

AWCA Trustees' Report – Joint Chairs April 2019 – March 2020

Trustees: Caroline Wallace (Joint Chair), Atiya Akhtar (Joint Chair),

Pat Statham, Cllr. Darshan Mann, Cllr. Mike Thornton.

This has been another positive and productive year for the AWCA. The 14th Eastleigh Mela was held in July 2019 and was again a great success in providing a fabulous festival with music, dancing and singing from different cultures and bringing people together from all parts of the community. This year we were fortunate enough to start a new partnership with PJW Wealth Management to sponsor the Eastleigh Mela. Our thanks also go to our regular partners at Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, Hampshire Constabulary, Unity 101, Eastleigh BID, Eastleigh Rotary Club and many others. Our grateful thanks go to all of our members, families and friends who volunteered their time and energy.

The AWCA held another two Community Meals in Eastleigh's market place this year. We notified various organisations in the area including schools, churches, voluntary organisations and the food bank to ensure those in need would join in. A warm meal was served to over 300 people at each event and it was held during the school holidays so children would benefit too. Thanks go to all the members that helped with cooking and serving food.

This year at our annual Farooqi Diversity Awards at the Diversity Dinner in January we awarded a Lifetime President Award to Shankerlal Sthankiya, or Stan as we know him. He has been a member since the AWCA started and under his positive and encouraging leadership the group has gone from strength to strength. It was a mark of recognition and thanks for all the work he has done over the years.

This year we held one of the Trustees meeting at the same time and place as the Elders Group so that any members could attend if wanted. 6 members attended and contributed to the discussions which was very welcome. We had another Trustees meeting where we invited Amber Akhtar to discuss our social media presence. Thanks go to Amber for her continuing work with us which has a marked effect especially around the Eastleigh Mela.

Towards the end of the year we asked Helen Coleman if she would help us with making grant applications which she was very willing to do. Helen has supported us in all sorts of ways over the years so we're really grateful for her involvement.

The accounts and annual report for the previous year were submitted on time to the Charity Commission and brought to the AGM in November. Our thanks go to Penny Reade, Mr Ramniklal Modha and Mr H.Nandhra for their hard work in preparing the accounts.

The Trustees are very grateful to Rajni Bali (EBC) and Mohammed Mossadaq OBE who work tirelessly planning, organising and liaising to ensure everything happens.

Atiya Akhtar and Caroline Wallace – **Joint Chairs**

Because of Coronavirus lockdown conditions the AGM has been postponed for a period of 3 months and the situation will be reviewed. The Annual Report/Accounts have been approved by the Trustees and will be taken to the wider membership at an AGM when the AWCA is in a position to meet or if we can have an AGM on Zoom.

Asian Welfare Cultural Association

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2020

	2019/2020	2018/2019
	£	£
Cash at Bank - current accounts	43,415	31,617
Cash at Bank - deposit account (Building Fund)	120,497	119,508
	163,912	151,125
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Current Assets	163,912	151,125
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Having prepared the statements of account for the AWCA I believe these to be a fair and accurate reflection of the organisations activities in financial terms for the financial year 2017-2018.

Penelope J. D. Reade FMAAT