

Bolton Hindu Forum - Trustees' Annual Report 2024-2025

1. Introduction

The Trustees of Bolton Hindu Forum (BHF) present the Annual Report for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. BHF continues to provide cultural, educational, and wellbeing services supporting individuals and families across Bolton and the wider North-West. All activities this year were aligned with the charity's objectives and delivered clear public benefit.

2. Charitable Activities and Public Benefit

Funeral Support Project

- Ensured families received culturally appropriate bereavement support.
- Preserved religious tradition and dignity for the deceased.
- Reduced emotional and practical stress for grieving families.
- Strengthened community solidarity through compassionate service.

Royal Bolton Hospital Temple / Prayer Room

- Provided a peaceful environment for spiritual reflection for patients, staff, and families.
- Supported mental wellbeing through meditation and prayer.
- Strengthened chaplaincy engagement and cultural representation.

Interfaith & Community Partnerships

- Promoted mutual understanding between diverse communities.
- Encouraged cooperation, shared learning, and civic participation.
- Strengthened social cohesion across Bolton.

School Visits & Educational Outreach

- Enhanced cultural literacy among young people.
- Supported the curriculum for RE and diversity learning.
- Helped children understand Hindu values, festivals, and traditions.

Support for Other Hindu Organisations

- Promoted Diwali celebrations across the region.
- Strengthened collaboration within the wider Hindu community.
- Enabled greater access to cultural events for the public.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives

- Delivered mental health wellbeing sessions.
- Provided Alzheimer's awareness workshops.
- Encouraged healthier lifestyles and emotional resilience.

3. Major Events Delivered in 2024-2025

Sports Mela

- Promoted physical activity and teamwork.
- Connected communities from across the region.
- Strengthened cultural identity through sport and celebration.

Shrad Bhajans

- Provided healing through devotional music.
- Strengthened unity through shared remembrance.

Navratri Celebrations

- Promoted cultural heritage and intergenerational participation.
- Encouraged physical activity through dance.
- Strengthened unity across Hindu organisations.

Charity Garba

- Mobilised the community for charitable giving.
- Fund Raising

Dussehra Festival

- Celebrated the message of good triumphing over evil.
- Encouraged regional community participation.

New Year Gala

- Showcased Indian culture, arts, and heritage.
- Encouraged cross-community bonding and inclusion.

Holi - Festival of Colours

- Promoted joy, unity, and inclusivity.
- Supported mental wellbeing through colour and celebration.

4. Regular Activities

Bollywood Dance Classes

- Promoted physical activity and creativity.
- Supported confidence-building among young people.
- Preserved contemporary Indian culture.

Garba Classes

- Preserved Gujarati folk dance traditions.
- Encouraged intergenerational participation.
- Supported physical fitness and cultural engagement.

BHF Radio

- Strengthened cultural identity through multilingual content.
- Provided a platform for local voices and talent.

Sunday Sports Club

- Encouraged regular physical activity.
- Provided structured social engagement for families and individuals.

5. Public Benefit Statement

All activities delivered by BHF in 2024–2025 provided measurable public benefit, including supporting emotional, physical, and spiritual wellbeing, promoting cultural understanding, reducing loneliness, strengthening interfaith relationships, and offering accessible community events. These outcomes align with the Charity Commission’s public benefit requirements.

6. Plans for 2025–2026

- Expand wellbeing and empowerment programmes.
- Strengthen youth leadership and cultural education.
- Grow interfaith partnerships and civic engagement.
- Develop BHF Radio’s DAB presence.
- Enhance volunteer development and support.
- Deliver larger, more inclusive cultural events.

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

for

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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BOLTON HINDU FORUM
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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
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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 2025

	2025			2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES</u>						
	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total	Restricted	Non Restricted	Total
Grants						
BMBC New Years Eve Charity Gala	1900	-	1900	-	-	-
Forever Manchester Grants	-	-	-	2600	-	2600
	1900	-	1900	2600	-	2600
Other Income						
Donations	-	289	289	-	4860	4860
Sports Mela	-	3842	3842	-	1889	1889
Spring Fair	-	163	163	-	50	50
Dusshera	-	1920	1920	-	1016	1016
Shradd Bajan	-	1014	1014	-	-	-
New Years Eve Charity Gala	-	4656	4656	-	-	-
Charity Garba	-	3067	3067	-	-	-
Navratri	-	2307	2307	-	1122	1122
Radio Adverts	-	1130	1130	-	-	-
Holi	-	2529	2529	-	-	-
Dance Classes	-	596	596	-	80	80
	-	21513	21513	-	9017	9017
Bank Interest	-	482	482	-	613	613
Total Income	1900	21995	23895	2600	9630	12230
<u>ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE</u>						
Direct Charitable Expenditure						
Events Costs						
Navratri	-	2184	2184	-	635	635
Dusshera	-	1880	1880	-	1300	1300
Diwali	-	100	100	-	370	370
Spring Fair	-	170	170	-	-	-
Charity Garba	-	2245	2245	-	-	-
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	-	1025	1025
Mahila Shakti	-	-	-	-	455	455
Shradd Bajan	-	450	450	-	-	-
New Years Eve Charity Gala	1900	5836	7736	-	-	-
Dance Classes	-	645	645	-	750	750
Holi Fest	-	722	722	-	1270	1270
Bollywood Dance	-	-	-	-	660	660
BHF Sports	-	1200	1200	-	-	-
Sports Mela	-	4043	4043	-	694	694
	1900	19475	21375	-	7159	7159
Support Costs						
Administration Expenses	4	-	5087	-	10127	10127
Radio Station Expenses	-	-	3133	-	2708	2708
Establishment Expenses	5	-	968	-	2373	2373
Other Expenses	6	-	2224	-	2121	2121
Total Expenditure	-	11412	11412	-	17329	17329
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	-	-8892	-8892	2600	-14858	-12258
Total Funds brought forward	20562	32417	52979	17962	47275	65237
Total Funds carried forward	20562	23525	44087	20562	32417	52979

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	1		681	908
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank and in hand		42816	52596	
Debtors		1130	-	
		<u>43946</u>	<u>52596</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued Expenses		<u>540</u>	<u>525</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			43406	52071
NET ASSETS				
			<u>44087</u>	<u>52979</u>
FINANCED BY :				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
	2		23525	32417
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
	3		20562	20562
			<u>44087</u>	<u>52979</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £
COST	
As at 1 April 2024	6428
Additions	-
As at 31st March 2025	<u>6428</u>

DEPRECIATION

As at 1 April 2024	5520
Charge for the year	227
As at 31st March 2025	<u>5747</u>

NET BOOK VALUES

As at 31st March 2025	<u>681</u>
As at 31 March 2024	<u>908</u>

2. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 1 April 2024	32417	72485
(Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	<u>-8892</u>	<u>531</u>
As at 31 March 2025	<u>23525</u>	<u>73016</u>

3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 1 April 2024	20562	17962
(Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	-	2600
As at 31 March 2025	<u>20562</u>	<u>20562</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
4 Administration Expenses		
Telephone and Website Costs	255	1625
Accountancy Fees	540	1263
Legal and Professional Fees	4292	7239
	<u>5087</u>	<u>10127</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
5 Establishment Expenses		
Insurance Cost	660	985
Repairs and Office Refurbishment	308	-
Light and heat	-	1388
	<u>968</u>	<u>985</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
6 Other Expenses		
Sundry Expenses	1997	1819
Depreciation Provision	227	302
	<u>2224</u>	<u>2121</u>