

ASHFORD BME ASSOCIATION

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements

For

Year Ended 31 March 2023

Charity No: 1172705

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Ashford BME Association
Charity Registration Number:	1172705
Registered Office:	33 Rowanberry Road NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 8JE
The Board of Trustees:	Guy Alain Kamssu (Chair) Loreen Chikara Wasiu Olukoya Musu Zorokong
Independent Examiner:	Rana & Co Accountants Ltd 97 Walbrook Road DERBY DE23 8SF
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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Ashford BME Association is based in Ashford. The registered and the principal address of the Charity is 33 Rowanberry Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Ashford BME Association has achieved full registration on 24 April 2017 and its Registered Charity Number is 1172705.

Organisational Structure

Ashford BME Association Board of Trustees met three times during the year. Our board of Trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters that generally concerns the overall strategic direction and policy of the Charity. The day-to-day responsibility for the provision of service and activities of the Charity are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, who then report back to the Trustees.

Risk Management Policy

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which Ashford BME Association is exposed to and ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against liability, fraud or anything else that could hinder Ashford BME Association services.

The Trustees have numerous control measures to minimise risks in relation to; banking, donations, income, expenditure and approving expenses.

All members that work with vulnerable and young people are DBS checked and are updated regularly trained and kept up to date with current legislation. Staff and volunteers are regularly trained in Safeguarding to ensure they are kept up to date and are competent in this area.

During Board Meetings, Trustees examine and review major risks facing Ashford BME Association. The risk management policy is reviewed on an annual basis. Ashford BME Association has developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have on the Charity in the future.

Objectives

To preserve and protect health and wellbeing with a particular focus on, but not limited to, people from the Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities, principally in, but not limited to, Ashford, Kent and the surrounding area through: responding to the broad public health needs of the BAME population, health education and training of all communities thereby empowering and enabling them to advance in life and improve their quality of life having positive health outcomes. The Charity provides advice, workshops, advocacy, counselling services on health matters, and by signposting individuals to access other support providers of health and welfare matters.

Activities

Ashford BME Association was an approved partner for Barnardo's on their See Hear Respond Initiative. The Charity focused on the following core priority groups targeted in See Hear Respond:

- Children from Black Asian and wider minority ethnic groups
- Disabled children and those with special educational needs
- Children requiring mental health and emotional wellbeing support
- Children at risk of abuse and exploitation (in and out of the home)

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- Young Carers
- Children under 5 years old

The nature of the work completed by Ashford BME included providing: Accessible advice and support to children and their families • Therapeutic support to children and their families who needed support with mental health and emotional wellbeing • Group work activity to children and their families on a variety of issues • Reintegration into education support for children who had become disconnected from schools and required intensive support to help them return to school and rebuild relationships. The Charity shared practice across the network and adapted models of delivery in line with local and national lockdown and COVID safe.

Outcomes of this activity included: Access to accurate information • Improved parent health and wellbeing • Improved connection to informal support services • Improved safety of the child • Improved connection to services • Improved safety of the parent Ashford BME performance was monitored through the required submission of monthly reports and case studies, attendance at monthly contract meetings and a final exit interview. In addition to this all referral, assessment and closure records for children supported were recorded on a central data base and checked for quality.

Achievement and Performance

The Charity has successfully achieved its charity status and also its aims and objectives outlined in the charity constitution.

The Trustees consider the state of affairs to be satisfactory.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Guy Kamssu

Trustee (Chair)



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Date: 30/01/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ASHFORD BME ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charity Act 2011 (the Charity Act). It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charity Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

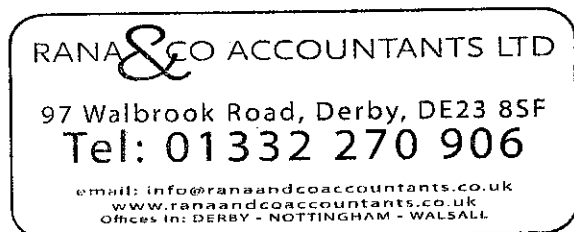
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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 examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Charities Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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Date: 30/01/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted	Restricted		
		Funds	Funds	Total	Total
				2023	2022
<u>Income</u>	Note	£	£	£	£
Grants	2	0	57800	57800	72744
Donations & Gift Aid		7912	0	7912	3120
Sundry Income		485.98	0	486	1066
		8398	57800	66198	76930
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Admin costs		733	726	1459	650
Volunteer expenses		3500	3149	6649	11882
Refreshments		0	0	0	6295
Stationery and postage		0	0	0	2550
Training resources		0	0	0	7240
Publicity & promotion		0	0	0	1245
Insurance		0	0	0	618
Design & materials costs		500	165	665	0
Venue hire		0	550	550	3360
Professional costs		3000	983	3983	11550
Facilitators/Project costs		5000	43202	48202	14860
DJ costs		0	0	0	0
Resources		0	266	266	5750
Celebration costs		0	0	0	2339
Travel and subsistence		0	4194	4194	0
Coaching fee		0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous costs		0	814	814	0
Equipment & Materials		0	0	0	3000
IT Software & Consumables		0	0	0	311
Accountancy fee		500	0	500	500
		13233	54050	67283	72150
Surplus/(Defecit) for year		-4835	3750	-1084	4780
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Opening Balances		662	4186	4848	68
Closing Balances		-4173	7936	3764	4848

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Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2023

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Balance at Bank		<u>3764</u>	<u>4848</u>
		<u>3764</u>	<u>4848</u>
Creditors	3	0	0
Net Asset		<u>3764</u>	<u>4848</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Funds		-4173	662
Restricted Funds	4	7936	4186
		<u>3764</u>	<u>4848</u>

Chair:



Date: 30/01/2024

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Statement of Balances

Notes to the Accounts

Note 1

The accounts have been prepared using the concessions allowable under SORP 2005 for small charities, not subject to an audit (Appendix 5.3)

Note 2

Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Ashford Borough Council	0	0	0	1100
Kent County Council	0	0	0	2538
Kent Community Foundation	0	0	0	0
Edseco	0	48000	48000	28060
National Lottery	0	9800	9800	19050
Barnardos	0	0	0	21996
	0	57800	57800	121984

Note 3

Creditors

0

0

Note 4

Restricted funds

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Closing Balance
National Lottery	4186	9800	10236	0	3750
Edseco	0	48000	48000	0	0
	4186	57801	58236	0	3750