

Charity Registration Number
1101649

Bolton Solidarity Community Association

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021
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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**.

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

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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.

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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 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 2019 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.

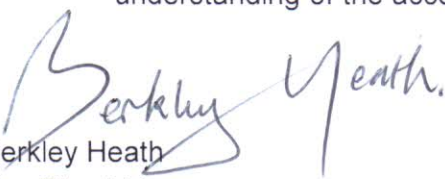
Basis of independent examiner's report

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
Cas Plus Ltd
Chartered Certified Accountants

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

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Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations	120	-	120	120
Grants	48,933	191,604	240,537	74,233
Total incoming resources	49,053	191,604	240,657	74,353
Resources expended				
Staff costs	-	87,350	87,350	78,124
Rent, rates and service charge	4,687	-	4,687	4,770
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

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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.

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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>	

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

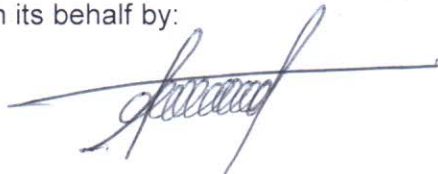
Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

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Ahmed Sarman
Trustee

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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
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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.