BRITISH SHALOM-SALAAM TRUST Crossing Borders for Peace



Charity No: 1103211

Annual Report Mar 2015 - Feb 2016

From our Chair



I am delighted to present this Annual Report. You will see that we continue to give financial support to a very wide range of projects in both Palestine and Israel. They have included: *Fragments Theatre*, a tiny grassroots performing arts initiative in the Palestinian city of Jenin; *Microfy*, a burgeoning business training scheme supporting African refugees; Palestinan group *Tishreen*, which bravely and creatively addresses gun violence within the severely deprived and largely unpoliced Triangle region in central Israel; and our regular heartwarming project, *Min El Bahar*, the Tel Aviv based women's group that annually gets hundreds of West Bank children and their mothers through Israel's checkpoints to spend a day of joy at the seaside.

In Israel/Palestine it has been a tough year. A sleeping Palestinian village family were firebombed to death in mid summer by Jewish extremists. Individual killings escalated tragically: real fear is rife among Israeli Jews, more than thirty of whom have been killed by lone, mostly very young, Palestinians, near Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Meanwhile many more Palestinians have been shot dead, generally by security personnel, often 'on suspicion' that they were about to wound or kill a Jewish Israeli..... And all against a background of settlement building and demolition of Palestinian homes. In addition there are now concerted political and legislative attacks on human rights activists.

For *BSST* there has been some light in this gloom: despite the poor economic climate in the UK, an unprecedented number of individuals and charitable trusts have lent us their support. This means we have had sufficient funds to help many small projects in Israel and Palestine, run by committed individuals in very difficult circumstances.

Dr Gill Yudkin

Cris Gudken

Chair, BSST

2 November 2016

Who we are

The *British Shalom-Salaam Trust* is a Jewish initiative established in 2004. We have supporters from all faiths and none. We are the only British Jewish grant-giving charity whose sole role is to work within Israel's 1967 borders (the 'Green Line') and in the Occupied Territories (the West Bank including East Jerusalem, Golan and Gaza).

BSST has three ways of delivering public benefit under British charity law. We make our own small grants to applicant groups in Israel/Palestine; via our 'Post Box' service, we manage charitable donations secured in Britain by Israeli/Palestinian groups with no British charitable arm; and we make emergency appeals in times of urgent need (as in the bombing of Gaza).



Our grants policy: challenging oppression

Working closely with grassroots projects in Israel/Palestine, *BSST* is always aware of the injustices, disparities in power and destruction of democracy caused or exacerbated by the Occupation. We therefore seek to focus on groups that make it central to their purpose to *challenge oppression*, *injustice and disadvantage*, and that are committed to a *just resolution of the conflict in Israel/Palestine based on equality and mutual respect between all communities there.*



The groups we fund range through human rights, education, health, social care, anti-poverty, inter-communal cooperation, the environment, culture and sport.

BSST assists regardless of ethnicity or religion, giving grants to Palestinians, Jews and also African refugees and migrant workers from around the world who now live in Israel.

We are particularly keen to work with groups tackling difficult and contentious issues and new projects that may be overlooked by major funders.

Maximising access

BSST grant recipients may have paid staff and Israeli or Palestinian legal status analogous to a British charity. However, we are equally keen to help groups with minimal infrastructure who may be entirely volunteer-run and are likely to struggle for mainstream funding. Thus, our application process is simple: grant criteria posted on our website; an online user-friendly application form; requests accepted year-round; and report-back procedures tailored to the circumstances of each project.

Amounts given by **BSST**

Grants start from £1,000 and rarely exceed £5,000; and we continue to hope that, as organisations grow, our role can shrink. However, we realise it may be impossible for projects to achieve long term sustainability, so we often provide repeat funding.

Income Generation

As we do not have an endowment, grants and personal donations are our lifeblood. Since *BSST*'s formation, thousands of individuals have made gifts: Jews, Christians, Muslims, and those who assert no religious belief or identity. We have now initiated a proactive grant-seeking programme, applying to charitable trusts. We are truly grateful to all our donors, large and small, individuals and organisations, whose support enables us to contribute to building a just peace in Israel/Palestine. Our larger donations in 2015, ranging from £500 to many thousands of pounds, were:

M Albu, Balcombe Trust, Belacqua Charitable Trust, Brighton & Hove Progressive Synagogue, Calpe Trust, Centre for Innovation, Evan Cornish Foundation, Humanitarian Trust, Just Trust, P Levin, Social Justice Trust, Barnett & Sylvia Shine No. 1 & No 2 Charitable Trusts, Southall Trust, the Funding Network, Y Reynolds, C Ungerson, and one Trust that prefers to remain anonymous.

Thanks too to John Sharp, the Independent Examiner of our accounts, who, as always, donated his services.

Getting the word out

2015 saw a new *BSST* initiative, greetings cards, created for the Chanukah/Christmas period. These generated a small amount of income, but their first purpose was to get our name out to a wider audience.





Thanks to regular grant recipient, *Min El Bahar*, who allowed us to use their images.

Above: Peace picture created by families on a *Min El Bahar* trip to the sea.

Left: Mother and child looking out to sea.

The projects BSST supported in 2015-16

Al Amal/Hatikva, a small Arab/Jewish community environmental organisation in the Galilee, tackles problems ranging from sewage pollution of local waterways to asbestos in Palestinian schools. It runs joint Palestinian/Jewish initiatives including environmental improvement work, education and government lobbying.

BSST helped fund its youth project: arts and crafts activities, weekly field trips, and clean-up operations involving Palestinian and Jewish 12-16 year olds. Working together for the first time, they enjoy the experience of cooperation and of learning about each other's communities.

BSST Grant £2.5k

Teenage participants visiting a wind power facility in northern Israel



Arteam Garden Library: In a park in deprived south Tel Aviv, this outdoor community centre provides a multi-language library, cultural activities and a Children's Centre which arranges after-school and summer holiday activities for children and teenagers from the local refugee, asylum and migrant worker communities. It also runs a special project, the Levinski Team, targeting 'at risk' boys, providing them with leisure activities in a safe environment

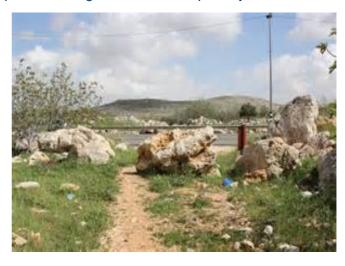


B'Tselem is a leading Israeli human rights organisation. *BSST* supported one of its more unusual projects, a 'small and really cool' film, in *B'Tselem*'s words, portraying the 'unremarkable village of Burquah'. *B'Tselem* explain they chose this village precisely because it is unexceptional and represents 'the occupation's routine'.

'Like many other villages, Burqah endures severe travel restrictions . . . It is also subject to massive land-grabs and restrictive planning, which have turned it into a derelict, crowded and backward village with half its population living at or below the poverty line. .

.. our interactive film will take you on a visit .. to a high school, clinic, kindergarten, and farm, hearing first-hand stories from residents, an elderly woman, a nurse, a farmer, high school students. It will include a map, photos, videos, testimonies, a huge amount of information.

The film gives a voice to real people who are left invisible by the media, and provides the visitor with meticulous data about the effects of the occupation on Burqah. . . . showing how the settlements and their interests play a central role in Israel's planning, even at the cost of grave harm to Palestinian residents . . . how a legal-administrative web stifles a village . .'





Above: dirt road out of the village which has been blocked by the IDF. Metalled roads are also regularly blocked by boulders, checkpoints etc.

Left: grafitti left by settlers on a village mosque.

BSST Grant £3.6k <u>www.btselem.org</u>

Combatants for Peace, an internationally recognised and enormously brave Israeli-Palestinian peace movement, unites former soldiers and paramilitaries. They work together to end violence, via humanitarian aid, joint community projects and human rights campaigns.

BSST repeated its grant to CfP's annual Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony, which always gains wide media exposure and attracts new Combatants members.



www.cfpeace.org



Elhawakeer takes its name from the Arabic word for the small plots of land worked by Palestinian women to provide food for their families. This Galilee-based group promotes the rights of rural Palestinian communities via many creative economic and social initiatives.



BSST's grant will buy tools and

irrigation equipment for the second phase of a project providing groups of women farmers with training in good farming and environmental practices. The project will deliver improved land quality and increased productivity, so the women have surplus produce to sell, raising their self-esteem, offering some financial independence and helping to lift their families out of poverty.

BSST Grant £2.9k

www.elhawakeer.org

Empower GAZA: Solar Panels for Gaza hospitals. Campaigning group, *Jews for Justice for Palestinians*, asked its supporters to send funds to *BSST* for this Canadian-initiated project to overcome the constant and lengthy power outages within Gaza. The aim is to provide sufficient solar panels for four hospitals to ensure they are independent of Gaza's hugely overloaded electricity grid supply.

'Power outages remain a daily reality in the Gaza strip, lasting more than 16 hours a day. Sick patients are especially vulnerable in hospitals, where insufficient power often decides between life or death. Patients in Gaza are needlessly suffering. . . .

The EmpowerGAZA project will save lives by installing solar panels on four major hospitals. This solar energy will provide reliable and green energy to emergency rooms, intensive care units, and operating theatres. Solar power will make hospitals self reliant and will empower Gaza hospitals in a sustainable way!

Post Box transfer £1.9k islamicreliefcanada.org



Fragments Theatre is a tiny, young, but highly productive grassroots arts project based in Jenin, with a growing international profile. Its founders - local actors, filmmakers and technicians - were inspired by Juliano Mer-Khamis, the Palestinian/Israeli director who cofounded Jenin's *Freedom Theatre*, and was assassinated in 2011.

Unlike the *Freedom Theatre*, whose audiences and participants come from the refugee camp, *Fragments* focuses on the people of Jenin City itself.



This year *Fragments* plans a play created by emerging Palestinian theatre workers and a mass participation video project. Its application to *BSST*, for a tiny amount of core funding comprising 45% of its total annual budget, enabled its Palestinian woman director to work at *Fragments*, rather than having to take other jobs.

BSST Grant £2.4k

www.fragmentstheatre.org



Hebron International Resource Network (HIRN) is a network of extraordinary projects serving the most needy Palestinians in one of the West Bank cities where the Israeli Occupation is experienced most directly and openly.





Run entirely by volunteers, its activities include kindergartens, school improvements (especially in girls' schools), an agricultural scheme, and visiting facilities for foreign visitors. It is immensely creative in its fundraising (see both images – skydiving and a boys and girls marathon running team) and has built an impressive network of overseas supporters.

Post Box transfer £33.0k https://www.facebook.com/HIRN-388180624554795

Humans Without Borders is a tiny Israeli grassroots group assisting Palestinian children from the West Bank who need medical treatment that is only available in Israeli hospitals.

As well as funding treatment, *HWB* negotiates entry permits to Israel, provides free transport from checkpoint to hospital via a team of volunteers and helps with communication between parents and medical staff. It also organizes two annual 'fun' events for the children it helps. This year it sought core funding, explaining,



'We are constantly struggling to obtain the basic sums required with core funding we could continue supporting dozens of Palestinian families with sick children, unhampered by struggling to obtain small contributions. . . .

Seeing the deep bonds fostered between the families and the HWB volunteers, these are clear indications that what we are doing is successful.'

Left: Children on a HWB fun day

BSST Grant £5.0k <u>www.humans-without-borders.org</u>

Interfaith Centre for Sustainable Development This Jerusalem-based group promotes 'a common religious vision for sustainable development'. Along with *Rabbis* for *Human Rights*, it runs workshops on environmental issues and human coexistence for Jewish, Muslim and Christian seminary students.



BSST funded an Interfaith Ecology Project. It focuses on women's leadership, bringing together Christian, Muslim and Jewish women participants from a wide variety of backgrounds, encouraging cross-cultural friendships and partnerships, educating the participants about sustainability and addressing the specific environmental challenges of the Jerusalem area. By the end, the participants are able to build a network of advocates and leaders for their communities.

BSST Grant £2.1k

www.interfaithsustain.com

Iqrit Community Association is a Palestinian Christian group seeking the right to rebuild their Upper Galilee village from which they were evicted in 1948. At the time, they were told they could return in a few weeks, but they have never been allowed to do so and the village has now been destroyed. Alongside continuing legal battles, the widely dispersed population comes back to Iqrit to hold an annual young people's summer camp among the village ruins.



For the second time, *BSST* supported *Iqrit's* Arab-Jewish cultural event, including ceramic art workshops and a concert by Arab and Jewish musicians.

Iqrit also ran discussions between Jewish and Palestinian youngsters. In reporting back to *BSST*, Iqrit were very honest in acknowledging the difficulty and tensions that arose in these joint discussions, especially when larger numbers of participants were involved.

BSST Grant £2.0k <u>www.iqrit.org</u>

Israel Social TV is a web-based media organisation which exposes human rights violations and supports communities threatened by the Israeli Occupation. It produces short films focusing on events largely ignored by the mainstream media. The images here are of a Jewish mother and a



BSST Grant £1.0k <u>tv.social.org.il</u>



Palestinian father campaigning together against the local authority's refusal to allow a bilingual school for their children in Jaffa.

BSST has a long standing relationship with ISTV. This year we responded to an end of year financial appeal, as well as planning a joint fundraising effort to make a series of films about the Bedouin.

Jenin Freedom Theatre is an internationally-famous community-based cultural centre offering acting, filmmaking, creative writing, psychodrama, photography. It is notable for involving girls and women as well as boys and men. During 2015 the theatre undertook a hugely successful British tour of its play 'The Siege'.

Guardian review of The Siege: ... an unexpectedly compelling theatrical experience with a rough and ready energy, and, in the very act of its telling, speaks for the voiceless and forgotten.

Audience comments in Britain: Such a great piece of theatre and passionate acting. Rarely see such depth in the UK; Uncomfortable, heartbreaking, brilliant; Had me in tears at the end. Everyone must see it; Powerful, painful, passionate play. Authentic acting beyond the craft. Truth beyond the art.

Post Box Transfer £2.8k

www.thefreedomtheatre.org



Kafa Association for Social Change in the Negev: Israel is engaged in wholesale movement of Israel's rural Bedouin population into government-sponsored urban

locations. These massively under-resourced and overcrowded towns suffer from poverty, high unemployment, inadequate housing, serious substance abuse and widespread crime.

Local activist group, *Kafa*, works among the towns' most deprived Bedouin, seeking to equip residents with the knowledge and skills to engage as citizens and voters, so that they can start to combat their problems.

BSST Grant** £3.0k**



Al Manarah (The Lighthouse) is a Nazareth-based Palestinian grassroots disability organization, campaigning for people with disabilities to be treated equally, in the

Palestinian community and in wider Israeli society. It provides legal representation, information, education and leisure activities.

BSST funded the expansion of its international audio library collection to include 100 new children's books, which are recorded for visually impaired children in Arabic and will be available over the Internet including through a phone app.

BSST Grant £2.0k <u>www.almanarah.org</u>



Al Nahda Palestine Association, a tiny community psychosocial project from a small town close to Gaza city, provides help to two hundred families. Traumatised children have play, art, drama and counselling sessions, while their parents are taught how to identify and deal with childhood emotional trauma.

The project also spreads knowledge and understanding beyond its direct client group, so it teaches parents how to share their new-found expertise on childhood trauma with other parents in their wider community.



BSST Grant £2.4k

Microfy is a microfinance organization catering solely to refugees. It trains (mostly) African asylum seekers in business skills and, via small loans and consultancy, helps them set up their own enterprises and become independent. Since asylum-seekers live in limbo – unable to get refugee status, yet barred from applying for jobs till their status is regularised - *Microfy*'s services can be crucial to their families' survival.

Via two projects, supported at either end of 2015, *BSST* funded a training handbook, entrepreneurship courses and an asylum-seekers forum.



Microfy trainee

BSST Grant £6.9k

www.microfy.org

Min el Bahar: Sea Holidays for Palestinian Children. Israeli checkpoints prevent West Bank Palestinian families reaching the Mediterranean under their own steam.

So, each summer, the four Tel Aviv grandmothers who founded *Min el Bahar*, organize transport, meals and entertainment for dozens of day trips to the coast, and, crucially, negotiate with the Israeli Defence Forces to ensure it is all possible.

In summer 2014, thirteen hundred West Bank Palestinian children and parents, should have enjoyed one of these seaside days out. However, the





Gaza war meant only seven of the twenty four trips planned could take place. *BSST* allowed unspent monies to be carried over, so this year we provided top up funding only.

Since then, thanks to the immense generosity of members of *The Funding Network*, we have secured a donation which guarantees funding for *Min el Bahar* for the next three years.

"Thanks to you, dear friends, we hope the idea behind the sea days, and the human encounter with the Palestinian children and their mothers can grow beyond the small group we have created together, into the hearts of a greater community, and melt the suspicion and fear between Israelis and Palestinians. You gave us strength, enthusiasm and hope . . ."

BSST Grant £2.5k www.minelbahar.com

Palestine Trauma Centre Established in 2007, *PTC* provides a rapid-reaction force of therapeutic workers who go out from their Gaza City base to support families, children and other vulnerable individuals traumatized by ongoing conflict and occupation.

BSST donated to their 'Friday of Joy' initiative that takes therapeutic drama, games, painting and music onto the streets every Friday. PTC's wonderful video of this project can be seen on our website



BSST Grant £5.0k

www.ptcuk.org

South Hebron Hills Women's Group. *BSST* has a longstanding relationship with the tiny, isolated and poverty stricken South Hebron Hills villages, whose residents' entire lives focus on resisting the Israeli Defence Forces demolition of their homes. In summer 2015, *BSST* funded two children's summer camps. Fatma, one of the local residents who organised the camps, later wrote to *BSST* in English....

.. thank you from the bottom of my heart ... Things here in susya have been very difficult - we live under constant threat of demolition. The funding allowed us to run valuable activities for the children of susya and umm al—kheir. We ran summer camp on 12 days in each village each having 47 children. The remaining funding was put to use to buy such things as paint and ather materials and food.'

BSST Grant £3.5k





Tent of Nations is a Palestinian Christian project uniting young people of different cultures and religions. Its core is Daher's Vineyard, an organic farm near Bethlehem, whose family owners maintain a constant personal presence to avoid its seizure by the Israeli state. Young people from across the world come to work on the farm and support its owners.

Post Box transfer £12.5k www.tentofnations.ora

Tishreen, a Palestinian community group in Taybeh City, in the Triangle area of north central Israel, first came to *BSST* in 2014, when we funded their creative and high profile campaign against the gun violence from local organised crime.

This year, *Tishreen* has established several new projects: empowering women economically, developing youth leadership, mentoring young people in higher education and raising children's social awareness. *BSST* supplied core funding, to support the group's overall infrastructure.

BSST Grant £4K

tishreen.net/about-tishreen



Unitaf provides desperately needed high quality childcare for African refugees and other migrant workers whose communities are concentrated in the rundown and poverty-stricken south of Tel Aviv and now comprise at least 10% of the city's population.



BSST supported a project to provide training for pre-school teachers so they can identify at-risk children as early as possible. The teachers will then be able to provide these children with the social skills to cope with the school setting, and their parents with information about specialist care services.

BSST Grant £3.7k www.unitaf.org

The Villages Group is a small Jewish/Palestinian group working in the South Hebron Hills and near Nablus. It is deeply involved in the Palestinian villagers' struggles to educate their children, prevent their land being seized and stop their homes being destroyed.

The *Villages Group* is clear about the inherent disparity in power between itself and the villagers, and about its determination to build partnerships, working *with* rather than doing good *to* the villagers.



The Umm El Khair kindergarten supported by the Villages Grou

Group members support the villagers in identifying suitable projects where they can help themselves and then raises funds so that the projects can be implemented.

BSST has known the Villages Group many years; in the early days we gave it many grants, but now we mostly provide our Post Box service, transferring the funds the Group has raised through its own impressive fundraising efforts.

Post Box Transfer £3.0k <u>villagesgroup.wordpress.com</u>

Yod Bet B'Heshvan, a Religious-Zionist organisation describing itself as 'a watchdog against extremism, incitement and violence within Jewish Israeli society'. The group coordinates the *Tag Meir* coalition ('Bright Tag' - a play on *Tag Machir*, the racist 'Price Tag' attacks by religious Israeli Jews against Muslims and Christians in Israel).

Tag Meir unites over fifty religious and secular organisations in its extensive programme: visiting Price Tag victims, taking part in vigils and demonstrations, running traditional and social media campaigns. It aims to stop violence, ensure perpetrators are prosecuted and help create a genuine public commitment to interreligious tolerance. BSST provided funds for media, campaigning and publicity costs.



BSST Grant £2.0k Facebook.com/tagmeirisrael tagmeiren.media-sb.co.il

BSST Governance and Trustees

BSST has no paid staff, premises or equipment. Its trustees, all with extensive voluntary sector experience and indepth expertise on Israel/Palestine, carry out all functions including appointing and training new Board members. New trustees are recruited by personal contact and by advertisement.

Trustee meetings are held every four to six weeks, where decisions regarding general policy, income generation and grant allocation are made. During 2015-16 the Board comprised

CHAIR: Dr Gillian Yudkin, retired GP

SECRETARY: Naomi Wayne, retired charity chief executive

TREASURER: Colin Wainwright, IT specialist

TRUSTEE FOR INCOME GENERATION: Dr David Sperlinger, retired clinical psychologist

Prof. Anthony Bale, Professor of European Medieval Literature

Vavi Hillel, retired special needs teacher

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British Shalom-Salaam Trust Accounts for the year ending 28 February 2016

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

		2015-16			2014-15		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations received	(1)	95,707	78,794	174,500	81,024	54,621	135,645
Events		1,115		1,115	6,510		6,510
Bank Interest		12		12	3		3
Total Income		96,834	78,794	175,627	87,537	54,621	142,158
Expenditure							
Charitable Activities	(2)	64,005	56,372	120,377	79,056	45,105	124,161
Publicity/Fundraising	(3)	1,252	0	1,252	5,077	0	5,077
Governance	(4)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration	(5)	72	0	72	72	0	72
Trustee Expenses	(6)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent Exam ⁿ .	(7)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure		65,329	56,372	121,701	84,205	45,105	129,310
Surplus/Deficit		31,504	22,422	53,926	3,332	9,516	12,848
Reserves brought forward		22457	13,247	35,704	19,125	3,731	22,856
Reserves carried forward		53,961	35,669	89,630	22,457	13,247	35,704

BALANCE SHEET

	28.2.16	28.2.15
Note	£	£
	83,004	31,000
(8)	6,626	4,704
	89,630	35,704
(9)		
	35,704	22,856,
	53,926	12,848
	89,630	35704
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Notes to the Accounts

Basis of Accounting
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Required Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Recording Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

1	Donations Received	2015-16	2014-15
•	Donations for unrestricted funds	92380	77349
	Gift Aid on donations for unrestricted funds	337	3675
	Donations for restricted funds	75118	50933
	Gift Aid on donations for restricted funds	3676	3688
	Events	1115	6510
		£175615	£142155
2	Charitable Activities		
	Grants from unrestricted funds	63447	78378
	Grants from restricted funds	56372	45105
	Bank Charges	558	678
		£120377	£124161
3	Publicity/Fundraising		
	Events	511	4450
	Printing/Postage/Stationery	368	313
	Website & leaflet	374	314
	Miscellaneous	0	0
		£1252	£5077
4	Governance		
	Travel & Miscellaneous	£0	£0
5	Administration		
	Bank charges	72	72
	Printing/Postage/Stationery	0	0
	Travel & Miscellaneous	0	0
		£72	£72
6	Trustee Expenses		
	Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0	0
7	Fees for examination or audit of the account		
	Ind. Examiner/Advice/Consultancy/Accountancy etc	0	0

8	Debtors	Accounts falling due within one year		Accounts falling due after more than one year	
		2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15
	Charities Aid Foundation	0	0	0	0
	HMRC (Gift Aid)	6626	4704	0	0
	Total	£6626	£4704	£0	£0
9	Reserves	B/fwd	2015-16	c/fwd	
	Unrestricted funds	22457	31504	53961	
	Restricted funds	13247	22422	35669	
		£35704	£53926	£89630	

Independent Examiner's Report to the British Shalom-Salaam Trust (BSST) Trustees

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 28th February 2016, which are set out in this report.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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John P Sharp 126 Harland Avenue, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7PA

26th October 2016

The Accounts and Annual Report have been approved by the Board of the British Shalom-Salaam Trust and signed on their behalf by

Crim Yudkin, Chair

Colin Wainwright, Treasurer

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