



**Asian Welfare and Cultural  
Association  
Annual Report  
(April 2020 - March 2021)**

# **ASIAN WELFARE & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

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### **Aim**

To promote the health, welfare and culture of Asian people within the Borough of Eastleigh.

### **The Charity's Objects**

To further such charitable purposes for the benefit of the Asian community in the Borough of Eastleigh, Hampshire, as the committee determines from time to time, in particular but not exclusively by:

- Promoting health and well-being.
- Advancing public education, in its widest sense, in particular in the arts of traditional Asian music, drama and dance.
- Advancing public education, in its widest sense, in particular increasing understanding and awareness of different cultures.
- The relief of persons who are in need.

**AWCA Trustees:** Caroline Wallace (Co-Chair), Atiya Akhtar (Co-Chair),

Cllr. Darshan Mann, Pat Statham, Cllr. Mike Thornton.

### **AWCA Management Committee**

CHAIR: Cllr. S. Sthankiya and Chhaya Thanki

SECRETARY: Ms. L. Jeevan

TREASURY TEAM: Mr. H. Nandhra and Mrs. S. Kenth

### **Committee Members**

Mr. J. Kenth

Mrs. K. Patel

Mrs I. Tathgar

Mr C. Joshi

Mr A. Rakhra

Mrs. J. Patel

### **Advisors**

Amber Akhtar

Social Media and website

Rajni Bali

Eastleigh Borough Council

Mohammed Mossadaq OBE

Mela co-ordinator and AWCA advisor

## **AWCA COMMITTEE & TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **Grants**

The AWCA received the following grants: £300 from Hampshire County Council Councillor grants, £2700 from Sovereign Housing and £3200 from the National Lottery Community Fund. Thanks go to Helen Coleman, Mohammed Mossadaq and Rajni Bali for dealing with all the grant applications for the AWCA. The grants supported activity packs, Lenovo tablets, branded face coverings and bags and online activities including Yoga and Bollifit. The AWCA received £1045 in donations.

### **Asian Elders' Drop-In Sessions**

The weekly Drop-In sessions were halted in early March 2020 and the situation was kept under constant review. The Drop-In sessions remained closed throughout the year. As a result, the Committee was unable to meet up. Members have kept in touch via Zoom, a WhatsApp support group and by telephone. A range of activities such as craft packs, mindfulness colouring books and a knitting competition have taken place.

It has been a particularly sad year as the group has had a lot of bereavements.

Once again members took part in One Community's Christmas tree exhibition which was a virtual exhibition based at Eastleigh Museum.

### **Trustees Meetings**

The Trustees have held 7 virtual meetings over the period.

Agencies who attended Trustees' meetings to promote information and opportunities to the group included - Hampshire Constabulary's Positive Action Co-ordinator on recruitment, TV Licensing on new changes, The 2021 Census and NHS Clinical Commissioning Group on vaccinations and communication. Systems were put in place to ensure that members were kept in touch with all information. The Trustees started looking into moving our bank account to the Charities Aid Foundation.

### **Cultural Events and Celebrations**

In place of the 2 Free Community Meals for the public and the celebration of the festivals of Diwali, Vaisakhi, Eid and Christmas the members decided to donate those funds. Donations were £500 to Eastleigh Basics Bank and £1200 to the Mayor's Appeal. In August 2020 over 200 takeaway meals were given to NHS and essential workers in collaboration with Sanjha's restaurant in Southampton

### **Mela 2020**

Planning was well underway for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Mela when lockdown was

announced and sadly the 2020 Mela was cancelled. Grants of £6000 were received from Councillors and it was agreed to carry this forward for the 2021 Mela

Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya - **Committee Chair**

Atiya Akhtar and Caroline Wallace - **Trustee Co-Chairs**

### **Asian Welfare Cultural Association**

#### **Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021**

	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at Bank - current accounts	49,961	43,415
Cash at Bank - deposit account (Building Fund)	120,559	120,497
	<b>170,520</b>	<b>163,912</b>
Current Assets	<b>170,520</b>	<b>163,912</b>

#### **AWCA MELA A/C 2020/2021**

	<b>£</b>
B/fwd	35,262.41
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	101.00
Grants	6,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,401.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
General	1,940.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,940.60</b>
<b>Summary</b>	
Balance B/fwd	35,262.41
Total Income	6,401.00
Total Expenditure	1,940.60
<b>Balance to C/fwd</b>	<b>39,722.81</b>

**AWCA GENERAL A/C 2020/2021****Income**

	1,045.0
Donations	0
Membership	8.00
	6,150.0
Grants	0
	<b>7,203.</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>00</b>
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**Expenditure**

	2,000.0
Tablets	0
Bollifit classes	200.00
Bags & Masks	1,832.9
branded	4
Fogging Machine	491.98
Insurance	441.90
Accounting	150.00
	<b>5,116.</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>
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**Summary**

	8,152.1
Balance B/fwd	1
	7,203.0
Total Income	0
	5,116.8
Total Expenditure	2
<b>Balance to</b>	<b>10,23</b>
<b>C/fwd</b>	<b>8.29</b>

**AWCA DEPOSIT A/C  
2020/2021**

	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
B		120,497.
f/ward	119,508.56	45
Intere		
st	288.89	61.38
Donat		
ions	700.00	-
	<b>120,497.45</b>	<b>120,558</b>
		<b>.83</b>

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The accounts and annual report for the previous year were submitted on time to the Charity Commission. **Because of Coronavirus lockdown conditions the 2021 AGM has been postponed until 10/03/2022. The Annual Report/Accounts have been approved by the Trustees and will be taken to the wider membership at the AGM in March.**

Our thanks go to Penny Reade and Mr Nandhra for their hard work in preparing the accounts.

The Trustees are very grateful to Rajni Bali (EBC), Mohammed Mossadaq OBE and Helen Coleman for their hard work, advice and support for the AWCA. We would also like to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers for their hard work, time and commitment throughout the year, without which the Association would not be as successful.