



BISHOP HO MING WAH ASSOCIATION AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

何明華會督協會暨社區中心

Company No. 1844642 Registered Charity No. 290398

Patron : The Most Revd. Dr. Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong

Summarised Annual Report & Financial Statements For year ending 31 March 2016

Our Mission is to enhance and improve the quality of life of all residents, particularly the Chinese community, in London through support, influence, information and enrichment.

Our Values are built on our history and the voluntary, compassionate commitment of the Association's founders. We are **open to all**, whatever their personal faith, ethnic or cultural background. We provide a holistic approach, **caring for the whole person**: body, mind and spirit, with **compassionate** and relevant care for those in need.

The Association relies greatly on voluntary help. In 2016 over 45 volunteers assisted with frontline services and fundraising events, enabling a greater variety of activities and lower staff costs than would otherwise be possible. Most volunteers are members of the community centre.

Partnership work with Oasis in China Town gave us the opportunity to run a Homework Club providing tuition for immigrant Chinese children. The generous support from St Giles-in-the-Fields and William Shelton Educational Charity has allowed this project to continue beyond two years.

The membership of our **Community Centre** stood at 850 as of 31 March 2016. Our members are predominantly senior Chinese migrants (80+ %), but increasingly we attract people from other ethnic groups. Over 260 people took part in activities organised by the Centre, with an average attendance of 180 per week. The fact that they travelled from across Greater London and nearby counties clearly indicates the need for and the importance of our work to them and the Chinese community. Informed by our members, we shaped the charitable activities in three main areas:

1. Supporting those who are in need

Befriending – paying home visits to 49 elderly residents in London, followed up by regular phone contacts

Homework Club – running small group tutorial sessions over the school terms for up to 12 immigrant children

Information & Interpretation Service – completed 38 requests

Counselling & Listening Service – supported 3 cases with care and in confidence



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2. Staying active, healthy and independent



Tai Chi Practice – 145 classes for 30 per class
Tai Chi Sword – extended time for advanced Tai Chi players
Line Dance – 94 classes for 22 per class
'Move to Music' – 7 sessions for 13 per class
Walks for Health – 9 walks organised in warmer months, with an average attendance of 20



Luncheon Club – serving 3,915 freshly cooked, healthy Chinese meals over 116 sessions. Festivities held monthly with special menu.



Health Talks – 11 talks given by professionals for over 20 participants
'Chat After Lunch' – 11 forums on news and current affairs with 16 participants

3. Promoting social cohesion through education and enrichment



Chinese Painting - 30 classes ran for 12 per class
Chinese Calligraphy - 30 classes for 10 per class
English Class - 40 classes for 10 per class
Chinese Class - 40 classes for 36 per class



Family Outings – Trip to Tonbridge in August 2015 attracted 49
Museum Visits - 4 visits to museums / art academies benefitting 55.

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Financial Review

We need about £100,000 a year to run the Community Centre. In 2016 saving was made in staff costs by keeping a fulltime post unfilled. Other expenditure rose by around 6% comparing to last year. Income has exceeded budget, owing to the generous gifts from individuals, trusts and a legacy from a past community centre member. Overall an operating surplus of £22,000 was achieved at the end of 2016 financial year.

The Association has a reserve of about 12 months' expenditure on unrestricted funds. Reserves are closely monitored ensuring the service level of charitable activities is maintained in the event of a significant drop in income.

Plans for the Future

We believe that the breadth and accessibility of our programme will demonstrate without any doubt the public benefit that our work brings to the community. We will direct resources towards work that makes a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people living in London. This includes implementing a high quality Befriending service, extending Homework Club beyond primary school age and overhauling some long-running services.

A major concern for the Association will be ongoing financial sustainability given that we receive no public resources and increasingly we struggle with grant funding. Despite the financial pressure we are committed to keeping our services accessible and affordable to those who are in need.

Fundraising events will be organised, for general or specific appeal, to encourage volunteer involvement and donor support. We will utilise established fundraising channels making it easy and safe to donate. There will be more dedicated effort towards promoting what we do and why we make a difference. We shall continue to strengthen our links to the Chinese community, organisations and agencies in Westminster, St Martin-in-the-Fields Church and other charities.

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us financially, donated goods and services to us, campaigned for us; and volunteered their time and skills. Thanks must also go to all our centre members, who we have the privilege of working with and serving.

Please help us bring warmth, friendship and support into the lives of many who will benefit from our work. Please join with us and send a donation to **Bishop Ho Ming Wah Association**. You can also help by volunteering with us, and let others know about our work, inspiring them to support us.

Alice Chan
Chair, Board of Trustees

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

	Unrestricted Funds 2016	Restricted Funds 2016	Total 2016	Total 2015
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income	71,745	5,000	76,745	47,002
Investment income	1,971		1,971	1,768
Incoming resources from charitable activities	31,620		31,620	35,321
	<u>105,336</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>110,336</u>	<u>84,091</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable expenditure	82,385	3,943	86,328	82,359
Governance costs	1,951	-	1,951	570
	<u>84,336</u>	<u>3,943</u>	<u>88,279</u>	<u>82,929</u>
NET (OUTGOING)INCOMING RESOURCES	21,000	1,057	22,057	1,162
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES				
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments	(1,942)	-	(1,942)	2,853
	19,058	1,057	20,115	4,015
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2015	94,827	4,173	98,950	94,935
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31 MARCH 2016	<u>£ 113,885</u>	<u>£ 5,230</u>	<u>£ 119,065</u>	<u>£ 98,950</u>

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2016

	2016	2015
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	1,581	1,762
Investments	68,813	55,755
	<u>70,394</u>	<u>57,517</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	51,016	44,619
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,345)	(3,186)
	<u>48,671</u>	<u>41,433</u>
	<u>£ 119,065</u>	<u>£ 98,950</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Unrestricted income funds	113,885	94,827
Restricted income funds	5,180	4,123
	<u>£ 119,065</u>	<u>£ 98,950</u>

The full report and accounts are available on request