



Connecting Communities

Annual Report



2022/23



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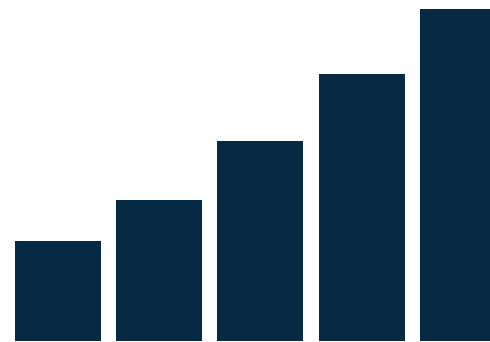
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About Us

It started with a Food Fair! The International Food Fair was a project that was started more than 20 years ago by members of the Muslim Community with a desire to bring the community together whilst raising money for charity. The much loved event ran annually until key organisers moved away and for a number of years was abandoned.

With a keen desire to see the International Food Fair up and running again Tajwar Hassan, Gillian Stokes, Shafaq Mushtaq, Nausheen Ali and Noshi joined forces to revive this important community event.

From this revival Connecting Communities was born.





Vision And Mission

Vision

With the birth of Connecting Communities a desire to connect the wider community together and identify areas of need arose.

At Connecting Communities we believe in strength in numbers and that diversity can be the colour of life.

We aim to create a tightly knitted and diverse community where individuals needs are supported and catered for.

Mission

- **We aim to run the International Food Fair annually in order to promote community cohesion, diversity and a safe place to share culture and food.**
- **With the proceeds of the International Food Fair we aim to donate to charitable causes both locally and abroad.**
- **We aim to identify areas of need within our community and work together with key members to meet those needs.**
- **We aim to raise funds for the purpose of acquiring a property that will help to fulfil the needs of women and children in particular within our community.**

The International Food Fair



The International Food Fair is the Queen of our charity, we have so much love for her and spend around eight months of the year planning the event.

The event is absolutely unique. Between thirteen to fifteen countries each year working together to bring a spectacular display of not just delicious food but harmony, friendship and a love of raising money for others.



All of the food is donated and cooked authentically by members of our diverse community to be sold with every penny going to charity.

A beautiful example of what can be achieved when diversity is celebrated and a community comes together.

BENEFICIARIES OF 2022

- For the beneficiaries of The International Food Fair 2022 we chose causes from within countries participating in the Food Fair, a cause where the need was great and a local Swindon charity.

International

- Funds to help with solar panels for an Orphanage in Pakistan
- A solar powered well in Yemen
- Water handpumps in India
- Water handpumps in Afghanistan
- Relief aid for the flooding in Bangladesh

Local

- Funds for a local hospital in Swindon to purchase dementia friendly clocks.



Other Projects

In 2022 we started our wonderful Connect Cafe, a safe and warm place for women and children to meet and feel connected. Attendees also had access to English language classes there. We tried to tailor these meet ups to the needs of the women, sessions included hot meals and drinks, Arabic sessions, book swap, discussions on life. The women have made close bonds and on the back of this project were able to plan and carry out a drive thru fundraiser and a ladies Eid party from within the cafe.



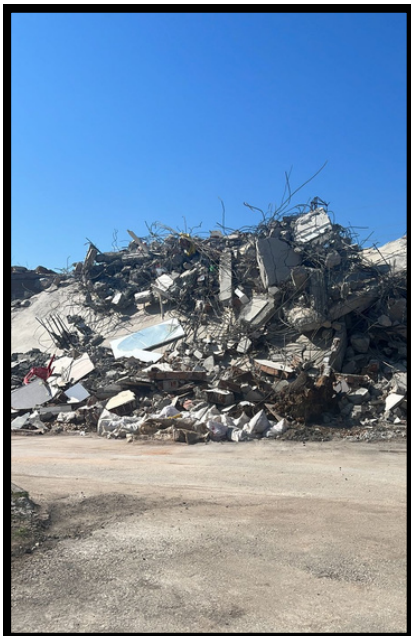
Other Projects

We have carried out various fundraisers through the year which include:

- Pakistan Flood Relief
- Turkiye Earthquake Appeal

Other projects include:

- Connecting Communities Thank you Iftaar
- Supporting Refugees in Swindon

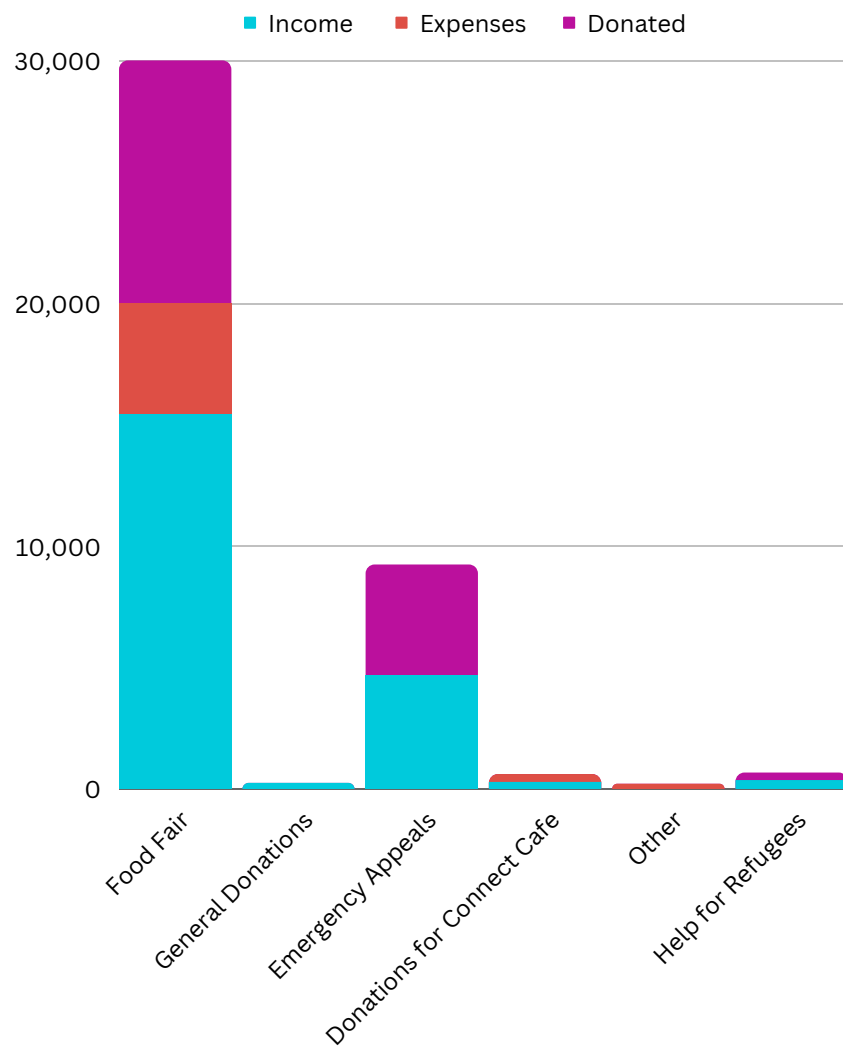




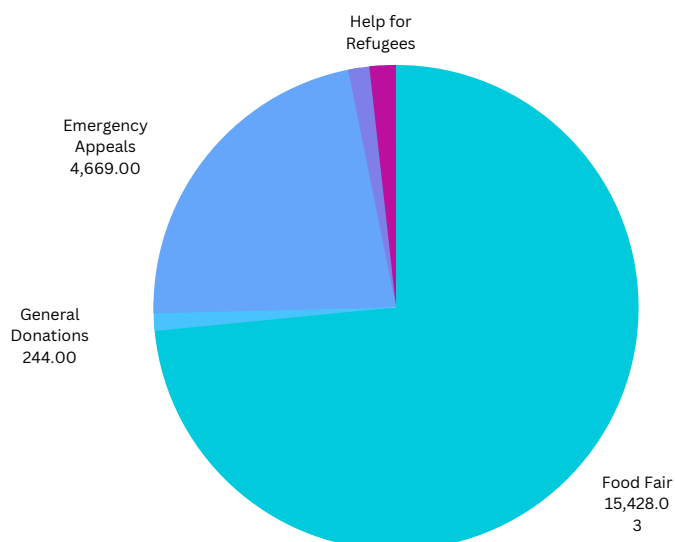
Financial Statement

	Tax Year June 22' - May 23'
Revenue	£21,008.53
Donations and Expenses	£19,262.68
Leftover	1745.85

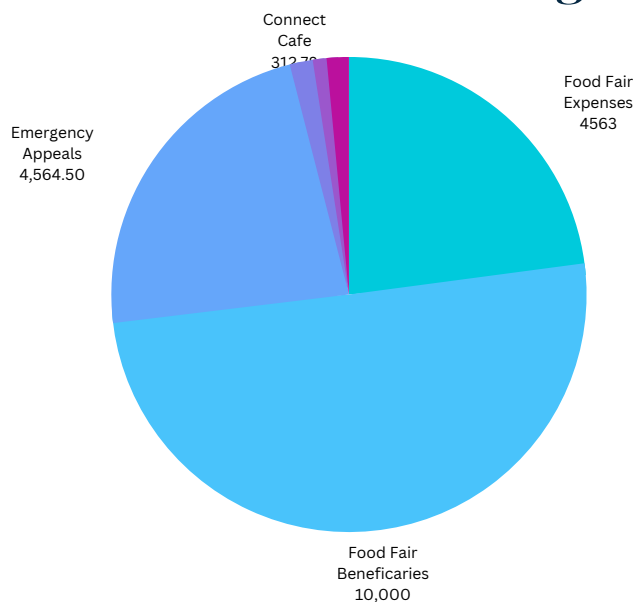
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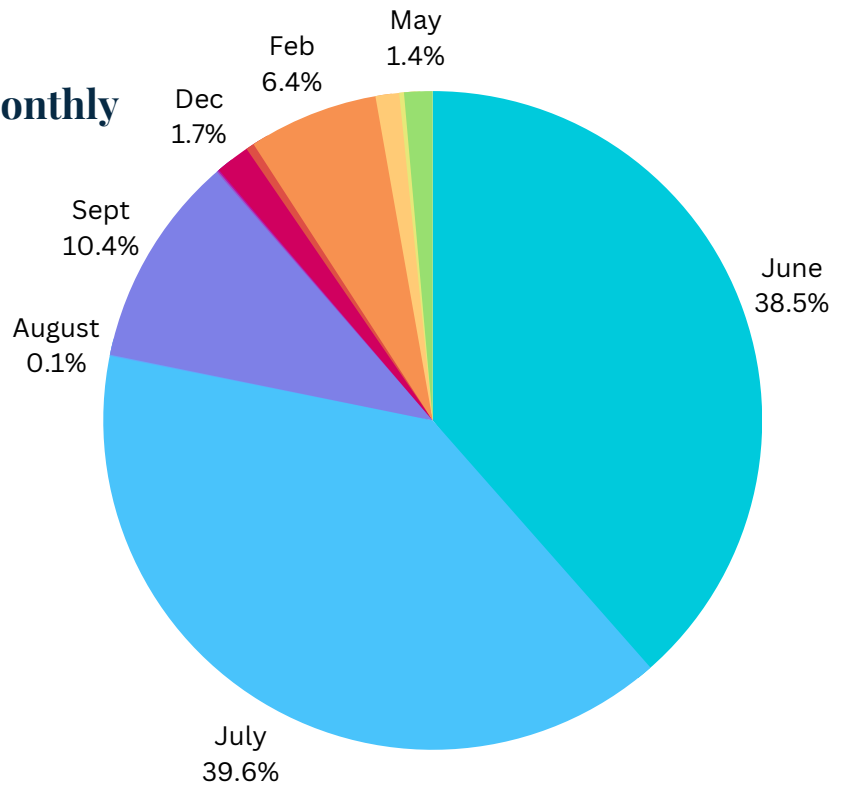


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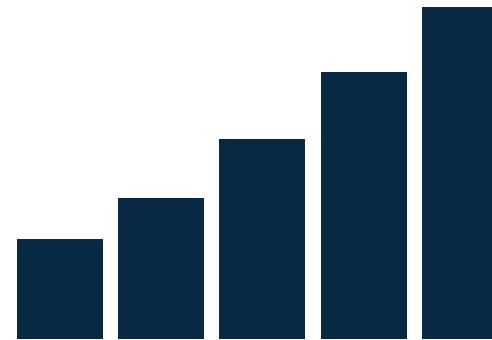
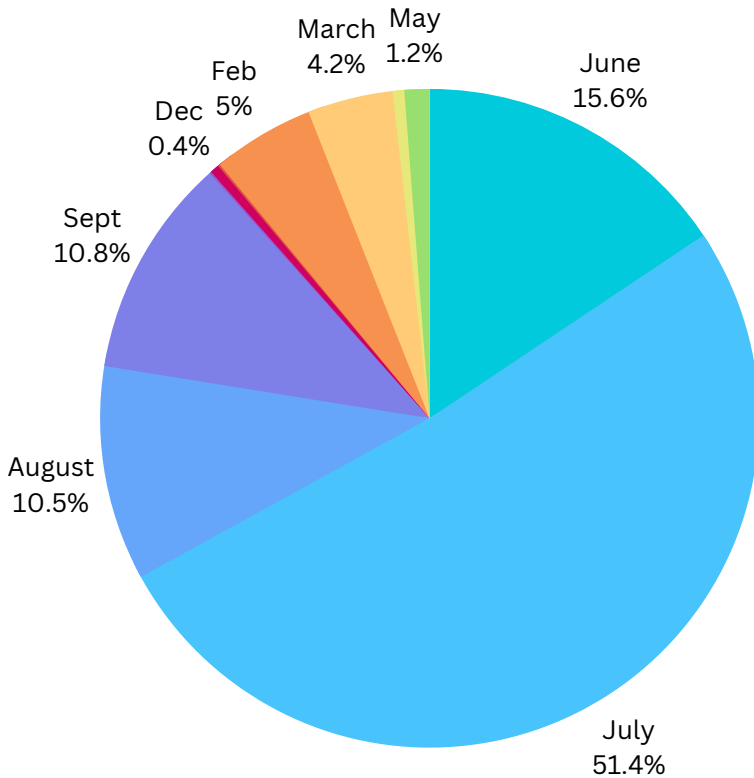


One Year Review

Percentage of Monthly Income



Percentage of Monthly Spenditure





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