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# **Building Bridges in Burnley**

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025



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## **Building Bridges in Burnley**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity name:	Building Bridges in Burnley
Charity Registration Number:	1120155
Company Registration Number	05495250
Principal Office:	Building Bridges in Burnley c/o Kaye Turner
Registered Office:	Building Bridges in Burnley Burnley Campus Byerden Lane Burnley BB10 1JD
Trustees:	Afrasiab Anwar MBE Sajda Majeed MBE Peter Lumsden Carol Pike Andrew Holmes Yasara Naheed Chris Sollis
Bankers:	Royal Bank of Scotland 40-42 St James Street Burnley Lancashire BB11 1NQ
Independent Examiner:	MBProcter Bookkeeping Services 40 Springfield Bank Burnley Lancashire BB11 3AU

# Building Bridges in Burnley

Faith Centre, Barden Lane, Burnley, BB10 1JD

Annual Report 2025



## **Chairman's Annual Report**

### **Building Bridges in Burnley**

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present this year's annual report for Building Bridges in Burnley (BBB). This has been another fantastic year where our volunteers, trustees, and leadership team have worked tirelessly in partnership with key organisations to promote understanding and harmony across Burnley and Lancashire.

Our schools programme continues to thrive, with significant improvements in delivery, including the introduction of a revised Service Level Agreement (SLA) to support consistency and impact. The "Faith Friends" initiative is now operating in one of our secondary schools with encouraging feedback and outcomes. Our visits to places of worship remain one of our most successful and well-received initiatives. We extend our deepest thanks to our faith communities for their continued and generous support.

This year's interfaith calendar has been marked by a number of successful events, most notably our participation in Interfaith Week and Remembrance Day. A particular highlight was the incredible turnout at our Annual Dinner and Community Iftar. The addition of a nasheed choir featuring pupils from two local primary schools added a joyful and uplifting spirit to the evening.

## **Chairman's Annual Report**

### **Building Bridges in Burnley**

We are immensely proud to have received the King's Award for Voluntary Service this year. This prestigious accolade not only recognises our current achievements but also honours the vision and dedication of our founding members. It is a reflection of the enduring impact of our work in fostering community cohesion.

Over the years, Building Bridges in Burnley has become a key partner for the borough and a trusted voice on matters of cohesion — both strategically and at a grassroots level. We are proud to be the organisation many turn to for guidance and support during challenging times.

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has had a ripple effect on local relationships. However, the resilience and unity of our volunteers in responding with compassion and dialogue stands as a powerful testament to the strength of our work and the values we uphold.

We also reflect on our role in the aftermath of the Southport riots. This moment served as a litmus test for the work of BBB. Two decades ago, Burnley experienced its own challenges, but the absence of unrest in our town during this difficult period shows how far we've come. It is proof of the bridges built and the trust nurtured over 22 years.

We look forward with great excitement to the next chapter of our journey: taking on the Canalside Community Centre and transforming it into a Community Faith Hub — a vibrant, inclusive space for all and a permanent home for BBB.

We also take this opportunity to thank our outgoing trustees and volunteers for their incredible service, and warmly welcome our new trustees and directors who will carry the torch forward.

None of our achievements would be possible without the commitment and generosity of our supporters. We extend heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers, trustees, and partners, including Burnley Borough Council, Burnley FC in the Community, our schools, faith groups, and most importantly — the young people who inspire us every day.

Together, we continue to build bridges of hope, peace, and understanding.

Chairman

Building Bridges in Burnley

Afrasiab Anwar MBE

## **Building Bridges in Burnley**

### **Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements**

The Trustees, who are the directors of Building Bridges in Burnley (for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Company Law requires for Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UC accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Building Bridges in Burnley**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and;
- State 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 Charities Commission.

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

### **Independent Examiners 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities,

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.

M B Procter

**Independent Examiner**

**Date: 16 May 2025**

# Building Bridges in Burnley

## Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restric ted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income			116405	31451	57292	64985
Bank Interest	741		741	703	273	22
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>741</b>		<b>117146</b>	<b>32154</b>	<b>57565</b>	<b>65007</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>						
Charitable activities			79281	60375	47344	29577
Governance costs			2538	6128	1847	24878
<b>Total resources expended</b>			<b>81819</b>	<b>66503</b>	<b>49191</b>	<b>54455</b>
Net movement in funds			35327	(34349)	8374	10552
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward			30965	65314	56940	46388
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>			<b>66292</b>	<b>30965</b>	<b>65314</b>	<b>56940</b>

**Building Bridges in Burnley**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
<b>Note</b>				
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank	74221	38895	73381	61771
Cash in hand	187	171	34	499
Deferred income		11050		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Unrepresented cheques		(1366)	(30)	
Pension			303	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>74408</u>	<u>48750</u>	<u>73688</u>	<u>65505</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>				
Retained Income	39081	83099	65314	47558
P & L Account	35327	(34349)	8374	17947
	<u>74408</u>	<u>48750</u>	<u>73688</u>	<u>65505</u>

**Notes:**

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

Approved by the Board on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on its behalf by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee



## **Building Bridges in Burnley**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)" issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006).

##### **Fund accounting policy**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the Trustees. Discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

##### **Incoming resources**

Voluntary income including donations and grants, that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income is recognised on a receivables basis.

##### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accurate basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs are costs relating to the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts.

##### **Fixed assets and depreciation**

Individual fixed assets of £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation is provided on tangible assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows

Fixtures and fitting – 20% straight line.

## Building Bridges in Burnley

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 2. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	741		741	703	273	22

#### 3. Trustees remuneration and expenses

One trustee received expenses of £114 for fuel.

#### 4. Employees remuneration

There are no employees of the charity

#### 5. Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

#### 6. The charity

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the charity in the event of a liquidation.

#### 7. Related parties

##### Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the Trustees who are all directors of the company.

#### 8. Analysis of funds

(For info - these do not form part of the accounts)

	April 2024 to March 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended
		£	£
<b>General funds</b>			
Revenues and Bank Interest		117146	
BBB Activities			6306
School Projects – Faith Friends			27233
Schools Link			8100
Peter Lumsden - ICB			3823
LCC – Come Together			276
International Women’s Day			2866
PAIR Project			3880
Church Urban Project			2000
Daneshouse Community Partnership			220
Preston Social Media Project			5850
UK Shared Prosperity Fund			11117
Footsteps Training			5000
Peter Lumsden – Community Cohesion			244
Aspire Health			2367
Governance			2538
		<b>117146</b>	<b>81820</b>