

# BRADFORD HINDU COUNCIL

England & Wales · Charity number 1199088

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-05-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE HINDU FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA ACROSS WEST YORKSHIRE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HINDU STATEMENT OF FAITH TO PROMOTE HINDU HERITAGE, CULTURE AND RELIGION THROUGH COMMUNITY GATHERINGS, PASTORAL CARE AND OTHER MEANS.THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION OF GOOD HEALTH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE ORGANISATION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS AND THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO PROVIDE GOOD PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.

**Activities:** Collaborative Hindu organization supporting the Hindu community organizations (including temples) and their members of Bradford and the surrounding districts. To raise the profile of the Hindu community and to be the voice of the Hindu community in the region.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- Bradford City

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £33,589 | £19,997     | -      | -         |
| 2024-06-30 | £11,465 | £9,264      | -      | -         |
| 2023-06-30 | £7,176  | £6,730      | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                         | Role  | Appointed  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Ravinder Kumar Dharni</b> | Chair | 2023-12-17 |
| Deepak Kumar SHARMA          |       | 2023-02-05 |
| Dharmesh Mistry              |       | 2022-05-01 |
| Harkishan Mistry             |       | 2022-05-01 |
| Hemalatha Shanmugam          |       | 2025-09-21 |
| Jayaraj Shridhar Nambiar     |       | 2022-05-01 |
| Maheshkumar Amratlal Mistry  |       | 2023-12-19 |
| Narendra Mistry              |       | 2022-05-01 |
| Reshma Patel                 |       | 2024-05-22 |

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# Bradford Hindu Council

## Annual Trustees' Report 2024/25

The Bradford Hindu Council (BHC) has continued to strengthen its role as a unifying and representative body for the Hindu community in Bradford and the wider region. This year has been marked by significant progress in community engagement, interfaith collaboration, cultural development, and organisational governance. Our achievements reflect the collective efforts of our Trustees, Management Team, member organisations, volunteers, and the wider community. BHC is not defined solely by its leadership; it is the shared responsibility and contribution of every individual and organisation connected to us.

During 2024/25, BHC formalised and expanded its Management Team, welcoming new members including a Treasurer, Business Advisor, and IT/Data Webmaster. This strengthened structure has improved operational capacity and enhanced our ability to deliver community-focused initiatives.

Key governance developments include:

- Adoption of a revised Safeguarding Policy, approved by the Trustees.
- Implementation of Microsoft 365 accounts for all Management Team members, enabling collaborative working through Teams, Outlook, Office, and OneDrive.
- Discontinuation of Zoom in favour of a unified digital communication platform.

These steps ensure BHC continues to meet Charity Commission expectations and follows best practice in governance and compliance.

### Key Achievements

BHC has delivered and supported a wide range of events that celebrate culture, promote unity, and strengthen community bonds. Highlights include:

- **108 Hanuman Chalisa Event** – Bringing together singing groups from Bradford and beyond in a powerful display of devotion and unity.
- **Inaugural Interfaith Cricket Match** – Strengthening relationships across faith communities through sport.

- **International Day of Yoga** – Promoting health, wellbeing, and cultural awareness.
- **Harmony Festival (Year 2)** – A highly successful cultural showcase featuring diverse Indian heritage, delivered to a professional standard through dedicated volunteers.

Our partnerships with local and regional institutions have deepened significantly. Notable developments include:

- Representation on the **Race Equality Network (REN)**, with BHC now holding the position of Vice-Chair.
- Active involvement in **Bradford City of Culture 2025**, securing funding for cultural projects that highlight Hindu heritage.
- Recognition as an **Active Faith Setting** at the Bradford Sports Awards 2025, acknowledging our commitment to promoting sport and wellbeing.

BHC's digital presence has expanded, with our website and social media platforms becoming central hubs for community information, festival awareness, and event promotion. The Faith Team has ensured comprehensive coverage of major Hindu festivals, as well as key celebrations from Sikh, Islamic, Jain, and Christian communities.

BHC plan to deliver **nine-week tabla and harmonium programme**, covering instrument sourcing, teacher coordination, promotion, and student engagement. Additional harmonium instruction is planned to be provided directly by BHC.

We continue to:

- Promote unity and shared values across Hindu organisations and the wider community.
- Represent BHC on the **Bradford SACRE Board**, influencing how religious education is taught in schools.
- Support **Hindu Education Yorkshire**, assisting schools with enquiries on Hindu Dharma and festival celebrations.
- Act as a first point of contact for schools seeking Hindu input, signposting to subject experts where appropriate.

The BHC Faith Team has ensured:

- Accurate and meaningful festival information is shared across digital platforms.
- Hindu representation at civic events, including the Remembrance Day ceremony.
- Collaboration with Bradford Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, West Yorkshire Police, and the Lord Mayor to celebrate Raksha Bandhan and express gratitude to frontline services.

BHC has delivered and supported several impactful initiatives:

- **Dementia Memory Walk** – Raising awareness and supporting families affected by dementia.

- **Blood Donation Drives** – Encouraging life-saving contributions from the community.
- **Bradford Curry Project (monthly)** and **Homeless Hampers (weekly)** – Providing food and essential items to vulnerable individuals.
- **Easter Egg Appeal (with WYHPA)** – Our largest appeal to date, collecting a record 1,200 Easter eggs.
- **Raksha Bandhan Events (with WYHPA)** – Strengthening interfaith and community relationships.
- **Navratri Celebrations (Leeds & Bradford)** – Supporting vibrant, inclusive celebrations across the region.

BHC has contributed to wider regional and national initiatives, including:

- **Ashes Scattering Sites (with WYHPA and LCC)** – Leading on the development of dignified spaces for last rites, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback.
- **Hindu Foods on NHS Menus** – Working with NHS partners to improve dietary inclusivity.
- **Roundtable Meetings with the West Yorkshire Mayor and Deputy Mayor** – Facilitating first-of-its-kind engagement between Hindu communities and regional leadership.
- **Interfaith Week Faith Trail** – Supporting visits to diverse places of worship across Leeds.

With Bradford’s City of Culture year, BHC must plan for long-term sustainability. Securing new funding streams and building strategic partnerships will be essential to maintaining our cultural and community programmes.

A key priority is to involve more young people in leadership, volunteering, and cultural activities. Their participation is vital to the future of BHC and the wider Hindu community.

As our activities expand, so does the demand on our volunteers and organisational resources. BHC will focus on:

- Enhancing internal structures
- Supporting member organisations
- Addressing challenges faced by Hindu community groups
- Building resilience and capacity across the network

The year 2024/25 has been one of growth, collaboration, and meaningful impact for the Bradford Hindu Council. Our achievements reflect the dedication of our Trustees, Management Team, volunteers, partner organisations, and the wider community. Together, we continue to uphold our values, strengthen our cultural identity, and contribute positively to Bradford and the region.

A continued focus on unity, youth engagement, and sustainable development will ensure BHC remains a strong and influential voice for years to come.

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## Annual Trustee Report 2023/24

Bradford Hindu Council (BHC) are going from strength to strength in terms of establishing a strong voice for our Hindu community in Bradford.

BHC continues to progress in the community and forging key links with leaders and organisations of the Bradford Community including those of other faith groups. Having established and strengthened partnerships with local institutions, such as the Bradford City Of Culture 2025, Bradford Council, the NHS, and educational establishments. These collaborations have enabled us to advocate for the needs of our community and secure support for our initiatives

The charity has strengthened its volunteer network, service delivery, etc, which has enabled us to work even more with new groups which has benefitted many including the BHC as a charity. On the fundraising aspect it has been very minimal, but we still have some projects to be delivered by the end this year.

The BHC Management Team has been formally established at the AGM, with some new members inc. a dedicated Treasurer, Business Advisor, IT/Data Webmaster, joining the existing team of Trustees.

At the AGM in February this year, BHC had a chairperson change with a new vice, previous chair remains as a Trustee on the Board. The charity felt change in organisations at the top is to keep the organisation evolving otherwise very little changes.

In terms of governance there is a lot of work remaining to be done with ensuring we have the right policies to meet the charity commission requirements and best practices.

We have now a revised Safeguarding Policy approved by the Trustees; a Conflict of Interest Policy in development and a Complaints Policy in development soon to be finalised. There are another eight policies we need to consider as a group and develop if applicable to the charity.

We have good financial controls in place, but need to formalise this in terms of a policy and procedures. Good governance will lead to a well-managed group and demonstrates our ability to deal with any events, funding & grants, etc. offered to us. The development of an expenses template will aid in an audit trail, transparency and simplify paying expenses incurred.

The BHC are to do more work with our membership organisations now that we have established ourselves in the wider community of Bradford, and bringing the true riches of our community to the forefront in readiness for the City of Culture year 2025. This will entail providing the necessary support the member groups to enable them to progress and overcome difficulties they are faced with or concerned about.

Due to the unity of BHC, we have been actively involved with Bradford City of Culture 2025 from the beginning. This meant we were involved with the launch which was shown on national television & media.

Attending multifaith events like Vaisakhi walk, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Synagogue in Bradford, Bradford Cathedral events and Multifaith leaders gatherings the impact of these activities has been significant, reaching out even further to our members and achieving more success not only in participation but also delivering the message of who we are. BHC also actively participated in various community events, including interfaith dialogues, charity fundraisers, and cultural celebrations. These engagements have allowed us to connect with a diverse range of individuals and organisations, fostering a sense of belonging and unity.

We have made a major revamp of our website and IT capability, cultivating strong relationships with local and regional media outlets. The focus on enhancing our public image, strengthening our relationships with key stakeholders, and advocating for the needs and interests of our community.

We have expanded our digital footprint by creating and maintaining a strong online presence. Through our website and social media channels, we have shared information about our events, news, and resources, reaching a wider audience.

We continue to face challenges due to limited resources to address this, we will explore further opportunities for funding and partnerships. We will continue to seek innovative ways to engage with our community, particularly young people and those from marginalised groups.

Listed below are some of the events, initiatives, meetings attended by the BHC team:

*(Not fully itemised)*

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHC led Faith Trail in Leeds</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradford Curry Project Neighbourly food deliveries</li> </ul>                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leeds Jewish Chanukah event</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPABfd Community Defibrillator Fundraising Event</li> </ul>                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHC Diwali Awards Dinner Dance</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHC Blood Donation Event</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Holocaust event organised by Bradford Council</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture - funding 1 of 32 successful applicants,</li> </ul>         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alzheimer's Memory Walk</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHC International Yoga Day</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith leaders' recognition</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradford Vaisakhi Parade</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian Consulate event</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradford Faith Trail</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YIBN Diwali event</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YCCC Eid event</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradford South Asian Heritage Month – BHC Raksha-Bandhan Workshop</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Race Equality Network (REN) events and meetings</li> </ul>                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradford Council SACRE board (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHC Harmony festival, which showcased the various cultural heritage across India.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BHC Recital of 108 Hanuman Chalisa's</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navratri events in communities in Bradford &amp; Leeds</li> </ul>                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradford Interfaith Advisory Unit</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remembrance Day Ceremony Bradford and Leeds</li> </ul>                                       |

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## Income & expenditure Accounts

| For the year ended 30 June                | 2024            | 2023           | 2022            | 2021           |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                             |                 |                |                 |                |
| Grants                                    | 1000.00         | 4765.00        | 14629.00        | 7256.71        |
| Donations                                 | 2397.38         | 1311.25        | 1332.50         | 361.25         |
| Sponsorships                              | 2100.00         | 1100.00        | 200.00          | 20.00          |
| Deepawali Harmony Ticket Sales            | 5968.39         |                |                 |                |
| <b>Total Income</b>                       | <b>11465.77</b> | <b>7176.25</b> | <b>16161.50</b> | <b>7637.96</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                        |                 |                |                 |                |
| Project management                        | 100.00          | 200.00         | 1550.00         |                |
| <b>Community Events</b>                   |                 |                |                 |                |
| <b>Cultural, educational &amp; sports</b> |                 |                |                 |                |
| Training and coaching fees                | 0.00            | 1530.00        | 1870.00         | 200.00         |
| Hall & ground hire                        | 1567.65         | 2058.75        | 4313.25         | 195.80         |
| Events - food and trophies                | 3593.57         | 938.09         | 1309.62         | 203.41         |
| Events - work shops                       | 2595.45         | 840.00         | 6115.70         | 0.00           |
| <b>Insurance</b>                          | <b>240.84</b>   | <b>462.30</b>  | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>0.00</b>    |
| <b>I T and Web</b>                        | <b>443.36</b>   | <b>143.88</b>  | <b>384.00</b>   | <b>0.00</b>    |
| Printing and promotion                    | 580.00          | 499.00         | 475.00          | 182.00         |
| Bradford 2025 Cultural bid                | 0.00            | 0.00           | 250.00          | 0.00           |
| Sundries                                  | 100.00          | 0.00           | 0.00            | 55.00          |
| Foodbank                                  | 0.00            | 0.00           |                 | 20.00          |
| Charity Commission registration           | 0.00            | 0.00           | 300.00          | 0.00           |
| Bank charges                              | 43.40           | 6.50           |                 |                |
| Donations                                 | 0.00            | 51.00          |                 |                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                     | <b>9264.27</b>  | <b>6729.52</b> | <b>16567.57</b> | <b>856.21</b>  |
| <b>Net surplus</b>                        | <b>2201.50</b>  | <b>446.73</b>  | <b>-406.07</b>  | <b>6781.75</b> |
| Surplus income brought forward            | 6822.41         | 6375.68        | 6781.75         | 0.00           |
| Surplus income carried forward            | £9,023.91       | £6,822.41      | £6,375.68       | £6,781.75      |

## Bradford Hindu Council

### Balance sheet

| As at 30 June                  | 2024      | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank balance                   | £9,023.91 | £6,822.41 | £6,375.88 | £6,781.75 |
| ,=====                         |           |           |           |           |
| Representing                   |           |           |           |           |
| Surplus income carried forward | £9,023.91 | £6,822.41 | £6,375.88 | £6,781.75 |
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### Accountants Report

I have prepared accounts from the records of BHC and from explanations received to my queries.  
I have not carried out an audit. The accounts agree with the records.

Satish Shah FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
Bradford

01-Aug-24

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## **BHC ANNUAL TRUSTEE REPORT - 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR**

We have come a long way from when we set up six years ago, we never imagined then we would be united as a group with more than 20 member organisations ranging from groups from the different regions of India, i.e. Hindu-Punjab region to the Tamil regions, and from Gujarat to Hindu-Bengal, etc. We have become a model for other cities of UK emulate for their Hindu community.

Now established as a registered charity organisation (CIO – Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and formally launching the Bradford Hindu Council (BHC) end of last year in November 2022, BHC continues to progress in the community and forging key links with prominent leaders and organisations of the Bradford Community including those of other faith groups.

The trustees are ‘actively working’ trustees with portfolio responsibilities and actively working as part of the management team of BHC.

We have at least 20 Bradford Hindu organisations forming the BHC and encouraged more organisations are approaching us to join. We thank all the organisations for their involvement even if it’s been minor and would encourage more active involvement from each organisation within the BHC activities and group meetings, etc. it is only by doing so we can really be united, and have the ONE Hindu voice in the Bradford district of many faith groups.

We will continue to work with organisations who have not yet join us to form a truly united Hindu Council for the benefit of all Hindus in Bradford – the door will always remain open to them.

The Hindu organisations of Bradford are the pillars of the BHC and form the umbrella of Hindu Faith of Bradford, and we would like each organisation to be actively functional and thrive it makes the Hindu Community of Bradford stronger as a united body.

As new groups and organisations join the BHC we become more visible in the community. Going forward we would like BHC to do more work with the our membership organisations now that we have established ourselves in the wider community of Bradford, and bring the true riches of our community to the forefront in readiness for the City of Culture year 2025.



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

### Official Launch of BHC at City Hall

**Bradford Hindu Council** (BHC) celebrated its **official launch** event at Bradford Town Hall on Friday 18th November 2022. There were over 20 Hindu organisations who have come together to work as one united group and with one voice in Bradford. The official launch was held at the Bradford Town Hall and over 100 people attended, which included the Lord Mayor - Cllr Martin Love, the Leader of the Council - Susan Hinchliffe and Bishop of Bradford - Dr Toby Howard. Various dignitaries from Bradford's inter-faith community, including representatives from the emergency services (Police, Fire Service, Ambulance, etc.) were present in support of this initiative.

### Engagement with other Communities

A lot of emphasis was placed on engaging with other faith communities of Bradford and this successfully achieved by various Trustees of BHC making time to attend events across Bradford.

### Award Attained

Bradford Hindu Council has been recognised for its active contribution to the community by **Race Equality Network** (REN). We were awarded in the Showcase Event, which was attended by Leader of Bradford Council Susan Hinchliffe, Heather Nelson of Black Health Initiative, John Page from Runnymede Trust and many more dignitaries from Bradford. We wish to thank all our volunteers who have helped us to deliver the various programs as part of this initiative by Race Equality Network

Dharmesh Mistry (Trustee) was one of the Super 6 Community Champions of Bradford, recognised by the readers of **The Asian Standard Newspaper** for the work within the community, especially during the unprecedented challenge of COVID; taking the lead and working with the community to support his colleagues from West Yorkshire Police, the Paramedics & Care home Staff. His commitment & dedication to help the homeless and support the Foodbank's has been overwhelming and got the whole Hindu community involved in Sewa. We are proud of his achievements and proud that Dharmesh and the Hindu Community had been recognised.

### Achievement

Hindu representatives from Bradford Hindu Council and Hindu Education Yorkshire advised the Joint **SACRE** (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) contributed hugely to the new RE syllabus "**Believing and Belonging**" in West Yorkshire



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schools in 2024. The six main religions, which includes Hinduism are planned to be taught from Key stage 1.

### Goodwill Messages

We are very proud to say that BHC, through its social media platforms ensured that every major religious festival of different faiths was remembered, and a good will message was shared via our different social media outlets.

Some Keys Events from 1-7-2022 to 30-6-2023

### July 2022

Bradford Hindu Council worked together with **National Blood Donation** team, we had an amazing response, where 84% of allocated appointment on the day at the local blood donation were filled up by the Hindu Community.

**West Yorkshire Police, Bradford District Open Day** – Assisted WYP to recruit police frontline, detective roles, traffic, dogs, horses, firearms, and police staff roles i.e. contact centre, forensics, help desk, custody, IT, facilities, etc.

### Aug 2022

The Bradford Hindu Council together with Indian Women Community UK we're proud to support & take part in the **Hope Event** in Horsfall Stadium, Bradford. We served food & drinks to some of our struggling families, just to put a smile on everyone's faces.

### Sept 2022

BHC were part of Bradford's multi faith gathering following the **Proclamation of our new King Charles III** invited by the Bishop Toby Howarth and Bradford Metropolitan District Council as the voice of Bradford Hindus. We were given the opportunity to pay a wonderful tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II extend our sympathies to the Royal Family, whilst extending our congratulations to the new King.

Bradford Hindu Council also attended the **Global Peace Event** in Bradford. Where the IAG (Independent Advisory Group) team (which we are active members) attained an award.

### Oct 2022

BHC members joined the **Bradford Faith Trail** along with the members of Independent advisory group who work closely with our local police colleagues. The faith trail is held



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on the 1st sat of every month from March to Oct. The trail includes St Peters Church, Abu Bakar Mosque, Hindu Temple, Sikh Temple, and The Bradford Cathedral.

Nov 2022

BHC supported the **Sikh Soldier Organisation** at the Huddersfield Community Reflection Day following the huge sacrifices made by the Sikh Soldiers in the two world wars and other conflicts around the world. We pay respect to the Armed Forces, both past and present during this national period of Remembrance.

Bradford Hindu Council's Ravinder Dharni was honoured to have been invited for the recent visit of **King Charles III to Bradford**. It was an amazing event and a great privilege that Ravinder was able to represent the Bradford Hindu community.

It was an honour for Bradford Hindu Council, on behalf of Bradford Hindu Community, to be invited to the 76th Bradford Festival of Remembrance. It was a beautiful and wonderful service in front of a packed Bradford Cathedral and many dignitaries from the district. **The Remembrance Day** service was led by Bradford Council, Bishop Toby and The Bradford Lord Mayor.

BHC organised the **Women's Self-defence** event at the Shree Prajapati Association Bradford community hall. The feedback from those who participated was positive and they found this event very valuable.

Dec 2022

BHC Sports Advisor organised cricket coaching sessions for the kids in conjunction with **Yorkshire County Cricket Club** and funding support obtained from **Sporting Equals**.

Jan 2023

BHC were extremely pleased to be invited to join the **Holocaust Memorial Day** and joined by so many friends from across the Bradford Community.

Mar 2022

BHC Team sat down for their annual off-site planning session. We spent hours together Brainstorming, SWOT Analysis, Roles and Responsibilities, action plan to help deliver a better service to our community. Our trustees will be reaching out to various members of the community to collaborate and serve everyone better. It was a very productive day, and we are happy to have such a great team.



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April 2022

Bradford Hindu Council's Chair and Vice Chair were honoured to represent the Hindu Communities of Bradford at the Iftar event held by **The Dialogue Society**. A lot of Bradford's key dignitaries were invited for the event, and they are now aware of the valuable work we do for Bradford.

The Jewish festival of **The Seder**; A celebration of Freedom & Family. Bradford Hindu Council plus other faith groups, the police and the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire were some of the guests invited at the above important Jewish festival, which takes place during Easter. This event has been celebrated for the past 1800 years. "Seder" means "order of service". The Event was a success in terms of promoting community cohesion.

May 2022

A very blessed time was had by over 350 people attending the **BHC 108-Hanuman Chalisa Event**. A well organised event from 7am to 7pm, with 10 different groups singing and lovely food cooked by ladies from the IWCUK. The LPS team did a great job to host the event, and lots of new devotees saw the Mandir for the first time. Leeds Bhajan Mandali supported us throughout the day.

The **Lord Mayor of Bradford** Cllr Martin Love is delighted to have Bradford Hindu Council as a key member of his Faith Advisory Team during his tenure. As a token of his gratitude, BHC was invited to a small reception before handing over the mayorship to his successor. The Lord Mayor very much appreciated the support that BHC have provided during his year in office.

June 2022

**International Day of Yoga** was celebrated today, 21st June 2023, at Leuva Patidar Samaj Hall in Lidget Green, bringing Hindu organisations from across the Bradford District and surrounding areas together to organise this fantastic event that had over 140 attendees. After the yoga session, everyone enjoyed the Vegetarian Gujarati Food cooked by ladies from the Anand Milan Elderly Centre and many volunteer ladies from Hindu Community. Our Chief Guest was John McMahon – Head of Engagement: Skills & Volunteering from the Bradford of Culture 2025, BHC would like to Thank Adiba from Stronger Communities, Bradford Council for also attending.

October 2022

**Memory Walk** – Temple Newsom Park. Over 40 took part in supporting the Alzheimer's Dementia Charity, raising a great amount of donations.



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**Navratri** – This year there were 5 premises to support, every year the event has been getting popular, raising the community’s profile throughout Bradford.

Dec 22

Bradford Synagogue invited BHC to the annual **Hanuka event**, along with other distinguished guests and faith leaders

Jan 23

BHC were instrumental with food bank collections from various BHC organisations in Bradford. Arranged by Dharmesh

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

We have managed to successfully keep all our social media and Communications non-political through out the year. Our engagements with various other faiths of Bradford were well received amongst the community.

We have the following number of followers on each social media as on 16th Dec 2023

Facebook - 1,193 ( 1,010); Instagram – 292 (239); Twitter (X) - 371 (283 )

In this period, our highest reach was as expected our official launch post with a reach of 4914

Instagram:

Our Instagram reach had a 91.5% rise to reach 561

Audience Gender is almost equal in Facebook, but more men in Instagram.

Twitter (X):

The top tweets Bradford South Fun Day ( 1645); Diwali (1653); BHC at the Civic Service of the Lord Mayor of the City of Bradford ( 884 ); Eid ul Fitr ( 1456 )

BHC Website:

Our website remains our weak spot we have addressed this by having a core dedicated team setup who will provide a structured approach to keep it up to date.



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## **EDUCATION**

BHC being the first point of contact for schools & other groups who require input on Hinduism and work closely with Bradford Interfaith Advisory Unit and their expert advisor Hindu religion. BHC have produced a booklet on basic Hinduism, with input from BHC trustees, faith team, & the youth co-ordinator. A future goal remains of training individuals to teach Hinduism who will then go out into the community representing BHC.

## **FAITH**

Bradford Hindu Council Faith Team - has made sure that there is a coverage of all major Hindu festivals and celebrations with intentions to provide full knowledge on those festivals via our social media platforms with description and importance of the festival. Not only Hindu festivals but key celebrations from other faiths like - Sikh, Islam, Jain, Christianity are covered too.

BHC made sure, there is a Hindu faith representation at the Remembrance Day ceremony as well as any events planned and organised by Bradford Council and Bishop of Bradford – Toby Howard.

We represented the Hindu community at the Ramadan Iftar celebrations by Bradford Dawoodi Bohra community at their Adam Mosque along with Bradford Council Leaders.

We are also engage with BBC and ITV and on all our major celebrations /religious celebrations like Diwali, Navratri we presented a small talk covering how the festivals are celebrated in Bradford and District and giving the meaningful message for audience.

We worked closely with Bradford Hindu Swayam Sevak Sangh and WY Police to celebrate Raksha Bandhan and to extend our gratitude and thanks to the police force at large.

END OF REPORT

## Bradford Hindu Council Income & expenditure Accounts

| For the year ended 30 June                | 2023           | 2022            | 2021           |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                             |                |                 |                |
| Grants                                    | 4765.00        | 14629.00        | 7256.71        |
| Donations                                 | 1311.25        | 1332.50         | 361.25         |
| Sponsorships                              | 1100.00        | 200.00          | 20.00          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                       | <b>7176.25</b> | <b>16161.50</b> | <b>7637.96</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                        |                |                 |                |
| <b>Community Events</b>                   |                |                 |                |
| <b>Cultural, educational &amp; sports</b> |                |                 |                |
| Training and coaching fees                | 1530.00        | 1870.00         | 200.00         |
| Hall hire                                 | 2058.75        | 4313.25         | 195.80         |
| Events - food and trophies                | 1008.09        | 1159.62         | 203.41         |
| Events - work shops                       | 770.00         | 6115.70         | 0.00           |
| Project management                        | 200.00         | 1550.00         |                |
| Insurance                                 | 462.30         | 0.00            | 0.00           |
| I T and Web                               | 143.88         | 384.00          | 0.00           |
| Printing and promotion                    | 499.00         | 475.00          | 182.00         |
| Bradford 2025 Cultural bid                | 0.00           | 250.00          | 0.00           |
| Sundries - reef                           | 0.00           | 0.00            | 55.00          |
| Foodbank                                  | 0.00           |                 | 20.00          |
| Charity Commission registration           | 0.00           | 300.00          | 0.00           |
| Bank charges                              | 6.50           |                 |                |
| Donations                                 | 51.00          | 150.00          |                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                     | <b>6729.52</b> | <b>16567.57</b> | <b>856.21</b>  |
| <b>Net surplus</b>                        | <b>446.73</b>  | <b>-406.07</b>  | <b>6781.75</b> |
| Surplus income brought forward            | 6375.68        | 6781.75         | 0.00           |
| Surplus income carried forward            | 6822.41        | 6375.68         | 6781.75        |

## Bradford Hindu Council Balance sheet

| As at 30 June                  | 2023    | 2022      | 2021      |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank balance                   | 6822.41 | £6,375.68 | £6,781.75 |
| Representing                   |         |           |           |
| Surplus income carried forward | 6822.41 | £6,375.68 | £6,781.75 |

## Accountants Report

I have prepared accounts from the records of BHC and from explanations received to my queries.  
I have not carried out an audit. The accounts agree with the records.

Satish Shah FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
Bradford

15-Oct-23