

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

BOLTON HINDU FORUM

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1183042

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

YEAR END POSITION

As at 31 March 2023 the charity had reserves amounting to £65,237 . The charity had £65,137 deposited at the bank with liabilities amounting to £1,375.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity has a policy of trying to maintain reserves at six months annual running costs. The trustees are actively working on the necessary resources to achieve that target.

STRUCTURE ,GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The constitution is the governance documents of the charity.

Organisational Structure

Bolton Hindu Forum is governed by its trustees who are responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and the policy of the charity. The trustees carry the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of Bolton Hindu Forum and ensuring that the charity satisfies its legal and contractual obligations.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at Annual General Meeting. The criteria, eligibility criteria and restrictions for the elections are as per the constitution. Induction packages and away day sessions are held to explain the policies and procedures for newly appointed trustees.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

TRUSTEES

Dr Hetan Ajwani	
Mrs Vanisa Varsani	Appointed 22 April 2024
Mr Kaushik Makwana	Appointed 1 March 2024
Mrs Priya Narsai- Punam	Appointed 24 February 2024
Mr Amit Taank	Appointed 31 January 2024
Mr Hirendra Patel	
Mr Champak Fakira	
Mr Mamit Agarwal	
Mr Chimanbhai Tailor	

CHARITY NUMBER

1193340

REGISTERED OFFICE

58-60 Knowsley Street
Bolton
BL1 2AP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

William Mc Carthy
22 Callis Road
Deane
Bolton
BL3 5QA

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc
Victoria Square
Bolton
BL1 1RU

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Promoting and advancing the Hindu religion through various activities like prayers, lectures, festivals and literature distribution for public benefit.

Educating the public about Hindu history, culture, and traditions through media, educational events, and religious programs.

Providing recreational facilities and leisure activities for underprivileged groups like youth, elderly, disabled, financially disadvantaged individuals and the general public in the Bolton area to improve their living conditions and social welfare.

Promoting and preserving good physical and mental health for public benefit by organising physical activity sessions and disseminating relevant information

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 4 of The Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by The Charities Commission for England and Wales.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- FUNERAL PROJECT :** Providing access to Hindu funeral services and last rites for Hindus as a well-being support project to assist family members who have been recently bereaved. This is an established project run in conjunction with a local company.
- UNITY ALLIANCE :** A large interfaith project that brought together various faith and non-faith groups in Bolton to work collaboratively, culminating in the Bolton Unity Festival. The charity's main contribution to this project was promoting community cohesion whilst celebrating the diversity of Bolton through the sharing of practices and beliefs. This was done through the 'Faith Trail' initiatives where members of the public were invited to visit Hindu places of worship to learn more about the function and importance of these buildings and learn more about the faith through guided tours and presentations with opportunities for questions and discussions. Our other contribution towards the Unity Alliances was through weekly table tennis sessions for 6 weeks which promoted health and fitness alongside our involvement and participation in promoting walks in local nature trails with other faith groups.
- WOMENS GROUP (MAHILA SHAKTI) :** A dedicated project aimed at promoting female empowerment, which hosted a health awareness event to celebrate International Women's Day. This group also serves as a network tool for other women with an aim to tackle issues of loneliness with this particular demographic.
- DIWALI ON THE SQUARE :** A major collaborative event celebrating the festival of Diwali through various cultural, musical, and performing arts acts in Bolton Town Centre. This event allowed children from all backgrounds to be part of the festivities where we invited families to design and make lanterns, which later formed part of a procession during this celebration.
- SPORTS MELA :** The largest event organised by the charity, bringing together over 20 groups from across the region to participate in various sports like football, netball, kho-kho, athletics, badminton, table tennis, chess, carrom and volleyball. Aside from Sports Mela, we host regularly (weekly) sports sessions to promote wellbeing and activity in the community.
- DANCE CLASSES :** Regularly hosting classes to teach children Bollywood dance and classical Indian dance forms and thereby promoting the Performing Arts within the Hindu community. These provided avenues for participants to grow in confidence using dance as a means of expression whilst also giving attendees the option to explore their own hobbies and interests with the opportunity to develop these further by gaining official accreditations through graded examinations.

BHF RADIO : Operating and running an Indian internet radio station that plays music and has language-based programs in over 15 Indian languages and English. Over the past year we have made an application to register the radio station as a local DAB Radio channel within the Bolton/Bury region of Greater Manchester, as well as continuing to run the radio station as an internet radio station.

NAVRATRI : Initiated and delivered a multi-organisation collaborative 9 night dance festival celebrating Indian and Gujarati folk culture, dance and live music.

ROYAL BOLTON HOSPITAL TEMPLE PROJECT : We were able to assist with the setup and establishment of the new hospital temple room for patients and professionals to use for meditation and mindfulness activities which further strengthened the ongoing Hindu Chaplaincy outreach at the hospital.

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

for

**BOLTON HINDU FORUM
(REGISTERED CHARITY 1183042)**

W McCarthy Accountancy Services

22 Callis Road, Bolton. BL3 5QA
tel 01204 654993

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GENERAL INFORMATION for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

ADDRESS : 58-60 Knowsley Street
Market Place
Bolton
BL1 2AP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER : Mr W Mc Carthy
22 Callis Road
Deane
Bolton
Lancs
BL3 5QA

BANK : Lloyds Bank
Hotel Street
Bolton
BL1 1DB

TRUSTEES : Dr Hetan Ajwani
Mr Chiman Tailor
Mr Hirendra Patel
Mr Champak Fakira
Dr Anand Dutta
Mr Mamit Agarwal

BOLTON HINDU FORUM
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO
BOLTON HINDU FORUM

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit the Annexed Income and Expenditure Account from the accounting records of Bolton Hindu Forum and from information and explanations supplied to us.

W Mc Carthy
22 Callis Road
Deane
Bolton
Lancs
BL3 5QA

CLIENT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

I approve the Income and Expenditure Account and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for its preparation.

BOLTON HINDU FORUM
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Notes

	2023			2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total
Grants						
Covid Grants	-	-	-	-	2000	2000
Diwali Grants	28113	-	28113	1000	-	1000
Forever Manchester Jubilee Grant	10000	-	10000	-	-	-
Bolton CVS - Bolton Unity Project	8548	-	8548	-	-	-
Grant Returned	-	-	-	-8647	-	-8647
	46661	-	46661	-7647	2000	-5647
Other Income						
Donations	-	3414	3414	-	1213	1213
Faith Trail	-	-	-	-	500	500
Women Together	-	-	-	1000	-	1000
Dashera	-	-	-	1000	-	1000
Navratri	-	-	-	-	9578	9578
Radio Adverts	-	1686	1686	-	-	-
Funeral Adverts	-	1900	1900	-	2500	2500
Dance Classes	-	1110	1110	-	852	852
Covid Shopping Support	-	-	-	-	938	938
	-	8110	8110	2000	15581	17581
Bank Interest	-	126	126	-	8	8
Total Income	46661	8236	54897	-5647	17589	11942
<u>ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE</u>						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Events Costs						
Lottery	-	23	23	-	28	28
Covid Shopping Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navratri	-	-	-	-	4506	4506
Dashera	-	1350	1350	1000	-	1000
Diwali on the Square	28113	10128	38241	-	-	-
Queens Jubilee	9055	-	9055	-	-	-
Women Together	-	-	-	868	-	868
International Womens Day	-	217	217	-	-	-
Bolton Unity Project	62	-	62	-	-	-
Dance Classes	-	3505	3505	-	-	-
Easter Festival	-	308	308	-	-	-
Sports and Fitness Activities	-	842	842	-	-	-
Funeral Adverts	-	250	250	-	1427	1427
	37230	16623	53853	1868	5961	7829
Support Costs						
Administration Expenses	4	-	2517	-	4626	4626
Radio Station Expenses	-	-	3690	-	4138	4138
Establishment Expenses	5	-	9982	-	1451	1451
Other Expenses	6	-	1165	-	882	882
Total Expenditure	-	17354	17354	-	11097	11097
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	9431	-25741	-16310	-7515	531	-6984
Total Funds brought forward	8531	73016	81547	16046	72485	88531
Total Funds carried forward	17962	47275	65237	8531	73016	81547

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	£	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	1		1210	1613
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank and in hand		65137	80190	
Debtors		265	294	
		<u>65402</u>	<u>80484</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses		<u>1375</u>	<u>550</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			64027	79934
NET ASSETS				
			<u>65237</u>	<u>81547</u>
FINANCED BY :				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
	2		47275	73016
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
	3		17962	8531
			<u>65237</u>	<u>81547</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £
COST	
As at 1 April 2022	6428
Additions	-
As at 31st March 2023	<u>6428</u>

DEPRECIATION

As at 1 April 2022	4815
Charge for the year	403
As at 31st March 2023	<u>5218</u>

NET BOOK VALUES

As at 31st March 2023	<u>1210</u>
As at 31 March 2022	<u>1613</u>

2. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 1 April 2022	73016	72485
(Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	<u>-25741</u>	<u>531</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>47275</u>	<u>73016</u>

3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 1 April 2022	8531	16046
(Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	<u>9431</u>	<u>-7515</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>17962</u>	<u>8531</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
4 Administration Expenses		
Salary and National Insurance	-	1626
Telephone and Website Costs	1727	1732
Accountancy Fees	790	1040
Legal and Professional Fees	-	228
	<u>2517</u>	<u>4626</u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
5 Establishment Expenses		
Insurance Cost	693	589
Repairs and Office Refurbishment	3296	862
Light and heat	4498	-
RBH Mandir Refurbishment	1495	-
	<u>9982</u>	<u>1451</u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
6 Other Expenses		
Sundry Expenses	762	344
Depreciation Provision	403	538
	<u>1165</u>	<u>882</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Bolton Hindu Forum

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1183042

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: WR McCarthy

22 May 2024

Name: William Robert McCarthy

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address: 22 Callis Road Bolton Lancs BL3 5QA

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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