



Trustees' annual report 2022-2023

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

To work with local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social, welfare, and recreation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents by the way of relief of poverty.

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.

British Pakistan Association Leicestershire (Bpal) was able to provide following activities for the membership and other community members who requested help and support.

- Organised Eid function, Pakistan Day and get together community events. These functions are generally attended by over 200 people which includes young children. These functions often starts with welcoming the guests, speeches regarding local issues, question and answer session, live music and ends after Asian food is served. The children are often provided with inflatables to keep them occupied and pack of sweets are given to take home.
- Work with other Charities and other groups in the area to promote and protect interest of the community. This work includes establishing a community Centre and creating harmony between different communities.
- Helping with applying universal and pension benefits.
- Arabic classes at weekends.
- Assisting parents in arrange marriage issues.
- Provide badminton activities.
- Continued to provide Immigration related work which included online passport, Nadara card and visa applications.
- Helping members to retain and find accommodation.

- Offering advice in person and over the phone to families in crisis.
- Provided space and hospitality for a group young people to have fortnightly meeting.
- Facilitating ladies group fortnightly coffee morning activities.
- Referral to other agencies where appropriate.
- Attended Voluntary sector's meeting to represent the community's interest.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

As previously reported, the trustees are conscious of Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The trustees realised that we had limited volunteers and financial resources. As a result, the trustees have decided to focus on those service users who are in urgent need of help. The trustees have decided to keep the Bpal's office open so that those in need of services could contact and request services. We believe that these decisions are admirable, practical, adhering to guidance provided by the charity commission and are according to our charity's purpose. The trustees made decision to keep membership free and our activities take place where access is easy for all including elderly and people with disabilities.

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.

Bpal was able to achieve many of its objectives during this financial year. For example, we were able to provide social functions, sport activities and education classes and other advice and welfare work as listed above. We were able to work along with other charities, the police and organisation to ensure that harmony is strengthened between different communities and that differences are resolved through community organisations coming together to find solution to our problems. Bpal believes that services provided were vital for the community to come together and built network to deal with issues facing the community internally and externally. These efforts by Bpal are highly appreciated by our community. Furthermore, our volunteers are happy to be contacted (out of hours) by phone by those who needs urgent help. This approach and flexibility is highly appreciated by the community. One of the biggest crises that Bpal was able respond to a flood in Pakistan where quarter of the Country was under the water. Bpal through its various activities manage raise over £16000 pounds which were send to Pakistan to deliver food to the victims of the flood.

Structure, Governance and Management:

The Trustees drive their authority from the constitution and are accountable to membership via annual general meetings. The governing body consist of fifteen

trustees which includes nine men and three females. The governing body has a Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary. These officers are elected internally by the Trustees and serve until the next election. The Trustees are responsible for attracting funds, providing annual report and accounts. Bpal have a team of 20 volunteers who are providing their time to delivering important services.

Type of governing document

Bpal's Constitution is based on Association' Model which is Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees. The Constitution was downloaded from Charity Commission's website, was briefly modified to meet the needs of Bpal and is proved by the Charity Commission.

How is the charity constituted?

Bpal's is organised around its constitution and consists of 15 trustees. There are three female and twelve male trustees. The chairman is the head of the trustees while general secretary takes responsibilities of all the administration and calling meetings and proposing future programmes. While the treasure's role is to keep control of finance and to ensure there are sufficient funds for any future planned activities. The trustees are elected at Annual General meetings, nominated, and voted in by the members. Any vacant position is filled by the Trustees until the next election. There are no options at present for any external body to nominate any trustees to the Board of Trustees.

Report on public benefit:

As reported above in the summary section, the services offered are open to all and public members who can walk into our office and benefit from our services. Our annual functions and trips are also open to any member of the local community. Bpal also works with other charities, voluntary and statutory sector to improve conditions in the local area. This work includes working with the police and youth organisations to reduce crime rate in the area and working with local Councillors to address the local needs. Bpal closely work with and support the activities of the Federation of the Muslim Organisations in the area to bring about harmony between the various communities. Bpal ensures through its reviews of services that the main beneficiaries are the members or public at large and that any benefit to trustees is only incidental and not by design.

Make decisions about who benefits in ways that are consistent with the purpose:

We are a small charity with a limited funds and goals. At present there is no danger for Bpal to drift away from its purpose. However, we are conscious that as we grow, we need to adhere to our main goals and not carried away by the huge demand which we may not be able to meet without spreading our services too thinly and thus not being effective. Bpal is accountable through its annual General Meetings and any deviation from the core services will be noticed and addressed. Bpal's activities also depend on financial resources, number of volunteers available and urgency of services required. All these conditions are likely to influence our services delivery systems and we are determined to do our best as a charity to address the needs of our members and community. Since Bpal is very grassroot based charity, we are very conscious and responsive about physical access to our facilities, days and opening ours. We make every effort to ensure where it is possible that maximum

number of participations take place in our activities. We use local churches and community centres for our functions which are in the centre of our community and thus very accessible.

Committee meeting: The meetings are schedule monthly and take place at our office. The committee takes reports discuss them and endorse them if happy with proposed events and refuse to accept if the proposals are not viable. The Trustees also receive financial reports from the treasurer and take appropriate actions if required. The trustees have been very active, have connections with businesses and do receive donations from them to pay for the services. In addition, there is Core Group which meets fortnightly, discuss issues and make recommendations to full Trustees board. **Young People's Group.**

This group has grown since our last report and consist of 33 young people who comes together fortnightly. The group was established over three years ago and is viewed as a vital support for Bpal to have link with the community at a grass root level. The main activity of the group is to come together to have a chat, socialise, make friends, discuss local issues, and share food together. The group meets on Saturday evening, cook food, teach new members how to prepare salad, cock curries, make rice and chapaties. The group members decide week in advance what issue to discuss and who is responsible for shopping and cooking. The highlights are having and sharing food together, have good lough and sharing information about what is happening in the community. This activity lasts about 3 hours and ends with Asian Masala Chai. The group activity is open to all, and new members are always welcomed. **Tuesday Coffee Morning Group:**

This is ladies only group which consists of 15 Ladies. The group comes together on fortnightly on Tuesday to support each other, have chat, discussion make friends and learn from each other regarding what is happening in the community. The groups goals also include building a sense a personal and social identity, developed communication skills and problem-solving abilities. The group have tea or coffee, biscuits, cakes, and samosas together. The group is open to all and welcomes new members with great enthusiasm.

Future Projection:

Unfortunately, due to legal issues we have not been successful in establishing a Community Centre in the area yet. However, this is ongoing work, and we will continue to struggle until we achieve this noble goal. As reported previously, Bpal acknowledge that without a community centre we will find it difficult to unite our community, empower our members, improving conditions and reducing a level of poverty in the area. However, we are delivering important services and are determined to achieve remaining purpose of the charity by working with the community and other authorities to realise our dream of establishing a Community Centre in this area which will address many needs of our community.

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	British Pakistani Association Leicestershire Annual Accounts for 01.05.22---30.04.23			
Date/ Receipt Number	Details	Income	Expenditure	Ballance
May 2022	B/F from previous year accounts.	£1424.22		£1424.22
05.05.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	1396.22
06.06.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	1368.22
07.06.22	Donation: Mushtaq Babar	150.00		1518.22
08.06.22	Highfield Community Association. Hall hire deposit. Paid by cheque Number 02		150.00	1368.22
08.06.22	Highfield Community Association. Hall hire charges. Paid by cheque Number 03		400.00	968.22
08.06.22	Highfield Community Association. Hall hire charges £135.00			
12.06.22 (1)	Shopping for Eid function at Pak Food		113.67	854.55
13.06.22	Direct debt		20.00	834.55
24.06.22	Donation: M Arif. Paid by Pay slip number 000014	1250.00		2084.55
05.07.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	2056.55
05.08.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	2028.55
17.07.22 (2)	Paid printing £50.00			
30.07.22 (3)	Mayflower Methodist Church Hall hire charges £95.00			
31.07.22 (4)	Food, drinks and plastic plates . £25.52			
31.07.22 (5)	Zamzam Sweets store, Smosas, Jalabi and Pakoras £100			
29.08.22	Flood Donation	100.00		2128.55
29.08.22	Function Donation: paid by Pay slip number 000015	100.00		2228.55
01.09.22	Donation. Sadiyya Patel	10.00		2238.55
02.09.22	Flood donation	400.00		2638.55
02.09.22	Flood donation by Shagafta Noreen	20.00		2658.55

05.09.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	2630.55
07.09.22	Flood donation: Malik MA	200.00		2830.55
09.09.22	Flood donation: K Ahmed	100.00		2930.55
12.09.22	Flood donation: Khan UM	50.00		2980.55
12.09.22	Flood donation: Naseer N	30.00		3010.55
12.09.22	Flood donation: Crystal MOT GRP LT Marshall Nissan	1500.00		4510.55
12.09.22	Flood donation: Abdul Rahim	200.00		4710.55
12.09.22	Flood donation: Hussein F	200.00		4910.55
13.09.22	Flood donation: Premier Taxi BCA	50.00		4960.55
14.09.22	Flood donation: Paid with pay in book number 000016	6395.00		11355.55
14.09.22	Flood donation: Paid with pay in book number 000017	1106.00		12461.55
20.09.22	Flood donation: Malik MA	2300.00		14761.55
20.09.22	Flood donation: Paid with pay in book number 000018	2356.00		17117.55
21.09.22	Flood donation: Paid with pay in book number 000019 (Tanvir Hussain)	515.00		17632.55
26.09.22	Flood donation: Mobeen Bashir, M. Aziz	50.00		17682.55
26.09.22	Flood donation: Syed F & Ali Syed	20.00		17702.55
29.09.22	Flood donation: Paid with pay in book number 000020	140.00		17842.55
29.09.22	Flood donation: Paid with pay in book number 000021	300.00		18142.55
29.09.22 (6)	The Co-Operative, Electricity payment. £5.00			
29.09.22 (7)	The Co-Operative, Gas payment. £5.00			
05.10.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	18114.55
07.10.22	Counter Transaction. Paid with pay in book number 000022	1020.00		19134.55
13.10.22	Flood donation: Paid with pay in book number 000023	150.00		19284.55
14.10.22	Donation by trustees. Paid with pay in book number 000024	30.00		19314.55
17.10.22	Chief Minister Flood Relief Fund 20		16136.00	3178.55
24.10.22 (8)	The Co-Operative, Electricity top up. £5.00			
27.10.22	Highfield community centre deposit returned	150.00		3328.55
07.11.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	3300.55
16.11.22	Donation. Paid with pay in book number 000025	100.00		3400.55

09.11.22 (9)	The Co-Operative, Electricity payment. £5.00			
21.11.22 (10)	Syed Kamal Store. Food hospitality		23.00	3377.55
22.11.22	Pak food, plastic plates and food. Hospitality.		11.72	3365.83
22.11.22 (11)	Nans from Best Shawarma, Evington Rd, Leicester.		8.40	3357.43
05.12.22	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	3329.43
22.11.22 (13)	The Co-Operative, Electricity payment. £5.00			
07.12.22	Donation: Paid with pay in book number 000026	160.00		3489.43
07.12.22	Gas Payment		5.00	3484.43
13.12.22	Gas Payment		5.00	3479.43
13.12.22	Electricity payment		5.00	3474.43
21.12.22 (17)	The Co-Operative, Electricity payment.		10.00	3464.43
21.12.22 (18)	Krasny sup Market Drinks. Hospitality		5.18	3459.25
21.12.22 (19)	Best Shawarma. Naan bread. Hospitality		5.40	3453.85
22.12.22	Donation. Ali Syed	20.00		3473.85
31.12.22	Balance			
01.01.23 (20)	Syed Kamal. Food for hospitality		14.99	3458.86
01.01.23 (21)	Pak Food. Food and plastic plates. Hospitality.		19.94	3438.92
01.01.23 (22)	The Co-Operative, Electricity payment.		5.00	3433.92
01.01.23 (23)	The Co-Operative, Gas payment.		5.00	3428.92
01.01.23 (24)	Goni Supper Sore. Tea Kettle.		11.00	3417.92

05.01.23	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	3389.92
16.01.23	Donation Ali Syed	10.00		3399.92
26.01.23 (25)	The Co-Operative, Electricity payment.		10.00	3389.92
26.01.23 (26)	The Co-Operative, Gas payment.		10.00	3379.92
30.01.23 (27)	The Co-Operative, Electricity payment.		5.00	3374.92
03.02.23	Car Park Fee		3.71	3371.21
06.02.23	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	3343.21
08.02.23	Donation. Ali Syed	10.00		3353.21
12.02.23	Donation: Iqbal S	20.00		3373.21
12.02.23	Donation: Mustaq Babar	20.00		3393.21
20.02.23	Donation: Paid with pay in book number 000027	105.00		3498.21
06.03.23	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	3470.21
13.03.23	Donation: Paid with pay in book number 000028	290.00		3760.21
13.03.23	Pak Catering LTD: Food payment (function)		1020.00	2740.21
14.03.23	Donation: Nigam Asghar	50.00		2790.21
14.03.23 (28)	Gaffar Packaging LTD. Plastic plates, cups etc.		70.00	2720.21
15.03.23	Donation: Babar Mushtaq	100.00		2820.21
15.03.23 (29)	The Co-Operative , Electricity payment.		10.00	2810.21
17.03.23	Donation: Iqbal S	50.00		2860.21
17.03.23	Donation: Ali Syed	50.00		2910.21
17.03.23	Donation: Paid with pay in book number 000029	130.00		3040.21
17.03.23	debit		120.00	29920.21
20.03.23	Donation: Ali Syed	50.00		2970.21

27.03.23	ATM Transaction. Jamia Masjid Bilal Crockery rent charges		50.00	2920.21
31.03.23	Donation by Malik Tanvir & others. Paid in with payslip 030	150.00		3070.21
05.04.23	Virgin Media Payment		28.00	3042.21
24.04.23	Donation by Iqbal	20.00		3062.21
27.04.23	Donation by Malik MA	100.00		3162.21
27.04.23	Donation by YM Driving Academy	150.00		3312.21
27.04.23	Donation. Automated pay in.	100		3412.21
27.04.23	Donation. Automated pay in	80.00		3492.21
28.04.23	Donation. Jamil J&S Traders.	40.00		3532.21
28.04.23	Donation by Syed F&A	50.00		3582.21
28.04.23	Donation by Mohammed Thaira	150.00		3732.21
28.04.23	Donation by Syed F&A	50.00		3782.21
28.04.23	Donation: (MA, Y. Arif, Rukhsar, M.A Malik) Paid in with payslip 031	860.00		4642.21
28.04.23	Donation by Rukhsar and Jamros. Paid in with payslip 032	150.00		4792.21
	Total income for year 2022-2023	£23,381.22	£18,589.01	£4,792.21