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Annual Report for Year Ending March 31st 2025

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees of Interfaith Wolverhampton (IfW) present their report, which is also the Company's Directors' Report, and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2024.

IfW is a registered charity (1114265) incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (3218967)

The registered office is based at: St. Bartholomew's Church, 57 Church Hill, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 5JB.

Principal Bankers: Cooperative Bank

Officers and Directors of the Company

The following were the Honorary Officers of the Charity at 31 March 2025
President: VACANT
Vice Presidents: Harun Rashid Parveen Brigue
Patrons: Dr K Bradshaw OBE DL; Dr S Sharma MBE DL; Dr Michael Hardacre*
*Appointed 5 November 2024

The following were the Trustees (known as Directors) of the Charity during the year to 31 March 2024:

Management Board – listed as Directors in Companies House record:

Post	**Name**
Chair	Cllr Jasbinder Dehar
Vice Chair - Membership	Jill Parker MBE JP
Vice Chair - Events	Dr Basma Ikram
Vice Chair - Communications	Devinder Kalhan MBE*
Secretary	Rev Ben Whitmore
Deputy Secretary	Dr Hakeem Bakare
Treasurer	Martin Gomberg
Deputy Treasurer	Deacon Linda Gilson

*Casual vacancy filled 5 November 2024

Consultative Board – appointed by the Management Board to support and advise on its activities:

Consultative Board	
Khalid Akhtar	Rev Rachel Parkinson
Jaswinder Singh Chagger	Stephen Petter
Ganesh De	Satya Pal Sharma
Bhajan Devsi	Mazir Uddin
Rajesh Jain	

The Charity's Objectives:

As set out in the Articles of Association, are specifically restricted to the following:

1. The advancement of education aimed specifically at knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and practices of religious faiths with the purpose of the enhancement of religious and racial harmony within the City of Wolverhampton and its environs.
2. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Wolverhampton and its environs in such a way that they are

better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society by:

a. providing advice and support on how they identify and evidence needs or priorities of their particular community; how they plan projects; how they source appropriate funding; implementation and sustainability;
b. supporting specific projects that are of benefit to the community helping people to take a full role in and participate more fully in society;
c. the promotion of sustainable development for the benefit of the public by increasing awareness and knowledge in the area of energy conservation and the protection of the environment through prudent use of natural resources thereby assisting in the relief of poverty and the improvement of the condition of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities.

Performance and Achievement 2024 to 2025

Interfaith Wolverhampton aims to work with the diverse communities living in and around Wolverhampton in order to foster and nurture mutual understanding and appreciation between the different faiths. It seeks to arrange, encourage and support dialogue between those of different faiths and no faith, communities and agencies so as to contribute to an inclusive environment of mutual respect and harmony.

Bring and Share: We continue to hold Bring and Share, sometimes virtual events and sometimes real events on the 3rd Tuesday of each month with speakers who share their Faith perspectives or professional experiences. (Z -Zoom meeting)

2024: April Commemoration - Unveiling of Rev Tim Fyffe memorial bench at Dunstall Peace Park, May Buddism - Dev Suman at Wolverhampton Buddha Vihara, June The Way Youth Zone – on site Paul Snape (CEO), Rebecca Bunger (Head of Youth work) Lisa Carson (Head of fund raising), July The work of Diversity and Community Relations Magistrates - Sonia Wilkes JP and her involvement with the United Reform Church, September Quakers & Climate Change - Cllr Carol Hyatt, October (Z) Dementia-types, symptoms, diagnosis - Anuja Jalota Dementia Support
2025: January (Z) Wolverhampton Fairtrade 25th Anniversary - Julia Farrell (Chair), February (Z) Ahmadiyya Muslim Community - Ruxana Nasser (Greenford, London), March Community workshop research - Ahmed Zakiyyah (University of Wolverhampton)

These are organised by our administrator Devi Bansal.

School Visits: We support local schools in delivering a diverse RE curriculum by organising visits to places of worship and faith presentations in schools when possible. Schools contact us with their requests and Devi, with support from Vice Chair Jill Parker, liaises with places of worship and speakers as required. This work would not be possible without the generous support from the places of worship who host the school visits. We thank them for their vital contribution.

Annual conferences: These aim to bring together people of different faiths and none to explore topical subjects. This year we supported the Religion Media Centre who organised a conference at the Molineux which explored how religious groups can help get good news stories into the media. In previous years topics have included: Organ donation (2017) Mental Health (2018) Prevention of self-harm and suicide (2019), Climate change (2021), Healthy faith (2022), Faith and Dementia (2023)

Work with the Local Authority and community

The following is a summary of the main events throughout the year with which IfW was involved.

In partnership with City of Wolverhampton Council:

Sunday 2nd June 2024 - Civic Sunday Service
Monday 11th June 2024 - Srebrenica Flag Raising
Sunday 10th November 2024 - Remembrance Sunday Service
Monday 11th November 2024 Wolverhampton City Diversity Celebration
Monday 27th January 2025 - Holocaust Memorial Day

Work with community and faith groups

April 2024 - Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara Sedgley Street Nagar Kirten
May 2024 - 2567 Buddha Jayanti celebration
June 2024 – Shri Krisan Mandir, Ek Niwas Temple
July 2024 – Lanesfield Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Church
September 2024 – City Diversity celebration
October 2024 – Diwali events: Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, Guru Ravidass Temple, Khrisna Mandri, Guru Ka Niwas GKN Gurdwara Diwali Event
December 2024 Christmas services Lanesfield, Holy Trinity
February 2025 Guru Ravidass Diamond Jubilee celebration, and celebration of Babu Mangu Ram

Financial review

During the year IfW net income was -£1,695 which decreased our reserves (unrestricted) to £9,289. This is an improvement on last year when the net income was -£5,104. This year IfW improved its core income from Membership and Educational Services from £5,386 (2023-24) to £6,060 (2024-25) and donations increased from £2,364 to £3,857. The Ethnic Minority Council has been busy bidding for funding on behalf of IfW and were successful in a Lottery Community Fund project bid which will be delivered in 2025-26.

In the background, we have successfully migrated the finance system from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Online and taken the opportunity to simplify the reporting detail.

The Board is mindful of the need to keep expenditure under a tight control and will continue to ensure that we use our income prudently and in line with the objectives of the charity.

Public Benefit

Throughout the year, the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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Future Plans

The Board will continue to invest in the regular activities of Interfaith Wolverhampton reported on pages 3 and 4 and with the Ethnic Minority Council on bidding for funded projects.

Conclusion

Interfaith Wolverhampton Board is dedicated and committed to ensure that IfW can continue to utilise our history and experiences to help build and create peace, harmony, community cohesion and community togetherness, and to celebrate and embrace cultural diversity in our City of Wolverhampton.

In my role as chair, it is always a great privilege and an honour to support as many faith events as possible on behalf of Interfaith Wolverhampton.

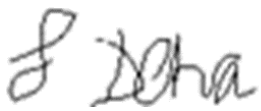
I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all our Management Board members (listed on page 2) for their continuous hard work and commitment. In addition I would like to thank Paul Rayner for looking after the web site to Rachel Parkinson for all her advice and help with public statements.

I want to say thank you to Devi Bansal our administrator for the commitment and professionalism she shows in everything she undertakes for IfW who goes beyond her job role.

I would like to thank all the faith leaders for taking the school visits to their places of worship and welcoming them plus all the hospitality that you show each school. Interfaith Wolverhampton could not operate our Educational Services without your support.

Finally, Interfaith Wolverhampton would not exist without the support, commitment and dedication of our members. Thank you.

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the small Companies Regime for Directors' Reports



Cllr Jasbinder Dehar 3 September 2025
Chairperson of Interfaith Wolverhampton

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Registered Office
St. Bartholomew's Church
57 Church Hill, Penn
Wolverhampton
WV4 5JB

Company Registration No. 3218967 –
(registered in England and Wales)
Charity Registration No. 1114265

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund		2025 Total		2024 Total
Income							
Donations		**3,857**	**0**		**3,857**		**2,364**
Membership	2,904		0	2,904	0	1,954	0
Educational Services	3,156		0	3,156	0	3,351	0
Project Income	0	0	20,000	20,000	0	0	0
Interfaith events	40	0	0	0	0	81	0
Total - Charitable activities		**6,100**	**20,000**		**26,100**		**5,386**
Other trading activities		0	0		0		0
Investment-Bank Interest		0	0		0		0
Total Income		**9,957**	**20,000**		**29,957**		**7,750**
		0	0		0		0
Expenditure							
Office expenses		302	0		302		952
Insurance		420	0		420		420
Payroll		9,636	0		9,636		9,788
Rent & utilities		1,200	0		1,200		943
Educational Services		13	0		13		0
Project costs		0	0		0		0
Interfaith events		81	0		81		751
Total - Charitable activities		11,652	0		11,652		12,854
Fund-raising events		0	0		0		0
		0	0		0		0
Total expenditure		**11,652**	**0**		**11,652**		**12,854**
		0	0		0		0
Result for year		-1,695	20,000		18,305		-5,104
Funds Brought Forward		10,984	3,561		14,545		19,649
Funds Carried Forward		9,289	23,561		32,850		14,545

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There were no transfers between funds or other recognised gains or losses during either of the years ended 31 March 2024 or 2025.

The Statement of Financial Activities is also the Profit and Loss Account in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025

Company registered number 3218967

	2025	2024
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Assets		
Debtors and Prepayments	0	1,360
Cash at Bank and in hand	35,037	15,565
	35,037	**16,925**
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
amounts falling due within one year	2,996	2,380
Net current assets	**32,850**	**14,545**
Total assets less current liabilities	32,850	14,545
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
Net Assets	**32,850**	**14,545**
Represented by Funds		
Restricted Fund	23,561	3,561
Unrestricted Funds	9,289	10,984
	32,850	**14,545**

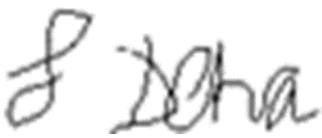
Directors' statement

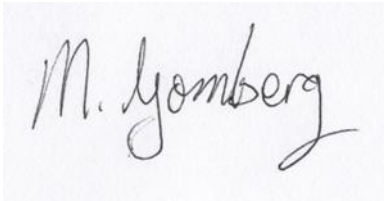
For the year ended 31 March 2025 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' Responsibilities

1. The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
2. The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.
3. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the FRS102 SORP.

On behalf of the Board 3 September 2025





Jasbinder Dehar
Chair

Martin Gomberg
Treasurer

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. Basis of preparation

Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in Accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102 version) published in 2019 and applicable accounting Standards.

The company is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There have been no changes in accounting policies or in accounting estimates during the year. No material prior year errors have been identified during the year.

Going Concern

The company is substantially dependent on grants and donations for the continuation of its work and the nature of these necessarily means there is some uncertainty about their continued receipt in future years. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and the Directors consider that this is appropriate, having regard to expectations of future grants and donations.

Reserves Policy

The Directors' policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover between 3 and 9 months of expenditure from unrestricted and non-designated funds, together with the potential redundancy costs which would arise in the event that the activities of the company were to be substantially reduced.

Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the Trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. Revenue grants receivable are credited to the relevant fund in accordance with the general income recognition criteria.

2. Fixed assets and depreciation

All assets have been depreciated to zero. Capital items costing in excess of £500 are capitalised as fixed assets and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 6 years. No new items in excess of £500 have been purchased in the last 6 years.

3. Donations and legacies

There were no legacies received in 2025 (2024:£nil). One unrestricted donation of £500 or more was received during the year for £1,926.23 (2024: one donation of £599.05).

4. Restricted Funds

Restricted funds of £20,000 were received from the Lottery Communities Fund none of which was spent this year. (2024: no funds were received)

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5. Fund-raising Events (net)

There have been no fund raising events this year

	2025	2024
Conference & AGM	-	81

6. Ivy Gutridge Fund

This Designated Fund (held as part of our Unrestricted Funds) was established by the Board of Trustees in 2005 to hold the Legacy received from Ivy Gutridge, MBE.

	2025	2024
Opening balance of Fund	5,507	5,507
Income (bank interest)	0	0
Expenditure	0	0
Closing balance of Fund	5,507	5,507

7. Fixed Assets

There are no fixed assets of value.

8. Debtors

There were no Debtors and prepayments recorded.

9. Creditors

No Accruals for costs incurred within the reporting period.

10. Provisions for liabilities

There is a provision for £2,996 for liabilities.

11. Employees

In the financial years 2024-2025 and 2023-24 there was one part time employee.

12. Reporting Expenditure categories simplification

The new expenditure category Office Expenses is the total of the old categories Office Expenses, Printing Postage & Stationary and Telephone and Internet.

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