

# OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1158604

## Details

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**Other names** OLDHAM INTER-FAITH FORUM

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-09-18

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** I. TO FOSTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.II. TO FACILITATE CO-OPERATIVE ACTION.III. TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE VOICE FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES IN OLDHAM.IV. TO RELATE TO OTHER INTER-FAITH INITIATIVES.V. TO BE AUTONOMOUS AND NON- PARTY POLITICAL.VI. TO WORK FOR AND FROM MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE, WITHOUT COMPROMISE TO THE BELIEFS OF MEMBERS.

**Activities:** THE PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY; A) EDUCATION THE PUBLIC IN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS INCLUDING AN AWARENESS OF THEIR DISTINCTIVE FEATURES AND THEIR COMMON GROUND TO PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PERSONS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS; B) PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT OF THE BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS FAITHS.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Oldham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£61,605	£62,875	-	-
2024-03-31	£64,003	£45,901	-	-
2023-03-31	£91,000	£81,000	-	-
2022-03-31	£129,000	£112,413	-	-
2021-03-31	£71,000	£61,147	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ABDUL BASIT SHAH		2014-02-28
Betsy Jones		2023-01-19
JITENDRA BHIMJI KARA		2014-02-28
Navaid Afzal		2026-01-07
Rev DANIEL JOHN ASHWORTH BURTON		2025-01-28
Rev PHILIP Sumner		2022-01-25

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# Accounts

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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

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## OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	Oldham Interfaith Forum
<b>Charity Number</b>	1158604
<b>Registered Office</b>	40 Union Street West Oldham OL8 1DL
<b>Trustees</b>	Betsy Jones (Chair) Navaid Afzal (Vice Chair) (appointed 07/01/26) Jitendra Bhimji Kara (Secretary) Rev Philip Thomas Sumner (Treasurer) Abdul Basit Shah Rev Daniel Burton (appointed 28/01/25) Ravji Patel (resigned 28/01/25)
<b>Accountants</b>	Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C. Foxfields 9 Norley Close Chadderton Oldham OL1 2RA
<b>Bankers</b>	The Co-Operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

# OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025.

## Objects

The Forum operated informally within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough for a number of years before becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a constitution dated 7th January 2014 and registration with the Charity Commission on 18th September 2014. Its objects are:

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The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and discuss this at our trustees meetings where we plan and make decisions for the carrying out of our activities to which the guidance is relevant.

## Structure

Membership is open to each localised faith community in Oldham, whose representatives are entitled to attend general meetings of the Forum. Operational management is undertaken by a Steering Group, consisting of the Trustees and a small number of other members. The work of the Forum is carried out by the two members of staff with the assistance of volunteers.

## Funding and Reserves Policy

The Forum has always depended largely on grant funding, provided (up to 31st March 2025) by Oldham MBC (£36K) and the Lottery [Reaching communities fund] (£30K). Reserves vary according to the timing of grant receipts, but the aim is to have reserves at least equal to three months' expenditure.

## Activities


The last year has seen the Oldham Interfaith Forum putting on or being invited to speak at several major events to build understanding and cohesion in the Borough. One of our Christian Trustees spoke at several Community Iftars during Ramadan, and, after the killing of three young girls in Southport at the end of July 2024, that same Trustee spoke immediately after Friday prayers in a local Mosque and we organised for an Imam to speak at the end of the main Sunday service in a Roman Catholic church. Both messages were warmly appreciated at a time of raised tensions. We also put on the annual celebration of the Festival of Light.

Again, we engaged with more than 8,000 pupils and their teachers from across the Borough of Oldham either delivering workshops or putting on ‘Any questions on faith’ events or enabling visits for pupils to places of worship. Once more we exceeded the target set for us by the Local Authority several times over.

The Women Growing Together group which comes under the umbrella of the Forum organised several events during the year. These have been very successful in enabling dialogue.

These are, of course, just the headlines of our year's work. So much is done under the radar to maintain cohesion and to respond quickly and appropriately to any rises in tension.

The report of the members of the board were approved by the board on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



JITENDRA BHIMJI KARA

Secretary/Trustee

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## OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

### REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025

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We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 5 to 7.

#### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

- ~ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ~ follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- ~ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

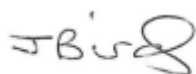
#### Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 March 2025.

I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ~ accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
- ~ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Miss Jacqueline Bird F.M.A.A.T.**

Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C.

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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	<i>Notes</i>	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Grants and Donations	2	36,000	25,000	61,000	64,000
Other Income		<u>605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>36,605</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>61,605</b>	<b>64,003</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Salaries		24,780	25,000	49,780	34,553
Festival Of Lights		4,119	-	4,119	990
Events		4,293	-	4,293	6,186
Events (Covid-19 Work)		-	-	-	192
Mobile Telephones		842	-	842	784
Office Costs		1,417	-	1,417	838
Office Equipment		1,119	-	1,119	-
IT & Website		460	-	460	440
Training		-	-	-	-
Consultancy		-	-	-	1,000
Accounts Fees		620	-	620	620
Payroll Costs		225	-	225	298
Donations		-	-	-	-
Sundries		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>37,875</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>62,875</b>	<b>45,901</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>(1,270)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,270)</b>	<b>18,102</b>
<b>Cash funds at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024</b>		<b>68,979</b>	<b>24,808</b>	<b>93,787</b>	<b>75,685</b>
<b>Transfer of funds</b>		<b>24,808</b>	<b>(24,808)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>92,517</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>92,517</u></b>	<b><u>93,787</u></b>

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>	92,517	-	92,517	93,787
			<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>LIABILITIES – fee for Independent Examination</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fee for the Independent Examination			675	620
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
			<b><u>675</u></b>	<b><u>620</u></b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:


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 JITENDRA BHIMJI KARA  
 Secretary/Trustee

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

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Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

**2. Grants and Donations**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Oldham Council Funding	36,000	-	36,000	36,000
Lottery Funding	-	25,000	25,000	28,000
	<u>36,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>61,000</u>	<u>64,000</u>

**3. Fund Analysis**

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st April 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance as at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds	68,979	36,605	(37,875)	24,808	92,517
<u>Restricted Funds:</u>					
National Lottery Funding	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Action Together – Oldham* (Covid-19 Recovery Work)	24,808	-	-	(24,808)	-
	<u>24,808</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(24,808)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>93,787</u>	<u>61,605</u>	<u>(62,875)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,517</u>

*\*Transfer of funds from Restricted [Action Together (Oldham) Covid-19 Recovery Work] to Unrestricted (general funds) was authorised by Action Together on confirmation that the funding was for Oldham Interfaith Forum and the Mosque Council to develop their capacity to respond to providing events, and the provision of the vaccine centres, and that any residue was to be used by Oldham Interfaith Forum.*

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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

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We also engaged with more than 6000 pupils and their teachers from across the Borough of Oldham either delivering 40 workshops or enabling over 20 visits for pupils to places of worship.

Once more we exceeded the target set for us by the Local Authority several times over.

During the year, we have had to assist schools or colleges in providing appropriate internal spaces for prayer.

The Women Growing Together group which comes under the umbrella of the Forum organised several events during the year. These have been very successful in enabling dialogue.

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The report of the members of the board were approved by the board on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ravji Patel  
Trustee

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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

**REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
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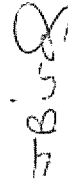
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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
<i>Notes</i>	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Grants and Donations	2	2	2	2
Other Income	3	-	3	50
Interest Received	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>36,003</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>64,003</b>	<b>91,050</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Salaries	9,605	24,948	34,553	60,302
Festival Of Lights	600	390	990	1,310
Events	3,207	2,979	6,186	1,073
Events (Covid-19 Work)	-	192	192	15,000
Mobile Telephones	784	-	784	691
Office Costs	838	-	838	1,461
Refreshments	-	-	-	-
Travel Costs	-	-	-	-
IT & Website	440	-	440	105
Training	-	-	-	-
Consultancy	1,000	-	1,000	-
Accounts Fees	620	-	620	662
Payroll Costs	298	-	298	308
Donations	-	-	-	-
Sundries	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>17,392</b>	<b>28,509</b>	<b>45,901</b>	<b>80,912</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	18,611	(519)	18,102	10,138
<b>Cash funds at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023</b>	50,368	25,317	75,685	65,547
<b>Cash funds at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
	<u>68,979</u>	<u>24,808</u>	<u>93,787</u>	<u>75,685</u>

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>	£ 68,979	£ 24,808	£ 93,787	£ 75,685
<b>LIABILITIES – fee for Independent Examination</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Fee for the Independent Examination			£ 620	£ -
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner			-	-
			<u>620</u>	<u>620</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ravji Patel  
**Trustee**

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

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**2. Grants and Donations**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Lottery Funding	-	28,000	28,000	15,000
Oldham Council Funding	36,000	-	36,000	36,000
Action Together - Oldham (Covid-19 Recovery Work)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>
	<u>36,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>64,000</u>	<u>91,000</u>

**3. Fund Analysis**

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st April 2023	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance as at 31 March 2024
Unrestricted Funds	50,368	36,003	(17,392)	68,979
Restricted Funds:				
National Lottery Funding	-	28,000	(28,000)	-
Action Together - Oldham (Covid-19 Recovery Work)	25,000	-	(192)	24,808
Near Neighbours (Women Growing Together)	<u>317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(317)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>25,317</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>(28,509)</u>	<u>24,808</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>75,685</u>	<u>64,003</u>	<u>(45,901)</u>	<u>93,787</u>

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Membership is open to each localised faith community in Oldham, whose representatives are entitled to attend general meetings of the Forum. Operational management is undertaken by a Steering Group, consisting of the Trustees and a small number of other members. The work of the Forum is carried out by the two members of staff with the assistance of volunteers.

## Funding and Reserves Policy

The Forum has always depended largely on grant funding, provided (up to 31st March 2023) by Oldham MBC (£36K) and the Lottery (Reaching communities fund), Some extra funds were received this year for providing Covid 19 vaccine centres in places of worship. Reserves vary according to the timing of grant receipts, but the aim is to have reserves at least equal to three months' expenditure.

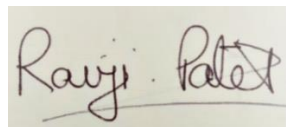
## Activities

The last year has seen the Oldham Interfaith Forum put on two major events to build understanding and cohesion in the Borough. One was a shared Iftar during Ramadan, and the other was the annual celebration of the Festival of Light. We also engaged with almost 4000 pupils and their teachers from across the Borough of Oldham either delivering workshops or enabling visits for pupils to places of worship. Once more we exceeded the target set for us by the Local Authority several times over. During the year, we have had to assist schools or colleges in providing appropriate internal spaces for prayer.

The Women Growing Together group which comes under the umbrella of the Forum organised several events during the year. These have been very successful in enabling dialogue.

These are, of course, just the headlines of our year's work. So much is done under the radar to maintain cohesion and to respond quickly and appropriately to any rises in tension.

The report of the members of the board were approved by the board on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Ravji Patel  
Trustee

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF**  
**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

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We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

- ~ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ~ follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- ~ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

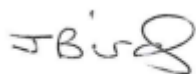
**Independent Examiners Statement**

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 March 2023.

I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ~ accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
- ~ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Miss Jacqueline Bird F.M.A.A.T.**  
Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C.  
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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

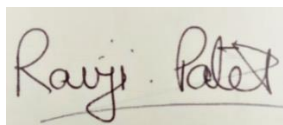
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	<i>Notes</i>	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Grants and Donations	2	51,000	40,000	91,000	129,000
Other Income		50	-	50	-
Interest Received		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b><u>51,050</u></b>	<b><u>40,000</u></b>	<b><u>91,050</u></b>	<b><u>129,000</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Salaries		59,222	1,080	60,302	56,983
Festival Of Lights		1,310	-	1,310	270
Events		535	538	1,073	846
Covid-19 Work		-	15,000	15,000	47,500
Mobile Telephones		691	-	691	649
Office Costs		1,461	-	1,461	4,886
Refreshments (Meetings)		-	-	-	180
Travel Costs		-	-	-	-
IT & Website		105	-	105	149
Training		-	-	-	-
Accounts Fees		662	-	662	662
Payroll Costs		308	-	308	288
Donations		-	-	-	-
Sundries		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>64,294</u></b>	<b><u>16,618</u></b>	<b><u>80,912</u></b>	<b><u>112,413</u></b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>(13,244)</b>	<b>23,382</b>	<b>10,138</b>	<b>16,587</b>
<b>Cash funds at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b>		<b>63,612</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>65,547</b>	<b>48,960</b>
<b>Cash funds at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>50,368</u></b>	<b><u>25,317</u></b>	<b><u>75,685</u></b>	<b><u>65,547</u></b>

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

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	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>	50,368	25,317	75,685	65,547
 			<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>LIABILITIES – fee for Independent Examination</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fee for the Independent Examination			620	662
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
			<b><u>620</u></b>	<b><u>662</u></b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Ravji Patel  
**Trustee**

# OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

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#### 1. Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

#### 2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Lottery Funding	15,000	-	15,000	30,000
Oldham Council Funding	36,000	-	36,000	61,000
Near Neighbours (Women Growing Together)	-	-	-	3,000
Action Together - Oldham (Covid-19 Recovery Work)	-	40,000	40,000	35,000
	<u>51,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>91,000</u>	<u>129,000</u>

#### 3. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st April 2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance as at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds	63,612	51,050	(64,294)	50,368
Restricted Funds:				
Action Together - Oldham (Covid-19 Recovery Work)	-	40,000	(15,000)	25,000
Near Neighbours (Women Growing Together)	1,935	-	(1,618)	317
	<u>1,935</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(16,618)</u>	<u>25,317</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>65,547</u>	<u>91,050</u>	<u>(80,912)</u>	<u>75,685</u>

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1158604

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration Number: 1158604**

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
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## OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	Oldham Interfaith Forum
<b>Charity Number</b>	1158604
<b>Registered Office</b>	40 Union Street West Oldham OL8 1DL
<b>Trustees</b>	Jitendra Bhimji Kara Rev Philip Thomas Sumner Abdul Basit Shah Ravji Patel (appointed 19/01/23) Betsy Jones (appointed 19/01/23) Rev David Austin (appointed 14/01/21) Mohammed Tufail (resigned 19/01/23) Anil Kara (resigned 05/01/21) Rev James Arthur Read (resigned 21/03/21) Rev Howard Guest Sutcliffe (resigned 19/01/23)
<b>Chair</b>	Ravji Patel
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Betsy Jones
<b>Accountants</b>	Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C. Foxfields 9 Norley Close Chadderton Oldham OL1 2RA
<b>Bankers</b>	The Co-Operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

# OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

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The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022.

## Objects

The Forum operated informally within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough for a number of years before becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a constitution dated 7th January 2014 and registration with the Charity Commission on 18th September 2014. Its objects are:

“the promotion of religious harmony for the public benefit by:

(a) educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths;

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The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and discuss this at our trustees meetings where we plan and make decisions for the carrying out of our activities to which the guidance is relevant.

## Structure

Membership is open to each localised faith community in Oldham, whose representatives are entitled to attend general meetings of the Forum. Operational management is undertaken by a Steering Group, consisting of the Trustees and a small number of other members. The work of the Forum is carried out by the two members of staff with the assistance of volunteers.

## Funding and Reserves Policy

The Forum has always depended largely on grant funding, provided (up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022) by Oldham MBC (£36K) and the Lottery (Reaching communities fund), from 1 April up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 (£18K). Some extra funds were received this year for myth-busting training around Covid 19 and to set up vaccine centres in places of worship. Reserves vary according to the timing of grant receipts, but the aim is to have reserves at least equal to three months' expenditure.

## Activities

The last year has seen the Oldham Interfaith Forum restart its face-to-face work after the gradual disappearance of the restrictions brought on by the pandemic. During the year, we managed to engage with almost 4000 pupils and their teachers from across the Borough of Oldham. We exceeded the target set for us by the Local Authority by more than five times.

Of course, at the beginning of the year, we were still involved in helping to dispel the myths around the Covid vaccines and to set up vaccine centres in places of worship.

Sadly, during the year, the pupils of one secondary school began to report on the school authorities failing to provide them with an internal space for prayer. The complaints went viral on social media and were picked up in regional news bulletins, significantly raising tensions in the Borough. The Forum worked with the Local Authority and the school successfully to address the issue. Subsequently, three other educational establishments came to the Forum for advice on the same matter.

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

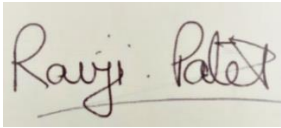
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The Women Growing Together group which comes under the umbrella of the Forum were amazing throughout the pandemic, and since, in their determination to meet either by zoom or face to face. A small group meet every month, but that group organises larger events for women of different faiths and none. 180 women were involved over the year in at least one of these meetings. These have been very successful in enabling dialogue.

These are, of course, just the headlines of our year's work. So much is done under the radar to maintain cohesion and to respond quickly and appropriately to any rises in tension.

The report of the members of the board were approved by the board on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Ravji Patel" in a cursive style.

Ravji Patel  
**Chairperson**

## OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

### REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

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We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 6 to 8.

#### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

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#### Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

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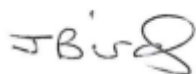
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25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Miss Jacqueline Bird F.M.A.A.T.**

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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

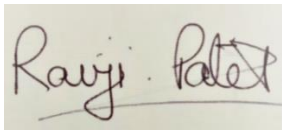
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	<i>Notes</i>	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Grants and Donations	2	91,000	38,000	129,000	71,000
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Interest Received		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>91,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>71,000</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Salaries		56,143	840	56,983	47,431
Festival Of Lights		270	-	270	-
Events		621	225	846	503
Community Champions (Covid-19)		1,500	46,000	47,500	9,000
Mobile Telephones		649	-	649	682
Office Costs		4,886	-	4,886	1,011
Refreshments (Meetings)		180	-	180	-
Travel Costs		-	-	-	-
IT & Website		149	-	149	320
Computer Equipment		-	-	-	1,195
Training		-	-	-	-
Accounts Fees		662	-	662	642
Payroll Costs		288	-	288	344
Donations		-	-	-	19
Sundries		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>65,348</b>	<b>47,065</b>	<b>112,413</b>	<b>61,147</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		25,652	(9,065)	16,587	9,853
<b>Cash funds at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021</b>		37,960	11,000	48,960	39,107
<b>Cash funds at 31 March 2022</b>	3	<b><u>63,612</u></b>	<b><u>1,935</u></b>	<b><u>65,547</u></b>	<b><u>48,960</u></b>

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>	63,612	1,935	65,547	48,960
<b>LIABILITIES – fee for Independent Examination</b>			<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
			£	£
Fee for the Independent Examination			662	662
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner			-	-
			<u>662</u>	<u>662</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Ravji Patel  
**Chairperson**

# OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

#### 1. Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

#### 2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Lottery Funding	30,000	-	30,000	15,000
Oldham Council Funding	61,000	-	61,000	36,000
Near Neighbours (Women Growing Together)	-	3,000	3,000	-
Action Together - Oldham	-	-	-	-
Community Champions (Covid-19)	-	35,000	35,000	20,000
	<u>91,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>129,000</u>	<u>71,000</u>

#### 3. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st April 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance as at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds	37,960	91,000	(65,348)	63,612
Restricted Funds:				
Action Together - Oldham				
Community Champions (Covid-19)	11,000	35,000	(46,000)	-
Near Neighbours (Women Growing Together)	-	3,000	(1,065)	1,935
	<u>11,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>(47,065)</u>	<u>1,935</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>48,960</u>	<u>129,000</u>	<u>(112,413)</u>	<u>65,547</u>

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

England & Wales - Charity number 1158604

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# Accounts

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**Charity Registration Number: 1158604**

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
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## OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

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<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	Oldham Interfaith Forum
<b>Charity Number</b>	1158604
<b>Registered Office</b>	40 Union Street West Oldham OL8 1DL
<b>Trustees</b>	Rev Howard Guest Sutcliffe Mr Jitendra Bhimji Kara Rev Philip Thomas Sumner Mr Abdul Basit Shah Anil Kara Rev James Arthur Read
<b>Accountants</b>	Community Accounting Lancashire C.I.C. Foxfields 9 Norley Close Chadderton Oldham OL1 2RA
<b>Bankers</b>	The Co-Operative Bank PO Box 250 Delf House Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

# OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

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The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 March 2021.

## Objects

The Forum operated informally within the Oldham Metropolitan Borough for a number of years before becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a constitution dated 7th January 2014 and registration with the Charity Commission on 18th September 2014. Its objects are:

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## Structure

Membership is open to each localised faith community in Oldham, whose representatives are entitled to attend general meetings of the Forum. Operational management is undertaken by a Steering Group, consisting of the Trustees and a small number of other members. The work of the Forum is carried out by the two members of staff with the assistance of volunteers.

## Funding and Reserves Policy

The Forum has always depended largely on grant funding, provided (up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018) equally by Oldham MBC and the Stoller Charitable Trust. Reserves vary according to the timing of grant receipts, but the aim is to have reserves at least equal to three months' expenditure.

## Activities

Covid-19 has continued to have a major impact on the country, and on us as a charity, throughout the year being reported. It, therefore, had considerable impact on our ability to achieve the targets set for us. However, we have achieved so many of them and adapted our work to respond to the needs of Oldham people in line with our objectives. We were unfortunately unable to visit most schools this year to deliver our workshops or assemblies. However, we were able to visit Bluecoat school over three days of sessions, finally addressing most of the school. We were still able to deliver 4 'Any questions on faith' events online and our annual 'Festival of Light' event also had to be delivered 'online'.

The initial reluctance, in black and ethnic minority communities, to have the vaccine was seen to be a potential source of tension. We, therefore, arranged seven 'in person' training sessions for Imams, Mosque Committee members and others about the vaccine with over 180 people being trained by respected Muslim scholars and medical experts. This was followed up by the Forum working with the Local Authority, Action Together and the Clinical Commissioning Group to put on several 'pop-up' vaccine centres resulting in almost 3000 people being vaccinated.

The women associated with the Forum through 'Women Growing together' have continued to be so active and effective with 110 women being involved in different discussion meetings over zoom. Our inability to provide school visits to places of worship because of the pandemic encouraged us to create several videos (about 20 minutes long), for use by schools and other organisations, providing virtual tours of a mosque, a Hindu temple, a synagogue, and a church. These videos were almost ready for launch as the time being reported came to an end.

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

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During the year, we continued to receive funding from the Lottery (Reaching Communities Fund), which requires us, in addition to our usual work, to form meaningful partnerships between places of worship. Six of these partnerships were formed before the beginning of lockdown in March 2020 and three more were in the pipeline. Clearly, lockdown and subsequent restrictions caused by the pandemic have meant that we have had to shelve this work for the time being.

Despite the pandemic, therefore, much has still been achieved over this year.

The report of the members of the board were approved by the board on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



**Chairperson**

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF**  
**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

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We report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility as independent examiner to:

- ~ examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ~ follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
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**Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

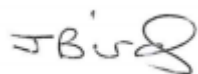
**Independent Examiners Statement**

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31 March 2021.

I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ~ accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
- ~ the accounts do not accord with the accounting records to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



26<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	<i>Notes</i>	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Grants and Donations	2	51,000	20,000	71,000	67,829
Other Income		-	-	-	-
Interest		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b><u>51,000</u></b>	<b><u>20,000</u></b>	<b><u>71,000</u></b>	<b><u>67,829</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Salaries		47,431	-	47,431	54,363
Festival Of Lights		-	-	-	3,784
Events		503	-	503	1,959
Community Champions (Covid-19)		-	9,000	9,000	-
Mobile Telephones		682	-	682	817
Office Costs		1,011	-	1,011	766
Travel Costs		-	-	-	-
IT & Website		320	-	320	-
Computer Equipment		1,195	-	1,195	-
Training		-	-	-	-
Accounts Fees		642	-	642	642
Payroll Costs		344	-	344	129
Donations		-	19	19	1,829
Women's Interfaith Group		-	-	-	274
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>52,128</u></b>	<b><u>9,019</u></b>	<b><u>61,147</u></b>	<b><u>64,563</u></b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>(1,128)</b>	<b>10,981</b>	<b>9,853</b>	<b>3,266</b>
<b>Cash funds at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>		<b>39,088</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>39,107</b>	<b>35,841</b>
<b>Cash funds at 31 March 2021</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>37,960</u></b>	<b><u>11,000</u></b>	<b><u>48,960</u></b>	<b><u>39,107</u></b>

**OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

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	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>	37,960	11,000	48,960	39,107
 			<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>LIABILITIES – fee for Independent Examination</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fee for the Independent Examination			662	642
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
			<b><u>662</u></b>	<b><u>642</u></b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



**Chairperson**

# OLDHAM INTERFAITH FORUM

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

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#### 1. Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

#### 2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations:				
Mayor’s Charity	-	-	-	1,829
Ross Street Mosque	-	-	-	-
Lottery Funding	15,000	-	15,000	30,000
Oldham Council Funding	36,000	-	36,000	36,000
Action Together - Oldham	-	-	-	-
Community Champions (Covid-19)	-	20,000	20,000	-
	<u>51,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>71,000</u>	<u>67,829</u>

#### 3. Fund Analysis

Fund Name	Balance as at 1st April 2020 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance as at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds	39,088	51,000	(52,128)	37,960
Restricted Funds:				
Action Together - Oldham	-	20,000	(9,000)	11,000
Community Champions (Covid-19)	-	-	(19)	-
Ross Street Mosque	19	-	(19)	-
	<u>19</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(9,019)</u>	<u>11,000</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>39,107</u>	<u>71,000</u>	<u>(61,147)</u>	<u>48,960</u>