



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

17

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2023

To

Period end date

31

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2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bury LGBTQI Forum

Other names charity is known by

Bury LGBTQI+ Forum

Registered charity number (if any)

1194830

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Catterall	Chair		
2	Nicola Naylor	Co-Chair		
3	Gary Hardman	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Patrick Pope	
Gwyn Starkey	
Carl Austen-Behan	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Members of the Management Committee shall be elected for a term of 3 years at the Annual General Meeting. At the first meeting following an AGM, the Management Committee shall elect from their numbers, Trustees to undertake certain Officer roles, such as Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary or other.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Safeguarding policy is currently being updated.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are the promotion of inclusion in the Bury District for the public benefit by: (a) the elimination of discrimination in relation to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex and queer individuals living within the Bury District. (b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity, housing law, health and other subjects pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community. (c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from

diverse backgrounds. (d) conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public. (e) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality, diversity and inclusion.

Summary of Main Activities

Bury LGBTQI Forum runs a monthly LGBTQI drop in on the second Tuesday of each month. This is now in its 3rd year and is hosted at an Arts Community Centre. Sessions included poetry evening, Coming Out Stories and a Xmas Party.

A different venue now hosts a Women's LGBTQI-+ group through the support of the Manchester Pride Community Grant in the hope of diversifying the membership. The Women's group, which includes transgender and intersex members, has run quiz nights, banner making nights and a women's health chats with Health Watch who were conducting research for the NHS into health inequalities.

These two groups mentioned above started to work with two LGBTQI+ artists, Sarah Joy Ford and Leverett Jaques in March 2024 on Bunnies. This exhibition at Bury Art Gallery was to be opened later in the year and was partly funded by the Manchester Pride community fund and the Arts Council.

The Mayor hosted a number of Mayoral receptions for the Forum after flag raising events outside the town hall to mark World Aids Day, International Day of Disabled People and Transgender Remembrance Day and LGBT History month.

Bury LGBTQI Forum organised hate crime events at Bury Met for Groups of Ethnic Minorities, Disability and transgender which included refreshments and further discussions/interviews with people affected by Hate crime.

The forum has continued to forge links with Bury College and several LGBT support groups within schools in the borough. LGBT awareness sessions for pupils from different schools has been delivered.

Bury LGBTQI Forum has been working at a more cultural level to increase the profile of LGBTQI+ people in Bury. We have led on a book review with a local LGBTQI+ writer, Matt Cain in February 2024. Held monthly community meetings in Bury's only gay bar, House of Bridget to invite the community to help us make Bury Pride more inclusive and ran the only Steam Rainbow train in the country for the fourth year running in September 2023.

We take an active role in the strategic partnership of Team Bury in the Community Safety group. The Co-Chairs have attended monthly meetings with the Independent Advisory Group for Bury Police to maintain our presence in acting as a critical friend for the LGBTQI community. They are also members of the Inclusion Group within Bury Council so can influence policy makers.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Bury LGBTQI+ Development Worker has been funded for the third year running to work at a more strategic level with Bury Council and Bury VCFA.

In November 2023, a celebration evening was held for the LGBTQI+ Development Worker, Paul Fairweather, who was awarded an MBE in the King's New Year Honour's list. Also listed were the volunteers who received the King's Award for Voluntary Services.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Reduced loneliness and isolation by establishing 2 monthly LGBTQI+ sexually and gender diverse groups.
- Advanced education and raised awareness in equality and diversity in public health of HIV and other subjects pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community.
- Advanced education and raised awareness in equality and diversity in schools and colleges in relation to HIV and forming support groups.
- Organised events to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds regarding the BAME, disabled and older communities.
- Developed closer relationships with a range of voluntary sector groups.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's policy on reserves is solely to protect the charity's assets;

- to cover future activities such as awareness days to promote awareness and raise the profile of our community.
- to cover future room hire costs for Drop ins.

This will be protected by:

- identifying and managing the risk of conflicts of interest, loss, waste, bribery, theft or fraud;
- ensuring that financial reporting is robust and of sufficient quality
- ensuring that the trustees comply with charity law and regulation relating to finance.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:


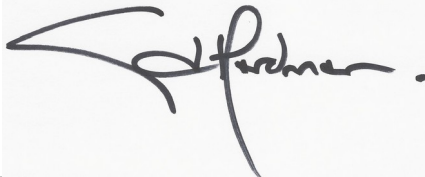
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.


Section F**Other optional information**

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nicola Naylor	Gary Hardman Treasurer
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Co-Chair	

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	David Catterall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CO-chair

Date 16.01.25

BURY LGBTQI+ FORUM
Charity Number 1194830
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1st April 2023 to 31st MARCH 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

Income:

Sponsorship and donations	879.50 + 380.94 + 275.66	=	1536.10
Grants and funding		=	3350.00
Tickets and Merchandise	1516.40 + 289.22	=	1805.62
Book Sales		=	406.38
Total Income:	-	=	<u>7098.10</u>

Expenditure:

Book Launch Event (Art Gallery)	-625.89
Bury Pride 2023	- 7421.30
Big Help-out	-135.00
KAVS Celebration	-750.75
Misc. Promotional	-14.95
Rainbow Train Event	-2272.93
Women's Group	-286.46
Socials (Big Fandango)	- 404.00
Hate crime Event (WAD,BHM,TA)	-967.80
Prestwich Pride	-200.00
LOUD Cabaret!	-2250.00
Total expenditure	- 15329.08

Balance for year as @ 31 March 2024

-8230.98
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Current Assets

Cash at bank – at 31 March 2023	17395.72
Cash at bank – at 31 March 2024	<u>9164.74</u>
	8,230.98

Total funds at 1 April 2023	15563.14
Balance for year	<u>- 8230.98</u>
Total funds at 31 March 2024	<u>9164.74</u>

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Gary Hardman MBE – Treasurer
24th July 2024