workshops was to raise awareness within the communities about FGM and an understanding of the legal framework and to encourage the effective implementation of laws against FGM.

During 2020/2021 B.S.C.A. FGM project workers had 57 telephone advice conversations with FGM victims. The purpose of the telephone conversations was to support the victims as well as to share any concerns they may have.

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Substance misuse awareness

The main purpose of this project is to provide advice to members of the new and emerging community in Bolton who have Khat misuses problems. The other aims of the project include:

- To raise awareness that Khat is illegal in the UK.
- Providing khat users with information on the health risks of Khat use.
- Providing diversionary activities.

From April 2020/2021 the project workers have organised 11 workshops through webinar and have conducted telephone advice sessions with 113 khat users.

Work Experience:

Previously each year our organisation provides work experience to secondary school students. As a result of Covid 19 restrictions B.S.C.A. could not accommodate the work experience of those students. But on the other hand B.S.C.A. has made it possible for 21 members from new and emerging community in Bolton to provide work experience through virtual media.

Outreach work

Despite the difficult situation brought by Covid19, the B.S.C.A. volunteers and workers continue their vital work to reach out hard to reach people. In order for this outreach work to have a positive impact on the target group digital technology was used during Covid19.

To carry out outreach activities, B.S.C.A. workers and volunteers were dealing and communicating clients with phone, video and social media means. In 2020/2021 this activity, we supported 178 individuals.

Homework Club

The BSCA homework club has been running successfully since 2005. During 2020/2021 we offer sessions ranging from KS1 up to GCSE. Previously the sessions were running twice a week at Bolton University and Mayor Street building.

Since the Covid-19 coronavirus hit, we have not been able to access the Bolton University building and the mayor street building. To continue the homework club sessions we have changed to help students via webinar. Due to this technology some of the students were not able to benefit from the homework club education. The number of the students using this system was 67 students.

EU settlement scheme

In 2020/2021 B.S.C.A. helped many EU citizens to fill out residency forms as the UK left the EU. The EU settlement scheme has been developed to help EU citizens to apply for residency. Some of the EU citizens living in Bolton, who do not have the appropriate access, skills or confidence to complete the forms, the B.S.C.A. has assisted them in completing the forms and applications that needed to be completed. Through this activity the B.S.C.A. has helped 109 service users.

Employment project (Bright future)

As part of the Bright Futures project we worked with 36 people on this project. This project was to improve the employability outcomes. The project offered volunteer opportunities, training and building skills as part of the journey. As a result of the project we were able to help those 36 people find employment or move closer to being employed. The feedback from the project participants was very positive as a whole and we thank our funders and partners for contributing to this success.

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Skilled Up project

The project was run smoothly; however major changes occurred due to the lockdown (covid-19) from April 2020. To overcome this B.S.C.A. introduced new ways of working with beneficiaries which were digital and more social distanced one to one support. During 20120/2021, we ran CV building, job search skills sessions, workshops, basic skills and interview techniques. The project workers provide ongoing support to 73 people. They also offered guidance other 175 individuals.

Hope project

With this project we engaged with people by Involving them in their own health and care primarily but not exclusively with people from new communities including refugees and asylum seekers and BAME individuals that are in recovery and introduce support systems which would increase the chances of them accessing mainstream service provision as well as increase the chances of them staying in recovery by having ownership of what help they need.

We helped provide them with digital diversionary activities to help them stay connected with others who have similar experiences to them. We have provided wellbeing support both physically and digitally to our target group through sessions and workshops and this has helped the resilience of our group. During and pre-Covid we also gave opportunities for our beneficiaries to take part in volunteering opportunities such as food drops, tackling social isolation and wellbeing exercises. We have managed recruit 20 beneficiaries on to the project.

Football training:

B.S.C.A. routinely carries out physical activity for young people. There were football training sessions with FA qualified coaches to support young people from age 5 to 16. The sport sessions take place in different places across Bolton e.g. Pikes lane and queens Park. During the period 2020/2021 the workers and volunteers of the

Walk activity

Most of the time during 2020/2021 there were restrictions related to Covid-19. Many people felt lonely and isolated during that period. The aim of this activity was to combat loneliness and isolation. This project provided opportunities for community's elderly people and women groups to do walk and other physical activities.

Partnership

B.S.C.A. continue to work closely with other voluntary sector organisations in Bolton and local authority bringing communities together and improving collaboration and community cohesion. This partnership has also enabled us to deal effectively with Covid-19 pandemic.

Volunteers

B.S.C.A. activities cannot run without our volunteers. They actually carry out and participate in all the various activities that BSCA was doing during 2020/2021. Areas where our volunteers are most active include youth activities, homework club, women and girls activities and many more. Currently 29 volunteers are supporting BSCA's projects and other activities.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

Future plans:

In the coming years we will strive:

- The organisation will focus more on enhancing The knowledge and expertise of using digital devices.
- To continue how and ways to secure sufficient funding for the B.S.C.A. activities
- We also strive to strengthen partnerships with other voluntary organisation.

B.S.C.A.
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Bolton Solidarity Community Association

for the year ended 31 March 2021

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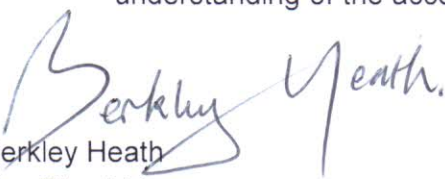
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Berkley Heath
Cas Plus Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants

The date upon which this report was completed is :-
2 February 2022

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
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for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Repairs	1,150	-	1,150	425
Insurance	840	-	840	835
Light and heat	3,145	-	3,145	3,030
Printing, postage and stationery	3,087	-	3,087	3,545
Advertising	492	-	492	385
Telephone	1,251	-	1,251	1,173
Computer costs	2,810	-	2,810	645
Community program	16,098	-	16,098	17,344
Legal and professional	2,230	-	2,230	2,595
Donations	-	-	-	-
Accountancy fees	2,409	-	2,409	1,923
General expenses	1,820	-	1,820	1,160
Depreciation & amortisation	179	-	179	239
Interest and charges	206	-	206	308
Total resources expended	40,404	87,350	127,754	116,501
Net movement in funds	8,649	104,254	112,903	(42,148)
Total funds brought forward	20,740	52,202	72,942	115,090
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	29,389	156,456	185,845	72,942

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Income	240,657	74,353
Total expenditure	(127,754)	(116,501)
 Net retained surplus for the financial year	 <u>112,903</u>	 <u>(42,148)</u>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of Receipts and Payments
at 31 March 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		5,500		717
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		181,097		72,975	
		<u>181,097</u>		<u>72,975</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one		(752)		(750)	
Net current assets			180,345		72,225
Net assets			<u>185,845</u>		<u>72,942</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	6	29,389		20,740	
Restricted funds	7	156,456		52,202	
		<u>185,845</u>		<u>72,942</u>	

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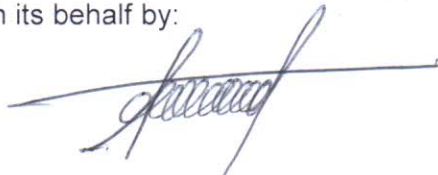
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Trustee

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Bolton Solidarity Community Association
Statement of Receipts and Payments
at 31 March 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		5,500		717
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		181,097		72,975	
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Net current assets			<u>180,345</u>		<u>72,225</u>
Net assets			<u><u>185,845</u></u>		<u><u>72,942</u></u>
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Unrestricted funds	6		29,389		20,740
Restricted funds	7		156,456		52,202
			<u><u>185,845</u></u>		<u><u>72,942</u></u>

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3 Cost of generating funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	87,350	78,124
Rent, rates and service charge	4,687	4,770
Insurance	840	835
Light and heat	3,145	3,030
Printing, postage and stationery	3,087	3,545
Advertising	492	385
Telephone	1,251	1,173
Computer costs	2,810	645
Community program	16,098	17,344
Legal and professional	2,230	2,595
General expenses	1,820	1,160
	<u>123,810</u>	<u>113,606</u>

4 Management and administration

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accountancy fees	2,408	1,923
Depreciation and amortisation	179	431
Bank charges	206	308
	<u>2,793</u>	<u>2,662</u>

5 Tangible fixed assets tangible

	Tangible assets	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2020	26,002	26,002
Additions in the year	4,962	4,962
At 31 March 2021	<u>30,964</u>	<u>30,964</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	25,285	25,285
Charge for the year	179	179
At 31 March 2021	<u>25,464</u>	<u>25,464</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2021	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>717</u>	<u>717</u>

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6 Unrestricted funds	1 April 2020	Incoming	Outgoing	31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	16,226	49,053	(40,404)	24,875
	<u>16,226</u>	<u>49,053</u>	<u>(40,404)</u>	<u>24,875</u>
	<u><u>16,226</u></u>	<u><u>49,053</u></u>	<u><u>(40,404)</u></u>	<u><u>24,875</u></u>
7 Restricted funds	1 April 2020	Incoming	Outgoing	31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	98,864	191,604	(87,350)	203,118
	<u>98,864</u>	<u>191,604</u>	<u>(87,350)</u>	<u>203,118</u>
	<u><u>98,864</u></u>	<u><u>191,604</u></u>	<u><u>(87,350)</u></u>	<u><u>203,118</u></u>

Purposes of restricted funds

Restricted funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes as required by the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.