



Trustees' Report to the Basingstoke Multicultural Forum Annual General Meeting

DATE: 31st Jan 2025

VENUE: Chute House

TIME: 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Report Compiled By: Trustees

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we kick start the first month of the brand-new year 2025, recognising many changes at home and in the world at large – geo-politically, socially, fiscally - we are pleased to inform you that the BMF, its finances, vision, mission and activities continue to adapt and thrive.

In 2023, as our first report after the pandemic was presented, we received energetic and pointed feedback. We listened. Consequently, the in-coming trustees who were confirmed last year became office holders and have well and truly moved the organisation forward; we have onboarded more new trustees who showed the passion and interest to be involved and roll their sleeves up in the cause of taking the mission and vision of the BMF forward. We listened, and increased our efforts on community engagement. Our trustees held surgeries ("Meet the Trustees" mornings), participated with other local organisations including the BVA, local schools, other charities, community events, corporations with synergistic CSR programs. Our regular newsletters summarise these efforts. and we shall continue to engage with all of you in the community through these publications. Additionally, all our documents have been and are shared with the membership – accessible in the links provided along with the news letters. These include the documents shared, requested or referenced in the previous AGMs, submissions to the charity commission and other regulatory bodies.

In 2024 we delivered a number of set piece initiatives like The World Party, Language Day and continue to keep the lights on for our Hate Crime Third Party Reporting centre. Chute House, at the heart of our organisation and community continues to serve as a physical hub for many communities and local businesses and their activities. As a Grade B listed building, BMF spends a significant portion of its resources on the upkeep of this facility. We are in talks with the council on the way forward.

Our finances remain robust, albeit being challenged with unforeseen/ exceptional expenses and shortfalls in events funding and maintenance of Chute House – understandable in the current economic environment. We have bridged these shortfalls and met these challenges to ensure that the BMF remains financially stable.

As we welcome on board our new trustees who bring with them a wealth of experience, diverse perspectives and knowledge, we would like to thank our outgoing/ retired trustees Harminster Hunjal and James Friis for their invaluable support, guidance and leadership over the years. Their involvement and mentorship to this organisation, anticipated to continue, is warmly welcomed.

We would like to thank colleagues who support administration of BMF activities and Chute House, supporters and community members who have been part of this journey, without their support we wouldn't be where we are now. A lot still needs to be achieved, and we look forward to working with you all to help make Basingstoke a happy, thriving, prosperous and fair place for all communities, embracing all cultures, ethnicities, religions and beliefs.

Warm Regards

BMF Board of Trustees



Community support organisation of the year

2. KEY TOPICS AT A GLANCE: YEAR 2024

2.1. Chute House

Chute House as a hub for the community is open for over 60 hours every week, with an average of over 400 footfalls per week, adding up to over 20,000 for the year. This facility continues to serve as the 'go to area' for the community development and cohesion. A number of learning and training programmes for youths are being delivered by Hampshire County Council at Chute House. Recently a new Polish language school started in Chute house on a weekly basis.

Over thirty communities use Chute House regularly and we encourage others to do so. The facility is also being used by several ethnic communities, local charities and businesses during the year.

- Nepalese Coffee Mornings
- Muslim Prayer group
- HCC – Young People Learning
- Christ Embassy Meetings
- Vivid Housing Association – Resident Meetings
- Momentum Training Sessions
- Used as Polling Station
- Nepali Family Group Meetings
- Itchen College Skills Bootcamps
- Gateway Central Services (Formerly Romsey Community School)
- Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Care 4 Calais, to distribute free clothing for refugees
- Various Bookings -community and individual (Evenings and Weekends)
- Maths, English, Arts classes

Chute house is also used by a number of tenants for business purposes.

2.2. Third Party Reporting Centre (TPRC)

The Basingstoke Multicultural Forum (BMF)

Launches a Hate Crime Third Party Reporting Centre (TPRC) to serve communities



As a registered **TPRC (Third Party Reporting Centre)** for Hate Crime, Chute House is now a safe, confidential and welcoming place

- to **report** hate crimes
- to help **record** hate crimes
- to help support, signpost and **refer** victims of hate crimes

At Chute House, Church Street, Basingstoke, RG217QT




#NoPlaceForHate

Please contact BMF to report in strict confidentiality, to engage with the centre or to support us via any of the following channels:

Email : tprc@bmforum.org.uk

Phone : 01256 322751

In person : Chute House, Church Street, Basingstoke – RG21 7QT

15th October
2022



It is widely accepted that hate crimes are under reported across all strands and not all victims are comfortable with reporting their experiences directly to the police. This is all the more acute in BAME and other minority communities. Chute House as a Third-Party Reporting Centres (TPRCs) can overcome these barriers by providing an alternative to directly reporting to the police, give confidential advice, help victims report it, and support them. Victims can remain anonymous if they wish, and don't need to have contact with the police if they don't want to. Without alternative reporting mechanisms a number of hate incidents and crimes would never be reported or recorded, and in BAME communities rarely (if ever) are.

Having interacted with other TPRC's in Hampshire, we recognise that encouraging victims to come forward continues to be an uphill task. We now seek grassroots support and involvement to permeate this message into all the various local communities, with the help of the various community organisations, and in local languages, so as to encourage people suffering in silence to come forward.

Refer *APPENDIX 2* Hate Crime TPRC for more details.

3. EVENTS

3.1. Language Day 2024



There are an astonishing 105 languages spoken in our little borough, and to celebrate the linguistic achievements of the children here we held our Language Day event on the 25th of April.

The event was primarily attended by various local language schools, students and their parents fully expressing the cultural diversity in our society. Joining them were Councillors Paul Harvey, Andrew McCormick, and Abdelfatah Ibrahim, as well as Graham Hatcher, the CEO of CAB, and Fiona Biermann from Linguatastic.

Some of the attendees made some wonderful speeches some citing their own experiences with learning supplementary languages growing up and how they feel enriched to have had the opportunity to do so, while others expressed how learning languages brings different communities together and towards peace, as people understand one another more and more.

The attendees were also treated to beautiful performances from the children showcasing their multilingual talents throughout the evening.

3.2. World Party 2024



On June 15th, Eastrop park housed our annual multicultural celebration, and it was fantastic to see so many people brave the weather and come join the rapturous delights on display during the World Party.

There were indeed downpours aplenty but that did not dim the enthusiasm of everyone that attended who danced to some fantastic performances on stage, revelled in the exuberant parades, and feasted on the variety of cuisines on offer too. The world party reminds us of the incredible diversity of our wonderful town and surrounding areas with so many communities represented and brought together in celebration.

To see so many joyful people with smiles all around really makes the effort we at the BMF put into organising this event worthwhile. A massive thank you to BDBC, and Councillors Abdelfatah Ibrahim & Andrew McCormick, for supporting the World Party through the community grant, a BIG thank you to all the volunteers without whom this would not be remotely possible, and of course, a huge thank you to everyone that attended - we hope you had a wonderful day.

3.3. Coffee Mornings with BMF Trustees

On the last Saturday of January, February and April 2024, the BMF hosted a *Meet The Trustees* open morning at Chute House, inviting community members to engage with trustees, gain insights into our forum, pose questions, and enhance their familiarity with the facility.

This provided an opportunity to connect, enquire and foster a deeper understanding of our charity forum.

Indeed, our newsletters are a result of one of these meetings, we hope to continue these meetings to engage further with our members.



4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & AWARDS

4.1. Newsletters

We have already been active on various social media platforms over the years but we took this one step further by compiling and distributing newsletters every few months which detailed events the BMF organised and attended. In the previous year, three newsletters have been sent to the BMF members.



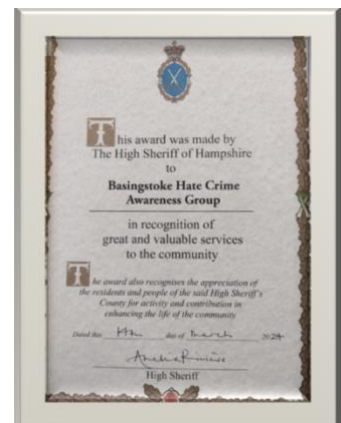
4.2. Police Volunteer of the Year



We are pleased to announce that BMF's Shibaji Shrestha was recognised for his volunteer work in supporting Hampshire and Isle of Wight police.

4.3. High Sheriff's Award

BMF worked with BVA, CAB, and other organisations as part of the Basingstoke Hate Crime Awareness Group. This group has been awarded the High Sheriff of Hampshire Award in recognition of the great and valuable service to the community. Special thanks to Ms. Samina Hemmuth from the BMF.



4.4. Prestige Award

We are immensely pleased to share with you that the BMF have been awarded the South England Prestige Award for COMMUNITY SUPPORT ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR 2023/2024. More information here: <https://prestigeawards.co.uk/prestige-awards/>

4.5. Race Unity Day at Brighton Hill School



Trustees from BMF attended and supported Race Unity Day at Brighton Hill Community school on 7th of June 2024; it's a celebration of different races where students from school represented various countries culture, culinary delight.

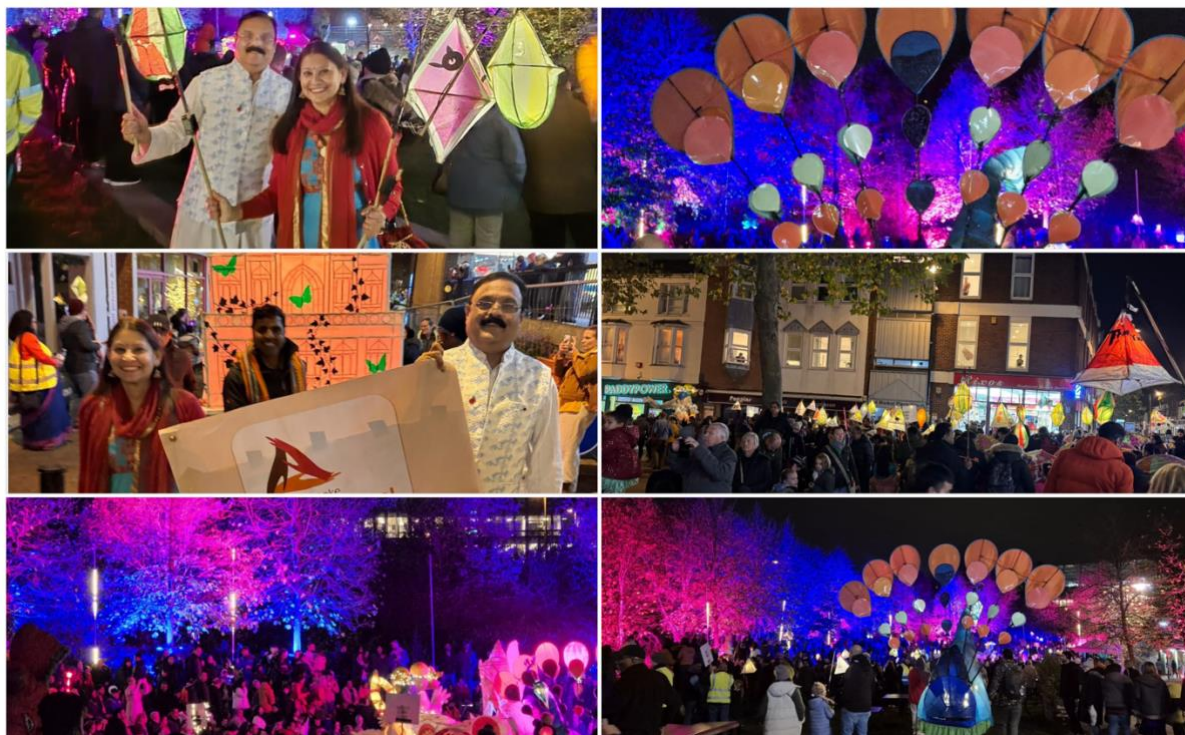
4.6. Community Reassurance

In August, trustee Shibaji Shrestha was in contact with local groups and met with MP Luke Murphy who visited Basingstoke Mosque together. Shibaji reassured the communities that despite the racially motivated attacks on minority communities and asylums seekers across the UK springing from events in Southport at the time, our town remained a peaceful and diverse place and that we valued and respected each and every community. At the BMF we are committed to preserving and promoting cultural diversity. More details can be found in the [Gazette Article](#).

4.7. Black History Month

Ugbana Oyet and Christine Ssebowa-Ascott attended Black History month which was hosted by BDBC, which had the theme of Reclaiming Narratives. Various community leaders spoke of their experiences and their journeys to their present positions. This was also an opportunity for the BMF to engage within the Black Community.

4.8. Diwali Festivities



In early November, trustees Debashree Bag and Nitin Patil represented BMF at the Diwali Light It Up Parade in Basingstoke. This year's theme the Earth and her animals, including Ravana, the ten-headed demon King, joined the parade for the first time. A five-headed Hanuman monkey King, Nandi cows, eagle and Mandir were also on display.

4.9. Remembrance Day



In Mid-November, trustees Nitin Patil and Ugbana Oyet joined hundreds of people across Basingstoke who came together to mark Remembrance Day. There was a ceremony outside the Civic centre with a procession of uniformed groups and a two-minute silence. Our trustees laid a wreath along with other community group representatives and schools.

4.10. Basingstoke Annual Christmas Community Event



Voices in Unity was the theme of this year's community event organised by the Basingstoke Dialogue Society and Basingstoke Hindu Society. Our trustees Debashree Bag and Nitin Patil both enjoyed the evening where everyone celebrated mutual respect, understanding, and shared aspirations despite our diverse faiths and backgrounds.

5. FINANCIALS

Annual reports were submitted in timely manner. The annual financial reports for the past three years are furnished in the *APPENDIX 1*. These have also been filed with Companies House, Charity Commission and are a matter of public record.

6. CHALLENGES / ISSUES FACED & ACTIONS TAKEN

6.1. Historic Challenges reported last year.

All the documents of record regarding the challenges reported last year have been shared with the membership – accessible via the links provided along with the news letters. These include the documents shared, requested or referenced in the previous AGMs, all reports of investigations, legal advices, MoM's, submissions to the charity commission and other regulatory bodies. As far as the BMF is concerned, these have been successfully navigated and put behind us, with appropriate professionalism and legal counsel.

6.2. Challenges of managing a listed building

The BMF have been funding the upkeep of Chute House, a grade B listed building, which consumes a significant portion of its operating expenses. Additionally, constant maintenance is required leading to capital expenses too. At some point, the facility will require modernisation without which it becomes sub-optimal for any organisation to keep these operational expenses and maintenance expenditure going. The BMF are in talks with the council on the way forward, as part of a long-term lease agreement.

6.3. BMF Member Engagement

BMF has put out a number of initiatives to initiate community engagement, whether this has been related to provision of courses via Itchen College, coffee mornings, newsletters etc, however active member engagement has not been significant despite this being an area some members wanted BMF to strengthen, as demonstrated vociferously in the previous AGM. In fact, the very members and non-members) who voiced these inputs have since not been involved, in spite of repeated out reaches. The BMF will however, take in all feedback, and believes in continuous improvement for the benefit of our communities.

7. IN FOCUS THIS COMING YEAR

- Chute House upgrade programme to improve the facilities of Chute House to make it more attractive to the community members – in discussions with the council along with a long-term lease.
- Consultation with communities to increase outreach and help effectively deliver the BMF programs and initiatives like the Hate Crime TPRC to the hard-to-reach communities and bring into the BMF and support interesting programs such communities may have themselves.
- Taking the programs discussed with collaborating organisations like the BVA and SNG forward. While self-sufficient for all operational expenses and financial commitments, the BMF's constant search for funding for specific programs continues.
- Continued planning on a rolling annual basis will continue immediately after the AGM, this time with key and valuable inputs from and the added bandwidth of the new trustees onboarded.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to all our members, volunteers, partners, sponsors, supporters, all our stakeholders, organisations and individuals calling Chute House their home or place of business or utilising it for community events.

Thank you, Mr Loet Quant, for managing the volunteers, and day-to-day BMF business and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Thank you, Ms Rabia Kalsoom for help and support with general administration.

Thank you, Ms Samina Hemmuth, for your invaluable efforts, inputs and general administration.

We thank the Worshipful Mayor, our new MP Mr. Luke Murphy, and the many councillors who grace our various events with their presence. Your involvement and support gives us and our membership an immense ballast to strive for bigger and better.

We thank the various council officers for their involvement in their respective areas of expertise. Thank you to the various civic bodies that come together to support the BMF and our communities.

9. MEET THE TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees, from diverse backgrounds, bring a wealth of experience, skills and expertise to BMF, and provide robust governance to the organisation.

Name: Ananthakrishnan Sankaranarayanan (AK) (Chairperson)

Profession: Company Director

Interests: cricket, golf, books, theatre, music, dance, entrepreneurship, community service especially education, start-up and SMB mentoring

Name: Adeel Kazmi (Secretary)

Profession: IT Professional

Interests: Giving back to the community, technology and latest trends, reading, travelling, movie and TV shows, sports and family time

Name: Debashree Bag (Treasurer)

Profession: Financial Services

Interests: volunteering in educational sector and community, travel, books, theatre

Name: Amol Attarde

Profession: Chemical Engineer

Interests: Giving back to the community, Meditation, Blood donation, Reading, Watching movies, Playing Cricket, Badminton and Family time

Name: Christine Ssebowa-Ascott

Profession: Transport Planning

Interests: Music, Dance, Cycling, Environment and Community Development

Name: Jarek Trembacz

Profession: Restaurant Manager

Interests: Being active in all-around communities, customers relationships, music, tattoo, BMX, custom shoes

Name: Nitin Patil

Profession: IT Financial Markets

Interests: Gardening

Name: Shibaji Shreshta

Profession: Entrepreneur

Interests: Community Engagement

Name: Ugbana Oyet

Profession: Serjeant at Arms for the House of Commons

Interests: playing basketball, singing in a choir and reading.

10. APPENDICES

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Appendix 1: Financial Reports

Registered Number 08121730

BASINGSTOKE MULTICULTURAL FORUM

Micro-entity Accounts

31 March 2023

BASINGSTOKE MULTICULTURAL FORUM

Registered Number 08121730

Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
		£	£
Current Assets		72,184	74,996
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(3,180)	(2,805)
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>69,004</u>	<u>72,191</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>69,004</u>	<u>72,191</u>
Total net assets (liabilities)		<u>69,004</u>	<u>72,191</u>
Reserves		<u>69,004</u>	<u>72,191</u>

- For the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 28 December 2023

And signed on their behalf by:

H Hunjan, Director

BASINGSTOKE MULTICULTURAL FORUM

Registered Number 08121730

Notes to the Micro-entity Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2023

1 Employees

	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Average number of employees during the period	0	0

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BASINGSTOKE MULTICULTURAL FORUM

Micro-entity Accounts

31 March 2024

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		£	£
Current Assets		57,787	72,184
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(2,550)	(3,180)
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>55,237</u>	<u>69,004</u>
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Appendix 2: Newsletters



NEWSLETTER

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Indeed, this newsletter is a result of one of these meetings, we hope to continue these meetings to engage further with our members.

Please note, we are not holding one in March due to the clash with Easter but will be back in April.

PRESTIGE AWARD

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POLICE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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NEW TRUSTEES

Ugbana Oyet, Christine Ssebowa-Ascott, Adeel Kazmi, Debs Bag and James Friis have joined and been confirmed to the board of trustees.

AGM DOCUMENTS

The entire set of AGM documents can be found here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wAcf1fxY9UbNrZQUhSqBfF9LrX6pS3Ev?usp=share_link

KEY DATES

Thursday 25th April 2024

Our Annual **Language Day** will take place on this day.

Saturday 15th June 2024

We plan to hold the **World Party** on this day.



BMF Newsletter | August 2024

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<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/qUHu1baiNc6ZMGGz>



BMF Newsletter | January 2025

Happy New Year BMF Members!

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/7XJkcisl86BQ2gwE>

Appendix 3: Hate Crime TPRC at BMF

The Basingstoke Multicultural Forum (BMF)

Plan to open a Hate Crime Third Party Reporting Centre (TPRC) to serve communities

An Overview



At Chute House, Church Street, Basingstoke, RG217QT

#NoPlaceForHate



28 June 2021
the BMF

In this overview Document.....



1. Context, background : Basingstoke, The BMF
2. Hate Crime: What is it?
3. Reporting Hate Crime: Why is this important?
4. Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRC's)
5. About Chute House : location for TPRC
6. High level road map : How do we plan to do this?
7. The Target Operating Model (optimal end state)
8. Future view: The immediacy of the need



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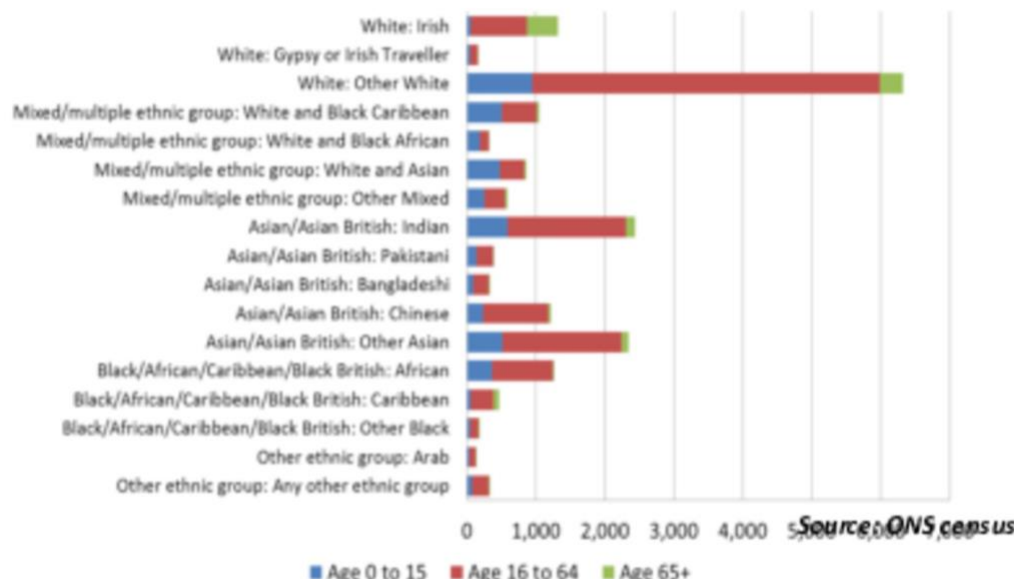
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[1.a.] Context, Background : Basingstoke

An increasingly multi-cultural societal fabric in a growing Basingstoke.

Basingstoke and Deane: ethnic population by broad age band 2011



- ☐ Over **75 communities** in Basingstoke - based on their ethnic, religious or cultural backgrounds and beliefs.
- ☐ **Steady shift** in the ethnic composition of Basingstoke population over the last two decades,
- ☐ The number of **languages** spoken by children and young people in Basingstoke increased from **70 to 105, between 2007 and 2016**
- ☐ Percentage of ethnic minority groups in Basingstoke has almost **doubled** between 2001 and the last census in 2011
- ☐ More than **22% of births** in Basingstoke in 2015 were by mothers born outside the UK

- ✓ The Basingstoke Multicultural Forum (BMF) was instituted to serve as an umbrella organisation for communities of diverse cultures, ethnicity and religion. Our membership currently includes over 27 Black, Asian, Minority and Ethnic (BAME) groups as well as many individual members.
- ✓ The core mandate is to build bridges that **bring communities together** for a stronger and more cohesive Basingstoke.

[1.b.] The BMF : Our Vision, Mission, Values



OUR VISION

To be the catalyst for inclusion, social cohesion and respect for diversity amongst the different communities in Basingstoke

OUR MISSION

- ☐ Promote cohesive cultural and racial relations to eliminate discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, or culture translating to equality of opportunity for all.
- ☐ Provide a platform for BME communities to connect with their heritage and support their socio-economic development
- ☐ Built links with relevant agencies and service providers to ensure that people in hard-to-reach communities get the services they need and participate positively in civic society

OUR VALUES:

- ☐ Respect for diversity
- ☐ Equality and Inclusiveness
- ☐ Communion
- ☐ Integrity and transparency
- ☐ Standing up for the vulnerable

[2] Hate Crime : What is it?

HATE CRIME IS...

“ Any criminal offence that is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by prejudice or hate, based on a person's actual or perceived race, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability or gender identity. ”

A victim does not have to be a member of the group at which the hostility is targeted.

HATE CRIME CAN TAKE THE FORM OF:

Physical violence or assault
Verbal abuse or threats
Obscene calls or texts
Offensive mail or email
Harassment, exclusion or isolation
Damage to property

Race Hate Crime

Disability Hate Crime

Religious Hate Crime

Sexual Orientation Hate Crime

Gender Identity Hate Crime

Hate crime:

- This can be committed against a person or property
- The victim does not have to be a member of the group towards which the hostility is targeted, anybody can be a victim of hate crime

Hate incident (non crime):

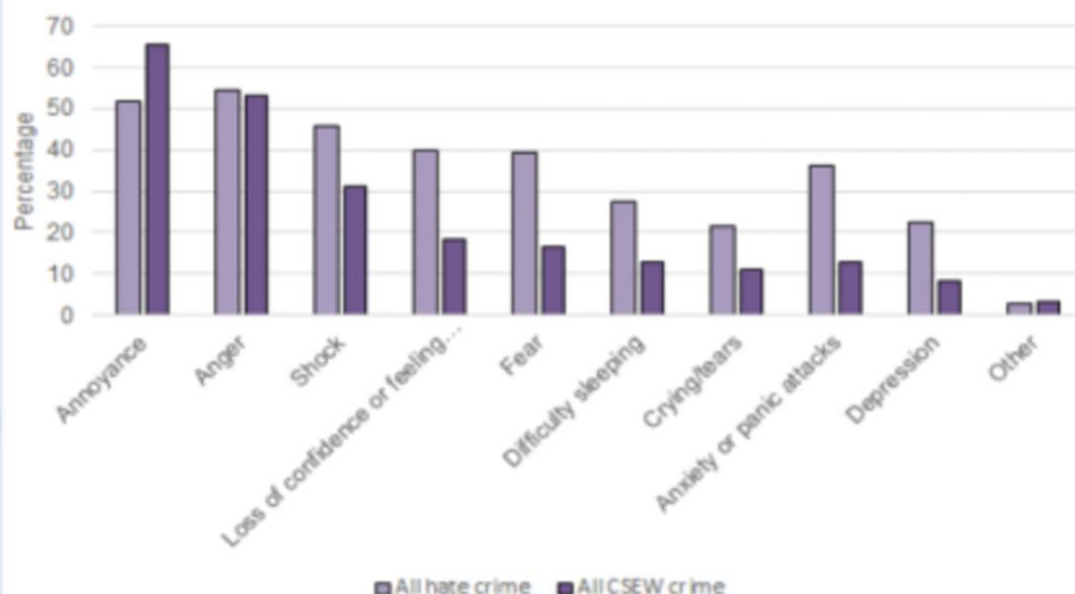
*“Any non-crime incident which is **perceived**, by the **victim** or **any other person**, to be **motivated** by a **hostility** or **prejudice** based on a persons actual or perceived, ” (i) race (ii) religion or belief (iii) sexual orientation (iv) disability or (v) Transgender identity*

[3] Reporting Hate Crime: Why is this important?

1. Early Intervention to prevent escalation



2. Disproportionate emotional impact on victim



3. Hate crimes are under reported.

01/04/19 – 30/09/19		
Summary	LOCATION UNCONFIRMED	BASINGSTOKE
Incidents	<10	151
Crimes	<10	126

Type of Hate Crime	Reporting Rates
Race	25% (1 in 4)
Religion	25% (1 in 4)
Sexual Orientation	8.33% (1 in 12)
Disability	3.125% (1 in 32)
Transgender	1.125% (1 in 80)

In **BAME** and other under-served or minority or vulnerable communities, these reporting rates are even lesser and *often non-existent*.

Apart from the usual barriers of reporting already existing in society at large; further cultural, language, knowledge, access and trust barriers make hate crime reporting even more difficult for these 'hard to reach' communities.

[4] Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRC)

[A] Third party reporting centres: the need

- It is widely accepted that hate crimes are under-reported across all strands and not all victims are comfortable with reporting their experiences directly to the police. This is all the more acute in BAME and other minority communities.
- Third Party Reporting Centres (TPRCs) overcome these barriers by providing an alternative to directly reporting to the police, give confidential advice, help victims report it, and support them.
- Victims can remain **anonymous** if they wish, and don't need to have contact with the police if they don't want to. Without alternative reporting mechanisms a number of hate incidents and crimes would never be reported or recorded, and in BAME communities rarely (if ever) are.

[B] Our Main functions as a TPRC:

Commonly known as the 3Rs, TPRCs perform three main functions. To serve as a place to:

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- **report** hate crimes

- help **record** hate crimes

- help support, signpost and **refer** victims of hate crimes



The BMF is opening a TPRC at Chute House, per guidelines issued by and the support of The Hampshire Constabulary and the the County Police Commissioner's office, to especially serve BAME communities (while being open to all).



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[5] About Chute House : a communities' hub, now a TPRC also.



A physical hub for all communities to meet, interact and conduct their social activities – for learning, language and cultural education programs, coffee mornings for elderly and to help individuals and groups reach their full economic and social potential

Be a **welcoming place for local businesses** and social enterprises, events like yoga classes, free IT literacy classes, language classes, education assists

Over **thirty communities** including charities, government agencies and BAME groups use Chute House regularly for learning, development and cultural education activities in Chute House, including

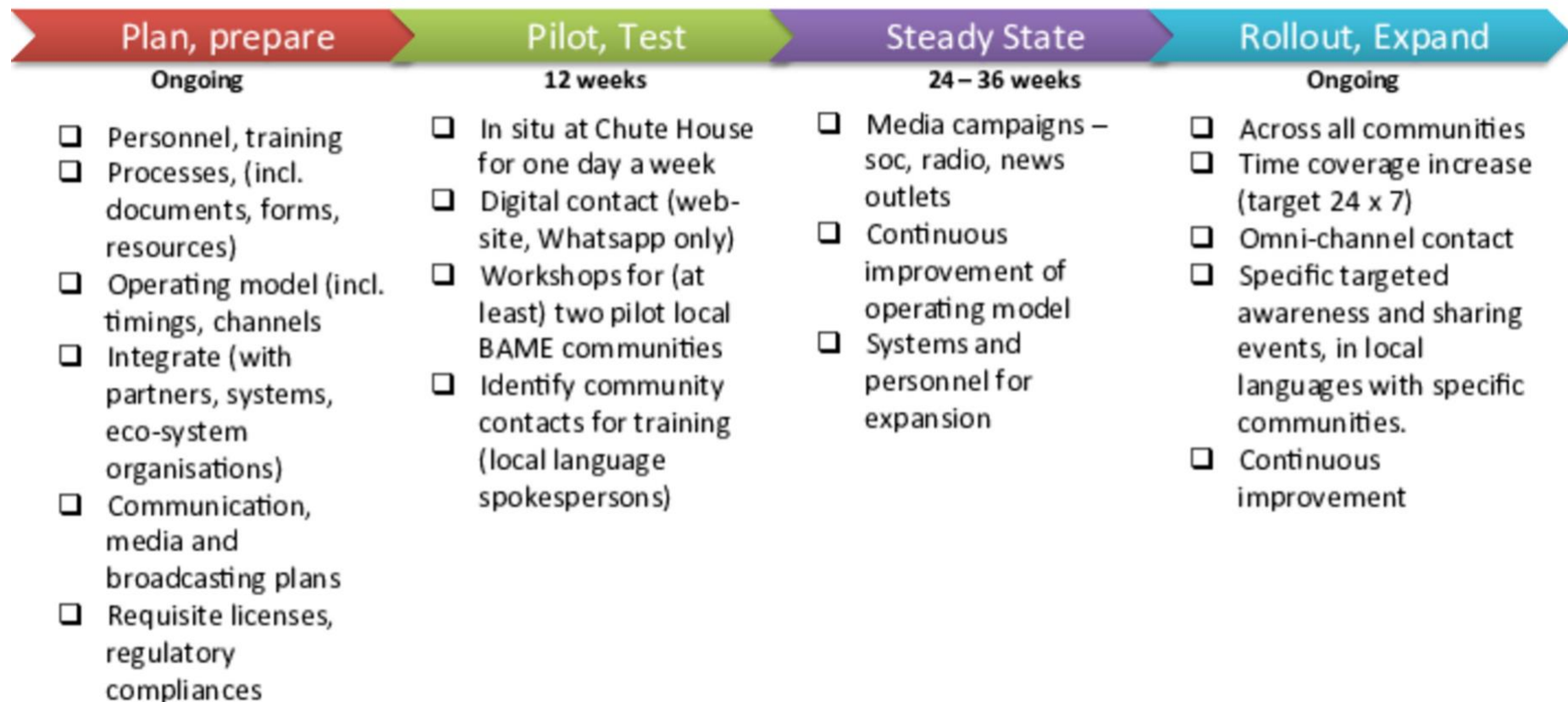
- ☐ Learning sessions to prepare teenagers for job-readiness, organised by Hampshire County Council
- ☐ English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), organised by Romsey Community School (RCS)
- ☐ Basic computer lessons for Basingstoke Nepalese Community, organised by RCS
- ☐ Learning Curve (Training local unemployed)
- ☐ Over 50s World Group
- ☐ Basingstoke Nepalese Community (Coffee Morning and English Lessons)
- ☐ Basingstoke Caribbean Society & Friends meet up
- ☐ Free NHS health checks
- ☐ Aspire Job Club
- ☐ Vegan cheese making sessions
- ☐ Yoga classes for children and adults
- ☐ ICT classes for children
- ☐ Japanese language classes
- ☐ Telugu language classes
- ☐ Polish language classes
- ☐ Kannada language classes
- ☐ Dental nursing course, organised by Forward Academic Team
- ☐ Eastern European dance classes
- ☐ Supplementary schools, teaching Maths and English



Chute House is open for over 60 hours every week, with footfalls above 18,000 throughout the year.
Ideally positioned for housing a TPRC

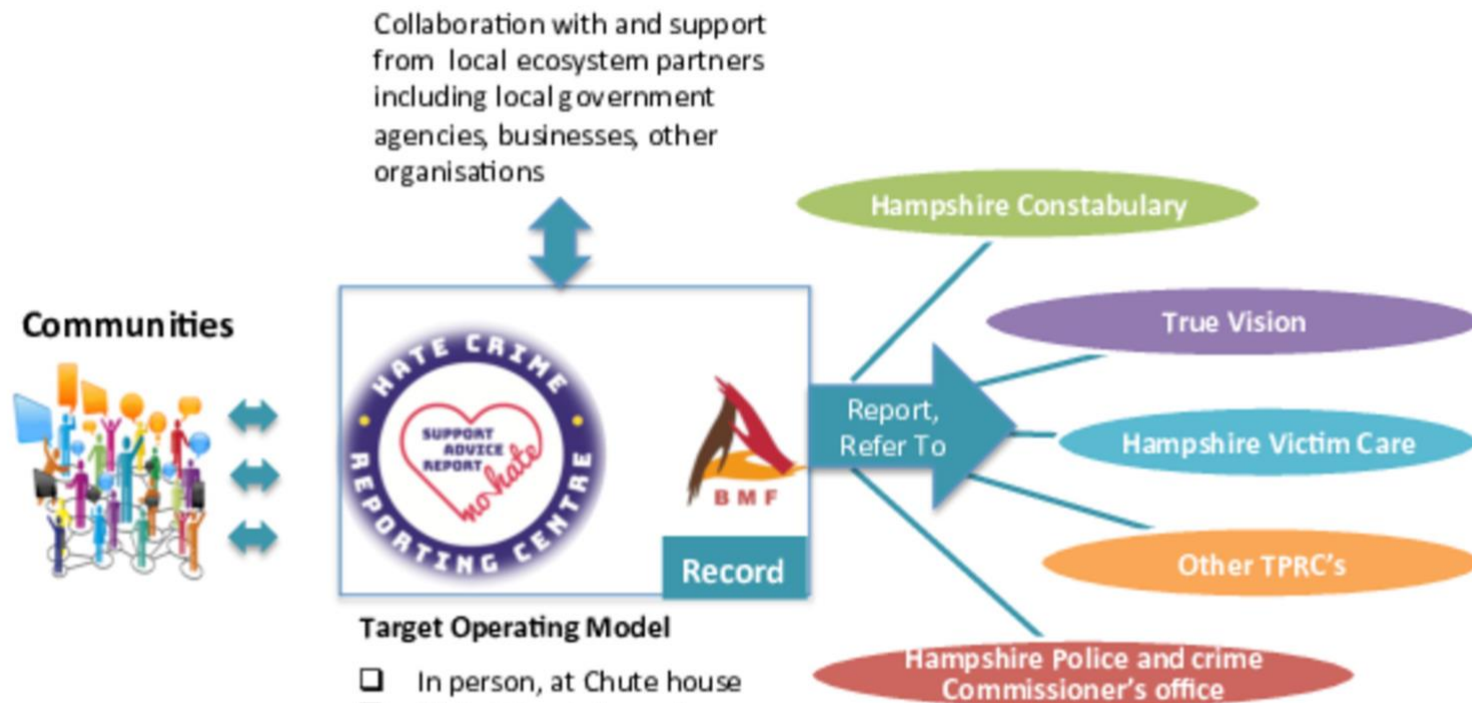


[6] High level Road Map for TPRC: How do we plan to do this?



Horizontal streams : Governance & Compliance, Reporting, Finance & Funding, Data Security and Management, Advertising

[7] The Target Operating Model : Optimal end state



Target Operating Model

- ☐ In person, at Chute house
- ☐ Digital Omni-channels
- ☐ 24 x 7 coverage
- ☐ Trained 'local' language community spokes persons, champions
- ☐ Collaborative
- ☐ Community-led
- ☐ Leverage, re-use all existing materials, best practices from Constabulary, Commissioner's office



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[8] Future view at Basingstoke : The immediacy of the need



Basingstoke is growing and is a designated growth town, [by Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)] and

- ❑ with a potential to develop more rapidly than other towns across Hampshire and Surrey.
- ❑ An Enterprise Zone was launched in Basing View in April 2017.
- ❑ Basingstoke is home to the ground-breaking 5G emulator,
- ❑ Manydown development is set to include more than 5,000 homes.

This growth will: further exacerbate the gap, leaving many communities further behind because it will

1. Attract more economic opportunities,
2. (which will in turn) drive a swell in the BAME population.
3. Increase economic, civic and social gap - where ethnic, religious or cultural groups face challenges of access to opportunities and to integrate with the rest of our local society, with **a potential rise in Hate crime and incident***

Therefore, BMF needs to grow the TPRC in two dimensions

Increased coverage of engagement with communities
Increased depth and impact of engagement with communities



Engage with, support or contact BMF via any of the following channels

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Twitter: @BMulticulturalF || **Phone:** +44 1256 322751 || **Email:** admin@bmforum.org.uk |



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Appendix 4: Key BMF Documents

The documents can be found on Google Drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mvOqwfRwo1JmBxzelK3GiU97F1Q_4vi2



Basingstoke Multicultural Forum

Accounting Period April 2023 - March 2024

	2023-24	2022-23
<u>Receipts</u>		
Funding from various agencies including council	0.00	0.00
Chute house Income	42,170.50	34,614.32
Fund raising activities and other income	6,265.01	222.23
Total	48,435.51	34,836.55
<u>Payments</u>		
Chute House Maintenance and Operating costs	26,231.51	23,260.79
BMF Contractors/Volunteers	11,512.73	8,810.50
Fund raising and other BMF activities	9,469.19	0.00
Utilities cost for Chute house	14,988.43	5,952.69
Total	62,201.86	38,023.98
(Loss) / Surplus for the year	-13,766.35	-3,187.43

Bank Balance as of 31st of March 2024 - 57,787.30

I, D Bag, Treasurer of Basingstoke Multicultural Forum, hereby confirm that the annual statement of accounts for the period April 2023 – March 2024, has been prepared based on the books and records maintained by Basingstoke Multicultural Forum. I have requested S Sherikar to check the statement of accounts.

Debashree Bag

I, S Sherikar, independently checked the accounts presented to me and can confirm that the statement of accounts for the period April 2023 – March 2024 has been drawn up based on the books and records maintained by Basingstoke Multicultural Forum.

S Sherikar