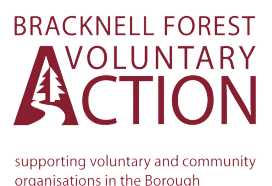


Bracknell Forest

# Faith & Belief in Action 2010



What is the devil, after all? Just my own weaknesses, my own lack of courage, the problem I can't face, the bit of my own self I can't love. We are our own devils. I used to fight my devils in prayer, but now I send them up in jokes.

*Rabbi Lionel Blue*

God used the prophet Jeremiah to encourage God's people to 'get involved' with life in the city

*Taken from the Old Testament*

'A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.'

*Mohammed*

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# Chapter 2

## Introduction

Funded by Faiths in Action, this is a unique opportunity to provide a snapshot of the contribution and valuable work of the many faith and belief organisations in Bracknell Forest and show both the real and economic contribution to the borough and civil society.

The purpose of this audit is to help partners understand where and how faith communities impact the borough and its communities, and identify potential opportunities to help bring about beneficial change for Bracknell Forest residents.

Bracknell Forest covers 109 square kilometres of central Berkshire, 28 miles west of London, and includes the former New town of Bracknell, together with the village of Crowthorne and Sandhurst Town, along with a number of smaller villages and settlements. The borough's population is 113,500 (2007 estimate) and contains six parishes and 18 wards. It is made up of a mix of rural and urban areas each with its unique set of needs and issues.

The general perception of the borough is one of affluence, however, like most towns and cities across the UK, there are significant pockets of deprivation.

Culturally the population is predominantly white of Christian religion, but growing and increasingly becoming a more diverse mix. Figures from the 2001 Census reported 72% Christian, 18% no religion, 7.4% not stated, with all others totalling 2.4%.

The majority of residents consider themselves to be 'White British' in origin, however since 2001 the numbers of school pupils from minority ethnic groups has grown from 6.1% to 14% in 2008. Additional evidence shows that ethnic trends are changing, for example a growing significant and predominantly Hindu Nepali community, largely due to the presence of the Gurkha Regiment at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst.

Although Bracknell Forest is less ethnically diverse than England as a whole, it is important that the speed of change in ethnicity in the Borough is recognised.

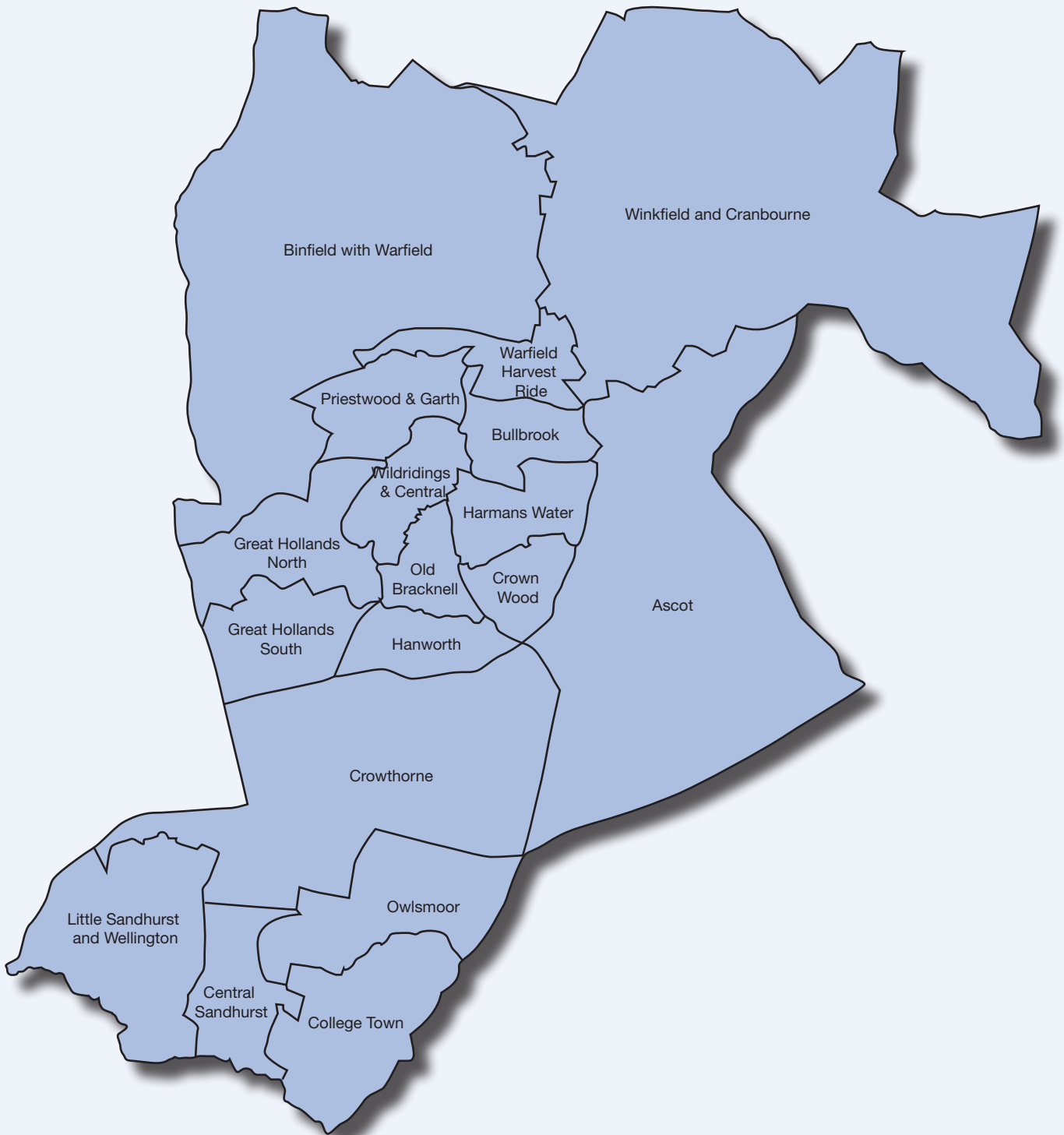
45 survey forms were sent out (following removal of duplicates and defunct groups/organisations from the data base) with a January 2010 deadline. The contents of the survey have been collated to form the basis of this report, to be delivered at the inaugural Bracknell Forest 'Faith & Belief in Action' conference Easthampstead Baptist Church on Tuesday March 9th 2010 along-side further discussion about the development of a Faith and Belief Forum.

The project is managed through Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action, as a neutral and independent body, in co-operation with all relevant partners.



# Wards in Bracknell Forest

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# Chapter 3



## Methodology

The purpose of the mapping exercise is not only to show the value and benefit to Bracknell Forest but to highlight the multitude of faith and belief based organisations and the wide range of services they offer. The ultimate goal is to develop a Faith and Belief Forum to promote improved understanding, cooperation and community communication and cohesion. Bracknell Forest has the advantage of following in the footsteps of the many successful interfaith fora around the region, with a wealth of experience to share. Plus through the South East England Faiths Forum (SEEFF) based in Guildford, through the use of internet technology a wider email support network could easily be established.

Creating a fully functioning faith and belief forum can be seen as one of strategic importance and synergy across all sectors, giving all faith and belief organisations a stronger public voice. The challenge for all our different sectors, including the faith sector, is to prioritise engagement and to avoid parochialism and isolationism, together with suspicion and fear, which only serves to divide and not unite.

Every effort was made to ensure the widest distribution of survey forms to cover all known faith and belief organisations operating in Bracknell Forest. Survey forms were also sent to organisations that may have Bracknell Forest residents attending but without a base in Bracknell (unfortunately most declined to respond).

## Partners

The process of publicising the mapping exercise began following the submission of the original bid to Faiths in Action in November 2008 utilising the established working partnerships already in existence. In addition, the audit was publicised with Borough partners through a number of forums that included senior officials from police, health, neighbourhood management, Bracknell Forest Council departments and voluntary and community groups. This task was carried out in advance of the sending out of the questionnaire.

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## Questionnaire

Many of our partner agencies were involved in the initial development of the questionnaire; the final draft was piloted with Pastor Chris Porter of Easthampstead Baptist Church and Madeline Diver Bracknell Forest Christian Network, to ensure that the questions were unambiguous and the language transferable across faiths. The contents were predominantly focused on establishing the type and level of voluntary activity occurring outside of the main acts of worship and the level of existing partnership work.

The questionnaire was initially distributed by post and subsequently followed by hand delivery and email versions on request. As an incentive to return the completed forms, a prize draw in the amount of £250 will be drawn at the conference for all completed returns.

Follow-up was carried out after 4 weeks by mail, email, telephone and face to face meetings.

## Participants

Included the following participants:

- Baha'i
- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim

Within the Christian sample, the following denominations took part:

- Anglican
- Baptist
- Church of England
- Evangelical
- Methodist
- Roman Catholic
- Seventh Day Adventist (Pentecostal)
- United Reform Church

Forms were also sent (but not returned or declined to participate) to: The Jewish Community, all surrounding local Mosques, the Humanist Society and several smaller faith organisations in Berkshire. The full list of participants can be found at appendix B.





## Survey Analysis

The survey has set out to analyse and interpret the existing activity and partnership working. The data recorded should provide opportunities to:-

- Celebrate and value the work and activities of faith based organisations
- Identify those faith groups already working in partnership and willing to engage with other groups/ partners.
- Identify areas for potential co-operation.
- Identify those groups willing to develop activities that contribute to Bracknell Forest priorities.
- Identify gaps in community need and explore ways of addressing them.
- Bring together those groups willing to participate in a Faith and Belief Forum.
- Raise awareness of each others faiths and find common ground and shared vision.
- Develop a strong influential voice on behalf of faith communities.



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## The Challenges

An emerging picture shows that increasing numbers of faith groups are engaged in social action, serving, listening and providing holistic services to individuals and the wider community. Acknowledged for their stability and permanence, faith groups make a unique contribution, often having buildings situated at the heart of neighbourhoods with, in many cases, highly committed volunteers motivated because of the values that come out of their beliefs.

Our mapping shows that faith groups in Bracknell Forest already contribute significantly to their local communities. However, this report highlights the challenges that face Bracknell Forest and the many opportunities for improved partnership working and capacity building within the faith communities. Faith communities sometimes find it easier to work with secular partners than to cross the cultural boundaries of working with other faith traditions. This can cause issues of duplication and competition which can prevent effective joint working and, sometimes unintentionally, find faith groups competing with each other for resources and funding.

## Partnership Working

Despite the promotion of faith community involvement by national and regional government, there are still misunderstandings and challenges that face partnership opportunities. Faith communities are diverse with many different belief traditions; therefore partners need to ensure that faith representation takes minority faiths into account. Working in partnership with faith groups needs to be carried out in such a way that it does not detract them from doing what they do, or compromise their faith beliefs. During the survey, some verbalised reservations and concerns that they would possibly be expected to replace the work carried out by statutory agencies culminating in a situation where these agencies would dictate the design of services, directing them into something which was never intended.

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## Barriers to Partnerships

Whilst most partners are open and supportive of faith community involvement, others can be unresponsive and suspicious. This suspicion with a degree of stereotyping says that, the motivation for faith communities to do what they do is to enable them to evangelise their faith. This can be particularly difficult when faith groups apply for funding, in some instances being singled out and excluded simply because of belonging to a faith community.

## Capacity Building

In the majority of cases, faith groups aim to provide professional services. However, the reality for some is that resources are being stretched and overloaded by increasing demands of legislation and funding requirements. For others just starting out, there awaits a minefield of policies, processes and procedures. As we acknowledge that faith groups are increasingly helping to meet the needs of the challenges here in Bracknell Forest, we must also recognise the need to invest in their capacity.

## Faith and Belief Forum

Bringing together representatives from different faith and belief traditions, the Faith and Belief Forum will seek to promote better understanding across faith groups along with improved working amongst secular partners. It will also give those Partners in the Forum a stronger voice with statutory agencies and in particular, the Community Cohesion arena.



# Chapter 4

## Survey Headlines

Total Forms distributed: **45**  
 Number returned: **24**  
 Return Rate: **53.33%**

<b>Christian based organisations</b>	
Church of England	4
Anglican	4
Non denominational	1
United Reformed Church	1
Fellowship of independent Evangelical Churches	1
Links to all denominations	1
Seventh Day Adventist	1
Roman Catholic	1
Methodist	1
Anglican and Methodist	1
Baptist	3
<b>Others</b>	
Muslim	2
Baha'i	1
Hindu	2

Total weekly attendance (Worship) **6125**  
 Under 16's **1630**  
 Adults **4495**  
 Total number of projects **106**

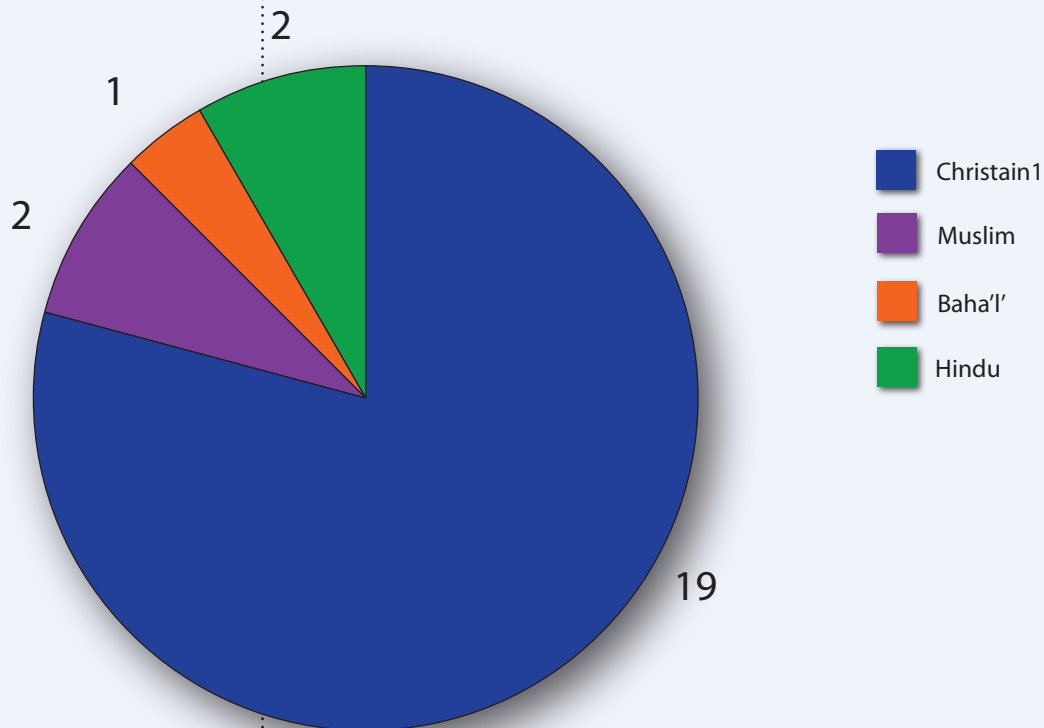
Older People	10
Parent/Mothers/Carers & Toddlers/Babies	15
Children	21
Teenagers	15
Families	3
Faith based groups	3
General/All	34
Disabled/learning difficulties	5

Number of attendees per week (services/activities) **5291**  
 Number of employees **31 FTE**  
**15 PT**  
**9 Others**

Total number of volunteers **731**  
 Total volunteers hours per week (83.88 FTE) **2067**  
 Total volunteer hours per year **107,484**  
 Economic contribution (national min wage £5.80) **£623,407**  
 At a more realistic £10.00 per hour **£1,074,840**

# Chapter 5

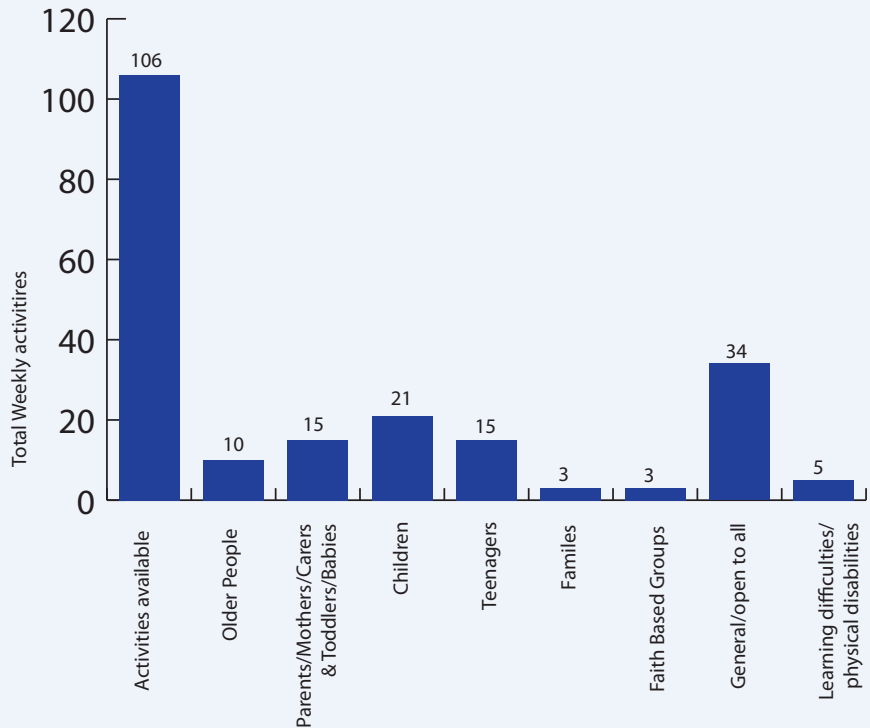
## Survey Returns



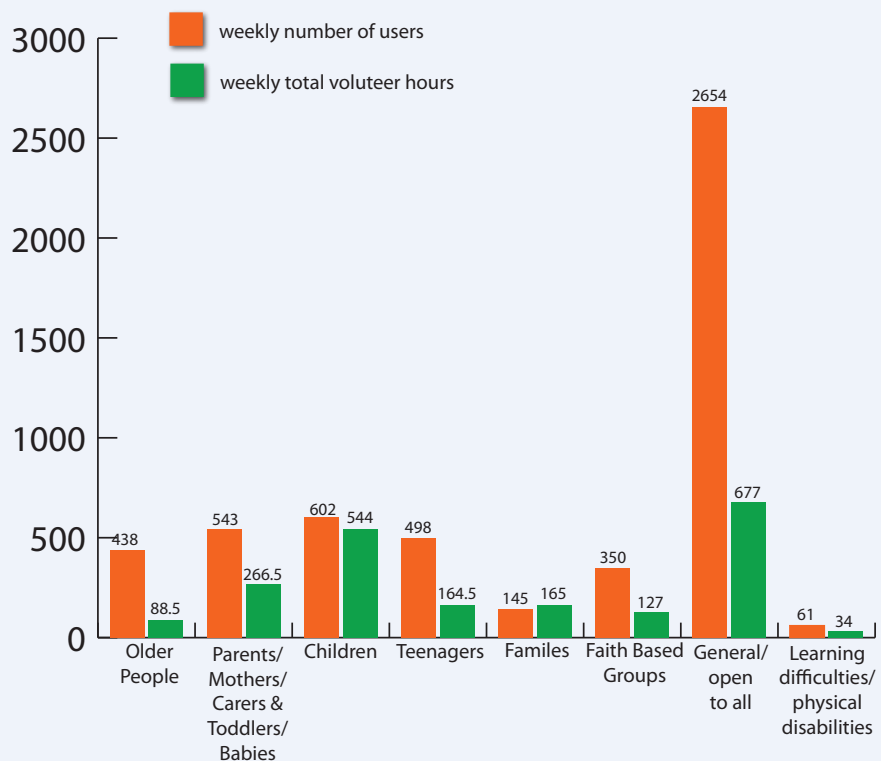
- A total of 45 survey forms were distributed, 24 were returned, giving a return rate of 53.33%.
- All respondents together have a weekly attendance of 6125 at principle acts of worship/devotion, which is approximately 5.4% of the population of Bracknell Forest. The average attendance in the UK is approximately 10%, if we take our sample as representative, this would work out at 10.16% of the Bracknell Forest population.
- Of the 24 respondents 14 have their own buildings, the others utilise community halls or members private residences.
- 12 of the respondents offer rooms for hire, 8 are fully and 4 partly compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. 11 have a hearing loop system and 13 offer dedicated parking.
- Of the 24 respondents, 8 were registered charities, with 5 in the process of applying for charitable status.

Total Weekly Activities

- All together, the responding faith organisations are involved in 106 projects/initiatives aimed at benefitting the local community, with a total of 5291 people accessing these activities.
- In an average week 602 children and young people, 438 older people, 543 parent and toddlers, 498 teenagers, 145 families, 61 people with learning difficulties/physical disabilities access these activities.

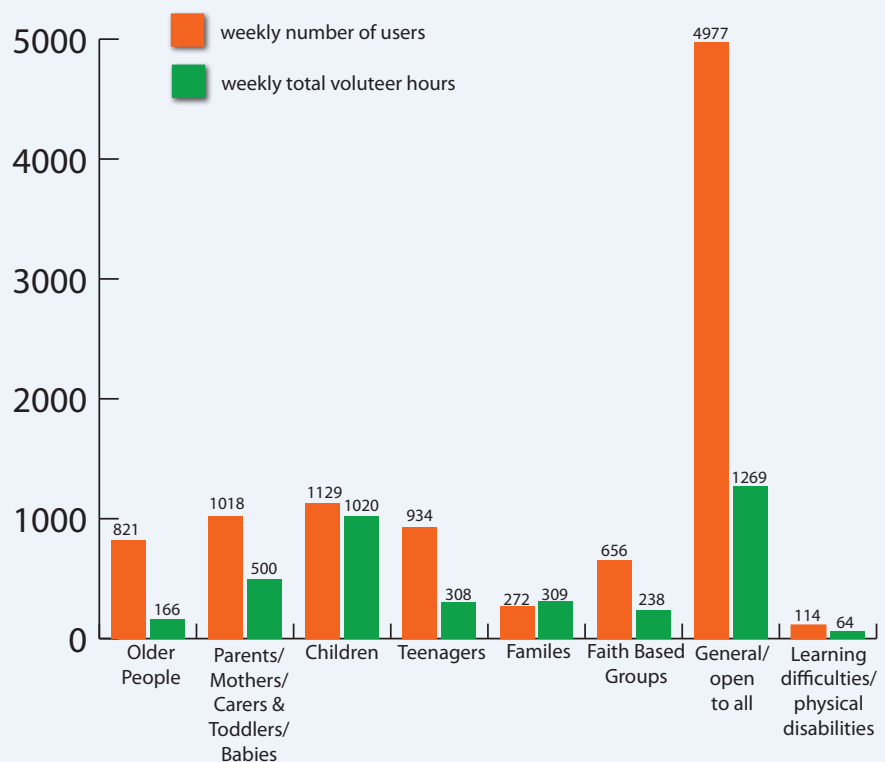


Total Weekly Attendance & Volunteer Hours



- All together faith and belief groups employ 31 full-time, 15 part-time and 9 sessional staff.
- An army of volunteers donate 2067 hours a week to community life in Bracknell Forest, equalling 83 full time jobs! If this contribution is valued at the national minimum wage (£5.80) it equates to a contribution of more than £623,000 to civil society. At a more realistic £10 per hour, the value increases to over £1 million.
- It should be recognised that these figures do not include volunteer time given over to principle acts of worship, or to other groups/organisations outside of the faith and belief arena.
- If these figures are taken as representative of all faith and belief organisations, we can estimate. A total of 9921 weekly service users and 3876 hours volunteered per week, equalling 108 full time jobs! Or in excess of £2 million contributed to civil society (see graph below).

Total Weekly Attendance and Volunteer Hours as a Representative Sample



## CASE STUDY

**Kerith in the Community** is one of the practical expressions of Kerith Community Church's desire to serve the local community in a caring and professional way. We want to see people's lives changed through a number of initiatives such as Crisis Intervention and Foodbank. We are inclusive and will help anyone if we can possibly do so regardless of race, religion, age, gender, marital status or disability. Bracknell Area Foodbank feeds local people in crisis by exchanging Foodbank vouchers, available to participating organisations, for nutritionally balanced food. It is run entirely by volunteers.

Alice (not her real name) was referred to Kerith in the Community by another voluntary agency who work with homeless people.

Alice is a single mother with two children, one in her teens the other under 11 years.

Because of family breakdown Alice had a period when she was homeless and at one stage she was sleeping in her car with her children. The statutory services picked this up and, together with the referring organisation, she was rehoused. However, this brought about other difficulties since Alice had nothing to put into the home in the way of furniture, equipment or kitchen white goods, and no family living locally to help. Added to this there was benefit delay because of the changes in her circumstances.

Kerith in the Community has a fund for crisis intervention and was able to help Alice to acquire some of these basic and necessary items. Through the Foodbank she was also able to have a food parcel to help the family with basic nutritional food for a short period.

Alice's teenage daughter was very interested in coming to the Friday Youth Group, 'Life' to build up new friendships. She is keen to remain at home and continue her studies although there had been a possibility of her moving out into her own lodgings during the difficult period when they were all homeless.

Alice is keen to remain in touch with the workers who helped her through this period and gave her a listening ear over several cups of coffee.



## CASE STUDY

### Storehouse

Throughout the year good quality clothes, toys and house goods are collected so that twice a year we can run Storehouse. To do this, after the morning service on the Sunday prior to the Storehouse day we set out everything in either the main hall at South Hill Road or the hall at Crown Wood School and then at 10.00am on the day the doors are opened and anyone can come in and take whatever they want for free. As Storehouse has become known in the community more people come (even starting to queue from 7.30am) and more people donate goods throughout the year.

Most weeks we get requests for furniture from various agencies and we receive phone calls saying that someone has goods to donate – just what was needed!!! Through this we have been able to help a family involved in domestic violence that were in need of furniture and beds and some young people moving into bedsits have benefitted from having furniture which has been donated.

### Lunch Clubs and Songs of Praise

At EBC we run lunch clubs and other events for older people. Very often older people are some of the loneliest people in our local community. They love coming to meet with other people and to be well fed! We also have Songs of Praise teas, Thursday fellowship and social events just for older people. One example is of a lady who was referred to us by her GP. We sent her the invitation to the Lunch Club and Songs of Praise and for a while she did not come but recently she came to a social meal which we ran on a Saturday. This was the first time she had been out of the house for three years. She has now been to the lunch club and was thrilled to meet up with people she has not seen for years and knew from when their children were younger and went to school together. They now contact each other by telephone to keep in touch which helps alleviate the loneliness they feel.



Easthampstead  
Baptist Church  
*To love God, to love  
people and to grow  
together to become  
more like Jesus*



## CASE STUDY

### Churches Together in Crowthorne HOPEZone Youth Drop In

Churches Together in Crowthorne currently hold a Wednesday night drop in service for secondary school children at Crowthorne Baptist Church in the High Street from 3.30 to 8 pm, called 'HOPEZone'.

This facility grew out of the Hope 08 initiative involving all churches in Crowthorne under the umbrella of Churches Together when it was decided to start up activities that could be sustained for the community. There has been a Friday night outreach session at the recreation ground in Crowthorne for some time which reaches out to young people who use this communal facility for meeting and hanging out. From this it was realised that young people in Crowthorne had nowhere specific to go and which would provide a safe, secure and friendly place for youngsters to meet and "chill".

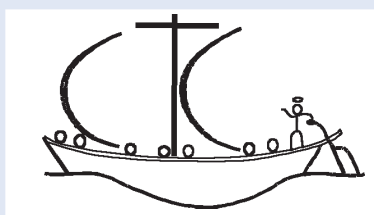
Since 2008 a premises has been sought, but with nothing available, 'HOPEZone' started up in the foyer of the Baptist Church from September 2009 as a temporary measure until such premises could be obtained, as the need is current. Help in the form of a grant from Bracknell Forest Council's Extended Services has provided 2 Wiis, 2 Xboxes and a TV and games. A tuck shop is also run and there is provision for a conversation area and a quiet area for study. Currently approximately 25 youngsters per night attend but the organisers check numbers regularly and try to keep to no more than 20 at a time. The drop in has a regular core attendance of 12. The youngsters come mainly from Edgbarrow School, but there are also some from outlying areas.

'Robin' came to the drop in through the Friday night outreach work at the recreation ground with severe family issues together with bullying at school and has now become a helper with new youngsters.

'Jenny' came along with a difficult family situation and social problems and now attends on a regular basis and interacts with her peers. As a result, a member of the HOPE Team is also now working with the family.

Although the drop in takes place at Crowthorne Baptist Church, helpers from every Crowthorne church are regularly involved in 'HOPEZone' promoting good interchurch and intergenerational relationships.

Churches Together are still looking for a permanent site to expand the project, which is clearly needed, where they can open 5 days a week.



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## Summary of Survey findings

Our survey clearly demonstrates that the strength of the faith sector lies in the thriving and diverse services and activities being delivered across Bracknell Forest, reaching several thousand people and making a significant contribution to the local community.

## Serving the Community

Often characterised as 'goodwill', delivering services to the community is the major strength of the faith sector. However, over time, changes in legislation are placing more and more pressure on voluntary, community and faith organisations to 'professionalise' their services in-line with the statutory sector. This process of professionalisation highlights the need for training and development, but not necessarily any subsequent increase in funding support. Efforts to support the training and development needs of the faith sector should be explored.

## Funding

Traditionally funding streams for faith groups have been difficult to source. Funding needs to be made more easily accessible for those organisations that deliver high quality services and have systems for financial accountability in place.

## Partnerships and Infrastructure

The development of stronger relationships between the faith sector and voluntary and community sector infrastructure bodies such as Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action, Bracknell Forest Minorities Alliance, Voluntary Sector Forum and the Federation of Community Groups. Support in the form of funding advice, governance, access to training, signposting and financial accountability can be offered. Significant links to other support networks are already in place and would help to reduce duplication and increase capacity.

## Impact

The community service that the faith groups give to the people of Bracknell Forest has a huge impact on the individuals they serve and contributes across the Sustainable Community Strategy. In particular children and young people, families and older people work, has a significant impact on the health and well being of the local community as can be seen in the example case studies given in this report.

# Chapter 6



## Recommendations/Next Steps

- Acknowledge and celebrate the good works being carried out by faith organisations and highlighted in this report
- Explore the possibility of developing a Faith and Belief Forum
- Seek support from existing networks eg South East England Faith Forum
- Discuss the possibility of further co-operation between faiths
- Share common themes of service delivery and best practice
- Share information regarding possible sources of funding
- Swap/share information resources and publicity
- Explore ways of improving communication between groups
- Explore ways of improving understanding between groups
- Explore ways of developing capacity
- Explore ways of encouraging new membership and developing themes of Community Cohesion
- Explore ways of giving a stronger and unified voice for the faith sector at a strategic level
- Explore staff/volunteer training needs

## Appendix A Survey Statistics

### Q1 About your place of worship

<b>Faith Tradition</b>	
Buddhism	0
Christianity	19
Hinduism	2
Islam	2
Judaism	0
Sikhism	0
Baha'i	1
<b>Christian denomination</b>	
Anglican	4
Church of England	4
United Reformed Church	1
Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	1
Links to all denominations/non denominational	2
Seventh Day Adventist	1
Roman Catholic	1
Methodist	1
Anglican and Methodist	1
Baptist	3
<b>Meeting Place</b>	
Church	14
School	3
Community building/Private residence/Others	7
<b>Registered charity</b>	
Yes	8
No	11
In progress	5
<b>Total number of paid staff</b>	
Full time	31
Part time	15
Others	9
<b>Listed Status</b>	
Yes	5
No	19
<b>Number of people regularly attending worship</b>	
Total weekly attendance	6125
Under 16's	1630
Adults	4495

## Appendix A

### Q2 Buildings

Questions asked	Yes	No	Other
Do you have a building of your own?	14	10	
Do you have rooms for hire?	10	14	
Do you have spare capacity?	4	20	
Do you have kitchen facilities?	12	12	
Do you have crèche facilities?	8	16	
Disability Discrimination Act compliant?/ Building fully accessible?	8	11	5 part
Hearing loop system?	11	13	
Facilities for visually impaired?	1	21	2 part
Dedicated parking?	13	11	

### Q3 Does your faith community already work with any of the following agencies?

Agency	Number of faith groups
Housing Services	3
Community engagement forums	4
Youth services	3
Voluntary and community groups	15
Community alcohol/drug teams	3
Police	9
Social services	4
Health/PCT	5
Other	6 including schools, nurseries, private sector

#### Q4 Summary of recorded activities

Faith organisation	Activity	Who it is for	Frequency
<b>St John the Baptist Crowthorne</b>	Mums + Tots	Parents, carers toddlers & babies	Weekly
<b>Kerith Community Church</b>	Friday Night Youth	11-18 year olds	Weekly
	There's More to Life	Pensioners	Weekly
	Sparklers	Mums & toddlers	Weekly
	Hilltop	Adults with learning difficulties	Monthly
	Konnections	Families with disabled children	Weekly
	Christian against Poverty	People struggling with debt	Daily
	Deaf Hope	Hearing impaired	Weekly
	Foodbank	People in crisis	Bi weekly
<b>Newbold College &amp; Church</b>	Lunch Club	Over 60's	Bi weekly
	Toddlers Group	Parents & toddlers	Weekly
	Gym Activites	13-19 year olds	Weekly
<b>St Michael &amp; all Angels Church Sunninghill</b>	Parent & Toddler	Parents & toddlers	Weekly
	Ploughman's Lunch	Older people	Monthly
	Ladies Fellowship	Ladies	Weekly
<b>St Michaels Church Sandhurst</b>	Toddler Time	Parents & toddlers	Bi weekly
	Lunch Club	Pupils at Edgebarrow school	Weekly
	Drop-in for Teenagers	Local teenagers	Weekly
<b>Bracknell Islamic Cultural Society</b>	Qur'an Class	Children 5+	Weekly
	Friday Prayers	All Muslims	Weekly
<b>Great Hollands Free Church</b>	Coffee Shop	Open to all	Weekly
	Parenting Course	Parents of 0-6's	Weekly (7 wk)
	Parenting Course	Parents of 5-12's	Weekly (7 wk)
	Open Door Club	7-11 year olds	Annually
	Gt Hollands Shoe Bank Appeal	General appeal	Annually

## Summary of recorded activities continued . . .

<b>St Peter's Church Whitegrove</b>	Church	People who do not normally attend	Weekly
	Home Group	Christian understanding	Weekly
	Teenage Groups	Teenagers	Fortnightly
	Weekend Away	All	Annually
<b>Warfield Churches</b>	Sunshine Toddler Group	Parents & toddlers	Weekly
	Tinies & Tots	Parents & toddlers	Weekly
	First Steps	Parents & toddlers	Weekly
	Jesus + Doughnuts Christian Union	Pupils at Garth Hill College	Weekly
	Jesus + Doughnuts	Brackenhale school pupils	Weekly
	Refresh (after school club)	Brackenhale school pupils	Weekly
	Stuffed (after school Club)	Garth Hill College	Weekly
<b>Ahmadiya Muslim Association</b>	Daily Prayers	All community members	Daily
	Monthly Meeting	All members	Monthly
	Qur'an Study Class	All members	Weekly
	Sports	Male members	Monthly
	Community Service	Local community	Monthly
<b>St Margaret Clitherow &amp; St Joseph's</b>	Over 50's Club	Older people	Monthly
	Mother & Toddler	Mothers & children	Weekly
	Senior Citizens Christmas Party	Housebound & elderly	Annually
<b>Easthampstead Baptist Church</b>	Coffee Break	Mums/carers & under 5's	Weekly
	Remix	Children under 12	Weekly
	Remix Social	Children under 12	Bi-annually
	Club Plus	Young people 16-25	Monthly
	Club Unity	Young people 12-16	Monthly
	Youth Band	Young people 12-16	Weekly
	Refresh Coffee Shop	Open to all	3 x per week
	Crown Wood Social Club	members only	Weekly

## Summary of recorded activities continued . . .

	Mid Day Munch	Older people >65	Monthly
	Lunch Club	Older people >65	Monthly
	Festive Meal	Older people >65	Annually
	Songs of Praise Tea	Older people >65	Monthly
	Lone, Single Parent Group	Parents & children	Monthly
	Stonehouse	All community members	Bi-annually
	Alpha	Anyone	11 weeks annually
	Fun Days	All members of the community	2 x per year
<b>The Church @ The Pines</b>	FAST Club	Children of primary age	Weekly term time
	Mix-It	Children yrs 7-10	Weekly term time
<b>Crowthorne Baptist Church</b>	HOPEZone Drop In	School years 6-13	Weekly
	Crowthorne Good Neighbours	Transport for elderly/ infirm	Daily
	The Ark Pre School	Pre school children	Daily term time
	Friday Film Club	School Years 7-9	Monthly
	Saturday Special	School Years 4-7	Bi monthly
	Thursday Fellowship	Senior citizens	Bi weekly
	Summer Scheme	Families	Weekly in Summer
	Hog Roast/Nativity Picture	Whole community	Yearly at Christmas
<b>St Michael &amp; St Mary Magdalene</b>	Bumps & Babies	Pregnant mothers & babies	Weekly
	Toddlers	Parents carers and toddlers	Weekly
	Sticky Fingers	Primary age children	Weekly
	Tea & Chat	Older people esp bereaved	Weekly
<b>Bracknell Methodist Church</b>	Alcoholics Anonymous	Vulnerable adults	3 x per week
	Scouts	Young people	Weekly
	Guides	Young people	Weekly
	Parenting	Adults	Weekly
	Teabreak	Senior citizens	Weekly



## Summary of recorded activities continued . . .

	Craft	Vulnerable adults/ senior citizens	Monthly
	Cheerleaders	Young people	Weekly
	Pilates	Adults	Weekly
	Bracknell Radio Club	Adults	Monthly
	U3A Music	Adults	Monthly
	U3A Science	Adults	Monthly
	U3A Art	Adults	Monthly
	Ballet	Children	Weekly
	Trefoil Guild	Senior citizens/ adults	Monthly
<b>Hindu Community</b>	Diwali (Festival of Lights)	All Hindus	Annually
	Navratri (The Devine 9 Nights)	All Hindus	Annually
	Katha/Puja (Devotion)	All Hindus	Annually
	Bhajan	All Hindus	Annually
<b>St Pauls Church Harmans Water</b>	Youth Club	Church youth & friends	Weekly
	Rock Skool	Young musicians	Weekly
	Boys Brigade	Youth	Weekly
	Girls Brigade	Youth	Weekly
	Small Time	Under 5's & mothers	Weekly
	Contact Centre	Separated famillies	Bi-Weekly
<b>Bracknell &amp; Sandhurst Nepalese Society</b>	Dashain & Diwali Celebration	Hindus & guests	Annually
	Teej Celebration	Hindu women	Annually
	Nepalese New Year	All Nepalese community	Annually

### Q5 Who else uses your building?

	Yes	Would like to in the future	No
Children/youth	11	1	12
Parenting services	5	4	15
Elderly peoples care	7	3	14
Education/training/employment	3	4	17
Voluntary/community	12	1	11
Mental health	1	2	21
Learning/Physical disability	2	3	19
Health & fitness	9	2	13
Domestic violence	2	4	18
Race/Asylum	1	4	19
Drug/alcohol	3	2	19
Statutory	4	0	20

### Q6 Would you like to link with other faith groups or denominations who are working on similar activities and Initiatives?

Yes	9
No	3
Would consider in the future	3
Already engaged	9

### Would you consider becoming part of a Faith & Belief Steering Group (to develop a Forum)

Yes	7
No	7
Would consider in the future	10

## Appendix B Survey Statistics

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### Participants

1	Bracknell Hindu Community
2	Bracknell Methodist Church
3	St Michael & St Mary Magdalene Church
4	Crowthorne Baptist church
5	The Church @ The Pines
6	The Baha'i Community
7	Bracknell & Sandhurst Nepalese Community
8	St Pauls Church Harmans Water
9	Easthampstead Baptist Church
10	St Margaret Clitherow & St Joseph's Catholic Church
11	Ahmadiya Muslim Association
12	Warfield Churches
13	Bracknell Forest Christian Network
14	St Peter's Church Whitegrove
15	Community Baptist Church
16	Great Hollands Free Church
17	Bracknell Islamic Cultural Society (BICS)
18	All Saints Church Ascot Heath
19	St Michaels Church Sandhurst
20	St Michael & All Angels Church Sunninghill
21	Newbold College & Church
22	Kerith Community Church
23	St John the Baptist Crowthorne
24	Holy Trinity Bracknell

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