

## SUFFOLK INTER-FAITH RESOURCE

### Chairperson's Report for the period 1/9/97 to 31/8/98

The year began with high hopes as we had planned an extensive programme for the National RE Festival week in early October. We had an enthusiastic response from Suffolk schools: several hundred children took part in our Ipswich religious trails, visiting Christian churches, the mosque and the gurdwara, and they also participated in Jewish and Hindu information/activity afternoons. We are very grateful for the help we had from local churches, faith communities and individuals in these endeavours.

Since the festival our links with schools have thrived and our tutors have been invited into many schools, in both the public and private sectors. RE teachers have told us how much they appreciate this opportunity to introduce their pupils to real people from the faiths studied in their schools. It makes the subject come alive and also does a great deal to dispel prejudice. These contacts are for all age groups (for general RE, for GCSE, & A level and for Sixth Form General Studies). We have produced and sold nearly a hundred copies of a 25 minute video on Suffolk Faiths, sold well over a hundred copies of a resource pack on Islam, specially prepared by one of our Muslim tutors; we produced a Sikhism pack later in the year and began preparations for one on Judaism.

We have run training sessions for Ipswich Hospital and for Social Services and in consultation with St. Clement's Psychiatric hospital we have produced an Inter-Faith Community Handbook, giving guidance about diet, festivals, dress, rituals of life and death etc. It is of general use to people working in the community. We have joined the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. We have become more involved with Suffolk Council for Voluntary Youth Services. We have participated in the consultation process for the voluntary sector concerning regionalisation in the UK.

A highlight of the second part of the year was to be the 10 day study tour of Israel, followed by an optional visit to Petra. Both Deborah our administrator and myself were going on this tour and careful arrangements were made with our volunteers for SIFRE's day to day running in our absence. Our visit was stimulating and challenging and went as planned until the tenth day when we made a memorable excursion to Jericho - where I fell and broke my leg at the foot of the Mountain of Temptations. The local Palestinians came to our rescue and I was conveyed to Jericho hospital for emergency treatment, before being flown back to England. As I write this report 8 months later I am just coming to the end of 3 months of physiotherapy, following traction and 19 weeks in plaster. Thanks to everyone for the support they have given me during this tough period.

Our general programme of seminars and other events continued during the year, thanks to the input of many friends new and old. We welcomed the closer involvement of John Brentnall and Naomi Lake, and of Bart Seaton who valiantly discharged many varied responsibilities. More tutors have joined our team, including June Bell (Judaism) and Prabjot Kaur (Sikhism). We have extended our work with the WEA and helped with the PGCE and MA courses at UEA. We also contributed to their new bridging course for prospective RE teachers. We have supported the work of University College Suffolk.

In the early summer a serious blow was dealt us - University College Suffolk announced it was finally vacating the Bolton Lane Annexe, necessitating SIFRE's removal from its premises by September. We had spent three and a half years there developing our work and were very happy with the accommodation and facilities. Much discussion ensued both within SIFRE and also with UCS and other contacts about the implications of this event and about alternative accommodation. I am thankful to report that by the beginning of September we were relocated - having been offered an office on a temporary basis in Diocesan House and a hut next to the chaplaincy on the main site at University College Suffolk. Much sorting out remains to be done, but we are still functioning and engaging with the new opportunities that present themselves.

*Julia A. Carey*  
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# SUFFOLK INTER-FAITH RESOURCE (SIFRE)

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1 SEPTEMBER 1997 TO 31 AUGUST 1998

**Income**

Covenants	£ 779.00	
Donations / Grants	£ 1,323.96	
Subscriptions	£ 911.00	
Foundation Series	£ 347.50	
Language Workshops	£ 675.00	
Seminars / other Workshops	£ 1,678.59	
Services to Schools	£ 1,803.58	
Services to other organisations	£ 1,430.45	
Israel Trip	£ 12,864.14	
Sale of Books / Resource Packs / Videos	£ 1,383.26	
Sundries	£ 179.71	
Bank Interest	£ 186.67	
		£ 23,562.86

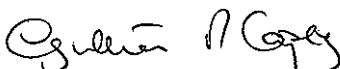
**Expenditure**

Workshops	£ 1,192.87	
Tutors	£ 2,890.87	
Books / Artefacts	£ 334.01	
Telephone / Printing / Stationery	£ 2,479.06	
Insurances / Rent	£ 218.00	
Israel Trip	£ 13,340.82	
Administration Costs	£ 3,709.95	
Sundries	£ 1,033.90	
Subscriptions	£ 106.88	
		£ 25,306.36

**Balance Sheet**

Balance as at 31.07.97	£ 3,932.01
Income received in year	£ 23,562.86
Less expenditure in year	-£ 25,306.36
	£ 2,188.51
Plus cheques not yet presented	£ 227.43
	£ 2,415.94

1. For the year ending 31 August 1998, the Company was entitled to the exemption under sub-section (1) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1986
2. No notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under section 249B (2) of the Companies Act 1985, and
3. The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for
  - a) ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221, and
  - b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.
  - c) preparing the accounts in accordance with the special provisions in Part VII of the Companies Act 1985, relating to small companies. Cynthia M Capey Director of Suffolk Inter-Faith Resource

  
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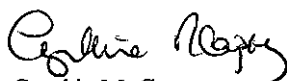
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**BALANCE SHEET**

**FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1997 TO 31 AUGUST 1998**

ASSETS	31/8/97	31/8/98
Cash at bank	£4,084.61	£2,415.94
LIABILITIES		
Sundry creditors	(£152.60)	(£227.43)
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	£3,932.01	£2,188.51
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MOVEMENT ON RESERVES		
Balance brought forward	£889.53	£3,932.01
Excess of income over expenditure	£3,042.48	(£1,743.5)
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Balance carried forward	£3,932.01	£2,188.51
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