

Charity Trustees' Annual Report

I have had many proud moments during my year as Chair of the North Somerset BME Network CIO. The achievements of our organisation with the help, commitment and enthusiasm that all our other volunteers bring with them have been very heartening. After 13 years we are still as strong as ever.

So, thank you, thank you, thank you to all our members and friends who tirelessly help us as we go along. We would particularly like to thank everyone who makes our AGMs such very special occasions. It has been a great honour for Pappadoms to donate a large part of the delicious food we enjoy at our AGMs and other events and I thank everyone else who has similarly donated.

I would also like to thank for their support: our Patron Denis Burn and his successor as High Sheriff of Somerset Johnnie Halliday; John Penrose, Esq; the Chairmen of North Somerset Council; and the Town Mayors of Weston-super-Mare. I also chair the North Somerset Bangladeshi Association and the North Somerset Faith, Community and Cultural Forum and their members' support has been invaluable, along with that of the Weston Super Mare Association of Malayalees, the Japanese community, through Bridge of Peace, and The Filipino Association in North Somerset.

We have done many things since last November and we have had around 1,500 visits from clients and members. This includes: people coming to the drop-ins and weekly Wellbeing Cafés in search of help and information; refugees; students attending classes; and volunteers and trustees.

In terms of our BME community support work during the year, we helped people who came to our office with a problem or a need and they were signposted, referred on and empowered. This was possible with the help of Quartet Community Foundation, Southwest Foundation and donations. Zeina Banks and her team of volunteers did a great job teaching and supporting students in our English classes. Their work was so admired by Weston College, an Ofsted outstanding college of further and higher education, that they offered free classroom facilities. Thank you, Weston College and University Centre Weston. Separate free private classes for Muslim refugee women continue to run in our office.

Some issues we helped with were: immigration; social integration; isolation; housing; poverty; employment; finances; bank accounts; Foodbank; social care; carers; police matters; discrimination; racial harassment; domestic abuse; honour-based violence risks; physical and mental health; and Brexit. It is difficult to talk about this work, which is very sensitive with an overriding need for us to keep our service users safe.

Louise Roberts, the Equality and Diversity Manager of North Somerset Council, who is unable to be here with us today, has continued her many years of support. Equally, Bridie Collier, Equality & Diversity Campaigner, Citizens Advice North Somerset, who is here today and to whom we refer hate crime cases.

Once again, our funders and donors have been more than generous. I would particularly like to thank Quartet Community Foundation for thirteen years of continual support at critical times, which has enabled us to survive all our challenges. Their Express grants have enabled us to support many people and groups from our BME communities. Thank you, Quartet. Thanks are equally due to Southwest Foundation for their faithful support over more than 10 years. This has enabled us to continue with many of our activities.

Especial thanks go once again to Graham Li, our landlord, who provided us with an office when our previous accommodation suddenly became unavailable. Not only did he save us then but his kindness and support over the past six years has kept us going along a sometimes-bumpy road. Thank you, Graham.

Last but not least, thank you all of you for coming today and for your continuing support. It has been a year of great challenges but also one of great successes. Enjoy the rest of our celebrations.

Sayd Ahmed, Chair

NORTH SOMERSET BME NETWORK
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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NORTH SOMERSET BME NETWORK

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
INCOME				
Grants & North Somerset Income		9,300		2,800
South West Foundation		1,630		4,000
Donations		242		437
Reimbursement of Expenses		636		35
Other Income – Raffles & Fundraising		-		596
Excursions		125		400
		<u>11,933</u>		<u>8,268</u>
Less:				
EXPENSES				
Telephone	746		1,110	
Repairs & Renewals	-		25	
Light & Heat	768		364	
Water Rates	207		25	
Wages	1,110		995	
Travel & Excursion Costs	1,563		861	
Rent & Room Hire	4,045		3,465	
Events & Advertising	218		346	
Stationary & Postage	50		215	
Insurance	306		300	
Subscriptions	-		-	
Donations	-		10	
Meeting Expenses & Refreshments	610		431	
Sundry Expenses	245		15	
Accountancy Fees	240		216	
Project Expenses	-		-	
		<u>10,108</u>		<u>8,378</u>
NET PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE YEAR		<u>1,825</u>		<u>(110)</u>

NORTH SOMERSET BME NETWORK**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 MARCH 2019**

	2019	2018
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank & in Hand	4,297	2,393
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	295	216
NET ASSETS	<u>4,002</u>	<u>2,177</u>

Represented by:

	2019	2018
	£	£
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward	2,177	2,287
Add: Net profit/(loss) for the period	<u>1,825</u>	<u>(110)</u>
	<u>4,002</u>	<u>2,177</u>

NORTH SOMERSET BME NETWORK

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

I have prepared the annexed income and expenditure account from the books, records, and information supplied to me by Mrs C Kellaway and Mrs C Neale and I certify that it is in accordance therewith. I have not carried out an audit.

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CLIENT APPROVAL

I have read the annexed income and expenditure account, approved it and request that it be submitted to the Inland Revenue on my behalf. I have supplied Mr White with all the necessary information required to prepare an accurate statement of my business income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2019.

..... **Mrs C Kellaway**

..... **Date**

..... **Mrs C Neale**

..... **Date**