

Trustees' Annual Report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

From 01.04.2021 Period start date To 31.3.2022 Period end date

Charity name: Bury Faith Forum

Charity registration number: 1180349

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Bury Faith Forum is the promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public through: educating the public in different religious beliefs including to promote good relations between persons of different faiths; promoting knowledge, mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths; providing a range of interfaith activities for people in Bury to enable them to interact with people of different religious faiths and better understand their communities; and providing technical advice to government and others on faith matters.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Bury Faith Forum have continued to maintain Forum meetings and activities during the Covid pandemic. Despite being unable to deliver in person activities and events as in previous years, the Forum has been a key partner in cascading guidance and messaging around vaccination clinics and humanitarian support during the pandemic. The Forum has facilitated mobilisation of support during the Ukraine crisis and has coordinated donation points of essential items for both transport to Ukraine and to support Ukrainian arrivals in Bury. The Forum have also been involved in Race Conversations, a series of inclusive listening events across communities of place, identity and experience. The Forum were a key partner in the delivery of the Holocaust Memorial Event which was held online. During the periods when in person activity has been possible, the Forum has continued to connect with local primary and secondary schools where pupils are given the opportunity to ask questions to Faith Ambassadors about their faith and belief traditions.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have regard for the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
Achievements and performance		
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.		The Forum has seen many achievements during this period. These include: Improved relationships with public and VCSE sector partners through the Forums' role as a conduit to local communities; increased awareness of Forum members' offers; increased coordination of offers as seen during the Ukraine response; better connectivity with other networks including the Community Cohesion group (a sub group of the Community Safety Partnership); increased collaboration with health partners including Fairfield Hospital where the Forum were invited to take part in engagement around plans for a new multi-faith space. The Forum has continued its' core role in increasing awareness of different religious beliefs and the promotion of good relations between people of different faiths.

Financial review		
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Bury Faith Forum has a total of £7458.91 available in funds. Funding has been received from Bury Council as shown in the accounts and there has been no expenditure since last financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity does not lease a building or employ staff so there is no need to hold reserves. All the funds that are raised go directly to the charities work.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A
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Structure, governance and management		
Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Association model
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New Trustees are voted on by all members of the Faith Forum at the annual AGM. Each member and trustee has one vote.

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Bury Faith Forum
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1180349
Charity's principal address	19 St. Georges Road, Bury, BL9 8JG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Sharon Beech			
Paul Cannon	Chair		
Liaqat Ali	Vice-chair		
Samim Farid			
David Lewis	Treasurer		
Abdul Hafeez			

Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)	<i>Paul J. Cannon</i>
Full name(s)	PAUL J. CANNON
Position, eg Chair, etc	Chair of the trustees .
Date	12 th May 2023

Income and Expenditure 2021-22**Income**

Total 0

Expenditure 0

Funds carried forward 7458.91

Bury Faith Forum Accounts: 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022**Statement of financial position****2021-22****2020-21****Current assets**

Cash at bank 7458.91 7458.91

Creditors 0 0

Net current assets 7458.91 7458.91

Assets less liabilities 7458.91 7458.91

Net assets 7458.91 7458.91

Funds of the charity

Total charity funds 7458.91 7458.91