



Charity Reg No.1199088

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, 150th 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)

• BHC led Faith Trail in Leeds	• Bradford Curry Project Neighbourly food deliveries
• Leeds Jewish Chanukah event	• SPABfd Community Defibrillator Fundraising Event
• BHC Diwali Awards Dinner Dance	• BHC Blood Donation Event
• Annual Holocaust event organised by Bradford Council	• Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture - funding 1 of 32 successful applicants,
• Alzheimer's Memory Walk	• BHC International Yoga Day
• Faith leaders' recognition	• Bradford Vaisakhi Parade
• Indian Consulate event	• Bradford Faith Trail
• YIBN Diwali event	• YCCC Eid event
• Bradford South Asian Heritage Month – BHC Raksha-Bandhan Workshop	• Race Equality Network (REN) events and meetings
• Bradford Council SACRE board (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)	• BHC Harmony festival, which showcased the various cultural heritage across India.
• BHC Recital of 108 Hanuman Chalisa's	• Navratri events in communities in Bradford & Leeds
• Bradford Interfaith Advisory Unit	• Remembrance Day Ceremony Bradford and Leeds

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Income & expenditure Accounts

For the year ended 30 June	2024	2023	2022	2021
Income				
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			
Total Income	11465.77	7176.25	16161.50	7637.96
Expenditure				
Project management	100.00	200.00	1550.00	
Community Events				
Cultural, educational & sports				
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
Insurance	240.84	462.30	0.00	0.00
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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		
Total Expenses	9264.27	6729.52	16567.57	856.21
Net surplus	2201.50	446.73	-406.07	6781.75
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

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Balance sheet

As at 30 June	2024	2023	2022	2021
Bank balance	£9,023.91	£6,822.41	£6,375.88	£6,781.75
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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	01-Aug-24
Chartered Accountant	
Bradford	