

Waheguru Project

Third Quarter Report

27/09/09

The project's core aims firmly remain;

1. To inform people at large that Newcastle Gurudwara in particular and all Gurudwara in general invite in and welcome visitors. This is a standing invitation and no 'pre-warning' or 'booking' is required. No one is excluded.
2. To ensure that, if they wish, people (individuals, schools, families, community groups and so on) from the North East of England have reliable contact points to be able to speak with someone. Visits can then be arranged to ensure that a knowledgeable member of the Sikh community can welcome them, show them around and try to answer any questions they may have.

If individuals or groups would instead, or as well as, like a member of the Sikh community to come out to them the Project would try to arrange that also.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

1. Communications

In the first quarter of the year the project has contacted each of the schools in Northumberland, North Tyneside, Gateshead and Newcastle – including Private Schools - as well as each of the MP's, MEP's, Council Leaders and Mayors. In this second quarter the Project contacted all the local Hospitals, Hospices, Police Services, Prisons and Fire and Rescue Services. In this third quarter little contacting of outside agencies has been done but some groundwork towards contacting Youth and Community organisations has been done.

	3 rd Quarter(2 nd Quarter)(1 st Quarter)Total		
	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	
Mobile Phone	9(18)(12) = 39	12(11)(22) = 45	
Email	23(29)(53) = 105	596(38)(456) = 1090	
Letter	0(0)(1) = 1	0(25)(0) = 25	
Text	0(3)(8) = 11	1(82)(55) = 138	
Subtotal	32(47)(74) = 153	609(156)(533) = 1298	
	Total	641(203)(607) = 1451	

2, Visits

During this third quarter the Project was happy to assist **11** groups to visit the Gurudwara and went out and visited **2** other places.

2.1 Visitor Numbers

2.1.1 To the Gurudwara;

3 rd Quarter(2 nd Quarter)(1 st Quarter)Total			
<u>Up to 10yrs old</u>	<u>10-15yrs old</u>	<u>15-30yrs old</u>	<u>30+yrs old</u>
31(190)((160)= 381	207(67)(135)= 509	0(46)(79)= 125	78(47)(26)= 151
Subtotal 356(410)(400) = 1166			

Visiting organizations include;

King Edward Primary School
Marden Bridge School (X2)
Westgate Primary School
Southlands School

University of Newcastle (Child Care Dept) (X3)
Chester Le Street Church of England Junior School
Prudhoe High School
Astley School

Cleaswell Hill School
 Lampton Primary School
 Whitton Gilbert School (X2)
 Ryton Comprehensive School (X2)
 East Hartford School
 Northumberland County Council
 Cramlington High School
 HM Prisons North East

University of Newcastle (Student Teachers)
 Stanley Burnside Primary School
 Ovingham Primary School
 Anfield Plain Junior School
 Langley Park Primary School
 Park View School, Chester Le Street
 St Oswald's Hospice
 Northumberland Childminders

2.1.2 To schools and other places;

3rdQuarter(2ndQuarter)(1st Quarter)Total

<u>Up to 10yrs old</u>	<u>10-15yrs old</u>	<u>15-30yrs old</u>	<u>30+yrs old</u>
0(45)(115)= 160	0(101)(65)= 166	1(0)(0)= 1	19(4)(6)= 29
Subtotal 20(150)(186) = 356			

The project went to visit the following organizations;

Marden School
 Wallbottle Campus (X2)
 NASACRE (for training)
 Newcastle SACRE
 Butterwick Hospice, Darlington

Biddock Hall Primary School (X2)
 Whitton Gilbert School
 Burnside College of Technology and Industry
 Tyneside Fire and Rescue Service
 Dyke House School (Student Teachers Training)

The total number of people who now know more about Waheguru, Sri Guru Granth Ji, The 10 Living Gurus, The Khalsa the Sadh Sangat our history and how we Sikhs live on a day-to-day basis is

$$596(586) = \underline{\underline{1522}}.$$

This has all been hopefully explained in a way that all the visitors, regardless of age and background, could understand, using words and phrases that the visitors can relate to from their everyday life.

This work occurred on Monday and Tuesdays and has taken around 51(96)(133.75)= **280.75** hrs.

All figures are approximate.

3. Usage

Because of the timings of School and other educational establishments 'working' days there is a maximum of 2 visit slots on each Monday and Tuesday (the days Sewadars can always consistently *currently* be available). So the maximum available visits are 52 per quarter, **156** over the three quarters.

There were **46** visits booked and made, one made and cancelled. This seems fine and allows much room for expansion in the same periods next year. This third period included the Schools summer holidays.

Mondays and Tuesdays are not always useful days for schools it must be said.

4. Website

This second quarter a website (www.wahegurproject.org.uk) was designed and launched. It is on its second update and has received **1239** views since its launch on 1st June 2009. Feedback seems encouraging, and is always welcomed.

5. Planned Future Activities

The Project recognizes that many schools are wanting to come to the Gurudwara, and will probably return again next year with the next year group of children. Teenagers and Adults, individually and in groups, are almost never visiting. Therefore the Project will continue to try to contact the regions Community and Voluntary Sectors organizations as well as Residential Homes for people of age.

A good, informative leaflet to compliment the information given on the visits will continue to be drafted and finalised.

Contact details are;

www.wahegurproject.org.uk

wahegurproject@gmail.com

Text and Ansaphone 0754 6894 798

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh