



**Easton Islami Darasgah**

Castle Green Building  
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# **EASTON ISLAMI DARASGAH (BRISTOL)**

**Charity number 1040850**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ending 29 February 2024**

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The trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006 and the charity's constitution.

## **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name	Easton Islami Darasgah (Bristol)
Charity Registration Number	1040850
Principal Office	Castle Green Building Greenbank Road Bristol BS5 6HE

## **Board of Trustees**

Imtiaz Ahmed (Chairman)  
Habib Rahman (Secretary)  
Syed Riazullah Hussaini (Joint Treasurer)  
Mohammed Abbas Khan (Joint Treasurer)  
Rizwan Tariq  
Zahid Nadeem  
Abdul Samad Tariq  
Hateem Mukarram  
Muhammad Bashir  
Mohammed Khaliq Sharif  
Tahir Iqbal  
Nadeem Mohammed  
Mohammed Tariq

## **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank  
Fishponds Branch, Bristol  
697 Fishponds Road, Bristol BS16 3UJ

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Governing document**

Easton Islami Darasgah (Bristol) is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1040850. The governing instrument is the Charity's Constitution last updated in June 2005.

### **Organisational structure**

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet together as a body monthly and as and when necessary and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running facilities and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of facilities and projects are delegated to staff and volunteers where appropriate.

### **Appointment of trustees**

The charity trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) every two years through an election process by the members of Easton Islami Darasgah.

In selecting new trustees, members seek to identify people who regularly attend programmes, events and functions organised by the charity, who are known to the members, who fully support the constitution, and who are willing to volunteer themselves practically to help in the management and running of the charity. New trustees are guided as to their role and responsibilities by more longstanding trustees. The trustees receive regular communications by email from the Charity Commission which enables the trustees to keep abreast of developments issued by the Charity Commission.

### **Risk management**

The trustees regularly assess the risks the charity faces and are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In particular, insurance cover is in place and the finances of the organisation are kept under review. Appropriate Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the charity. Health & Safety policies are regularly reviewed to ensure absence of risk to health and safety of employees and others 'so far as is reasonably practicable'. This year, the Trustees continued to consider the high cost of living and inflation on the charity's finances. These systems and/or arrangements are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

## Objectives and activities

### Our aims

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:

- To promote Islam in accordance with the Holy Quran and Sunnah for the benefit of the public, in particular, through spiritual teaching and by conducting regular congregational prayers and ceremonies.
- To promote Islamic education amongst both Children and Adults through holding regular classes and organising events and functions from time to time.
- To relieve those Muslims who are in need.

### Our objectives

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular, its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Our dual aims remain to provide a facility where Muslims can worship and to provide a community facility for the inhabitants of Bristol. Our long-term ambition is to build the self-confidence of Bristol's Muslims in their faith, and through our facilities and activities, help make our area a peaceful, vibrant and harmonious community.

### Strategies

We want to make our organisation an accessible and welcoming venue where all Muslims, or those who wish to know more about our faith can gather together to learn about their religion and worship. Easton Islami Darasgah is open at all times with daily prayers, the Friday prayers being a focus of our activities.

The charity aims to promote the Islamic faith by continuing to provide facilities for teaching both children and adults and through the holding of regular events for Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Our two main strategies this year has been to ensure we continue to meet the challenge of the high cost of living and inflation with minimal impact to our finances and services and to move forward with our vision; a strong Madrassah (Education) system, improving women/youth facilities/events and becoming a community hub.

We have devised strategies to keep a close eye on our finances due to the very high cost of living increases and inflation in all areas. To this end, we have devised a number of strategies to increase fund raising and reduce costs.

On moving forward with our vision, we are pleased to say we are actively collaborating alongside the new Imam and the events sub-committee team in meeting our objectives.

An important part of our strategy is community welfare and education. All our community facilities and activities including classes, health initiatives and seminars are advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community, Muslim and non-Muslim alike. Most of our activities are free and supported by donations or grant funding. Where a charge is made, concessions are made for students, people on means-tested benefits and pensioners.

Funds are raised to meet the charity's objectives by voluntary collections at the Mosque and on-line and from yearly donations from our members. The Madrassah classes (after school Islamic classes) are funded by contributions from the students' parents/guardians. Gift Aid claims are submitted from time to time to claim back tax from our eligible donors.

### **Use of volunteers**

Volunteers are an important resource in both our faith and community work. Volunteers are involved in most of our faith and community activities, and we have over 5 people regularly giving their time. All our trustees also give of their time freely. We encourage all members of our organisation to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others. All those volunteers working with projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked.

## Activities and achievements

### How our activities deliver public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who worship at Easton Islami Darasgah and the wider community of Bristol.

### Religious activities

Easton Islami Darasgah provides a centre for our prayers and worship and for the activities associated with our faith. During this unprecedented year under review, we continued to offer a range of religious services and activities including:

**Prayers:** Easton Islami Darasgah is open for the 5 times daily and Friday prayers. The numbers attending are back to pre-pandemic levels. During the week we have over 30 people who regularly attend daily prayers and over 300 who regularly attend Friday prayers.

**Daily after school classes:** Easton Islami Darasgah provides after school classes for children to be schooled in Islamic Education including reading the Muslim holy book The Holy Qur'aan. Students are taught the Islamic way of life so they can be model citizens. The classes are run by the Principal alongside 6 teachers. Annual examinations and award ceremony is held every year. Approximately 105 children attended after school classes.

**Hifz classes:** Memorisation of the Holy Qur'aan is considered an important element of religious education and training. Easton Islami Darasgah continued to provide this facility for the committed students who wish to memorise the Holy Qur'aan.

**Islamic lectures:** Islamic lectures are held on a daily and weekly basis to promote Islamic knowledge and awareness. Muslims are encouraged to attend these events. Special lectures are also organised throughout the year for the benefit of all people in the community. This year lectures/events took place relating to Ramadhan preparation, Ramadhan arts & crafts for children, Ramadhan health advice, Zakah workshops, Hajj workshops amongst other events.

**Festivals:** The 2 Eid festivals are our focal points of the year and facilities are provided for the Muslims of Bristol to celebrate Eid in an Islamic manner. This year, Easton Islami Darasgah was pleased to facilitate the 2 EID festivals.

**Funeral facilities:** The Mosque provides a complete funeral service in line with the teachings of Islam. We relieve the deceased's bereaved relatives of the burden of organising burials. We also hold special classes to teach people how to proceed with Islamic burial procedures. Our funeral facilities and service have been widely used by people from as far afield as London and Cornwall and has been very much appreciated.

**Nikkah (Islamic marriage)** The Mosque provides Muslim couples with an appropriate location for their Nikkah (Islamic marriage).

**Inter-faith dialogue:** Easton Islami Darasgah is an active member of the Multi-Faith Forum for the Bristol area. We use this platform to promote inter-faith dialogue and social cohesion.

**Charitable giving:** The alleviation of poverty and suffering lies at the heart of Islam and therefore charitable giving is greatly encouraged. Easton Islami Darasgah provides a venue from time to time, for registered charities to appeal to the congregation to give to worthwhile causes.

### **Community activities**

Easton Islami Darasgah both facilitates and participates in a number of community activities and initiatives to help make our area a peaceful, vibrant and harmonious community. This year's activities included:

**School and Educational visits:** We welcome visits from mainstream schools and other educational or faith based organisations. It enables the wider community to find out more about the workings of a mosque and the Islamic faith for projects and studies. The visit consists of an introductory lecture, a tour of the building and a Q&A session.

**Council of Bristol Mosques:** We are founding members of The Council of Bristol Mosques formed to give the Mosques in Bristol a stronger and united voice within the community at large. The Council of Mosques has continued to work with key stakeholders including NHS, Police, Bristol City Council, Government agencies and is considered a key Muslim stakeholder in Bristol.

**Barakah Tots:** We host a weekly mother and toddler playgroup at our premises to cater for mothers and their small children to meet up socially on a weekly basis. This is proving very popular.

**Chai and Chat:** We host a weekly coffee morning for women and senior citizens to meet up socially on a weekly basis. This is proving very popular.

**Flu and MMR clinic:** We held a Flu & MMR vaccination clinic for children in collaboration with the local NHS Community Health Service. Many children attended with parents/guardians and was very well received.

**Lifesavers training:** We hosted a 'Lifesavers' training event for the community where attendees learnt the basics of CPR and other first aid skills. The event was well attended and was very beneficial for everyone.

**Medicine advice day:** We hosted an advice session for budding students interested in pursuing a career in Medicine by local Medical graduates. The event was well attended and beneficial for the students.

**Plastic free Ramadhan Initiative:** In conjunction with other local Mosques, we participated in this initiative to reduce the use of single-use plastics during the holy month of Ramadhan. The initiative was well supported. Also, we were pleased to install water fountains in our premises for our attendees to help in this effort.

**IAG Police meetings:** We were pleased to host the Independent Advisory Group meetings (IAG) at our premises where local community organisation can work with the Police to improve services in our areas.

**Weekend Retreat:** We hosted a 2-day retreat for students at our premises. This enabled students from across the city to meet up, get to know each other and learn Islamic knowledge in a spiritual environment. The retreat was very well attended.



**Disaster Appeals:** Sadly, a number of deadly disasters occurred during this period; Morocco/Libya Floods, Gaza/Palestine Emergency Appeals to name a few. In response to this, we organised collections for these causes within the community. We are pleased to announce that approximately £6,900 was raised for these worthwhile causes.

### **Partnership working**

In developing our community programmes, we are pleased to work in partnership with other Muslim organisations, NHS, Police, Bristol City Council and Government agencies. We work with all of these agencies in promoting harmony, unity and diversity across all communities and are a key Muslim organisation in Bristol.

## **Financial review**

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. The Trustees have considered the very high cost of living and inflation on the charity's activities. This is likely to impact charity's expenditure especially the rising cost of energy and of staff which in turn will impact our spending on the charitable activities. Their policy this year was to continue to hold funds of at least £80,000 to meet the general running costs of the organisation and to cover unforeseen emergencies. The reserves policy will be reviewed at the start of the new financial year.

### **Principal funding sources**

The charity's main source of income is giving. This is done through voluntary collections at Friday prayers and at the Eid festivals, contributions from parents/guardians of children attending the after school classes and yearly contributions from the members of Easton Islami Darasgah and occasional hiring of our rooms. We have also moved to online funding sources which has provided a good source of income for us. All these funding sources will enable us to smoothly maintain and run the premises and implement our strategies for this financial year.

### **Investment policy and objectives**

The charity has no long-term investments.

## 2023/24 Review

### The Year in Perspective

The period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for Easton Islami Darasgah (Bristol) saw our organization return to a state of normalcy after the pandemic, providing us with an opportunity for stabilization and allowing us to advance our services and vision.

Our dual priority has been to ensure we continue to come through the after effects of the pandemic and cost of living with minimal impact to our finances and services and to move forward with our vision; a strong Madrassah (Education) system, improving women/youth facilities/events and becoming a community hub.

The continued high cost of living and inflation has meant our running costs are significantly higher as compared to our income and efforts are again being made to ensure expenditure is minimised and income increased. In particular the very high cost of energy and staff costs. To mitigate this, a number of appeals have been made to our supporters and I am pleased to say we have had a good response. Also, we have been reviewing our costs, so we get more value for money where possible, for example, switching energy provider to a cheaper alternative as one example.

Regarding implementing our vision; a strong Madrassah (Education) system, improving women/youth facilities/ events and becoming a community hub, we are continuing to make good progress alongside our new Imam and our events team.

On the finances, the high cost of living and inflation has meant the net improvement is not as much as we had hoped. In addition to increased appeals to our supporters, we are looking at increasing our income by marketing our current revenue streams better and looking at ways to diversify our income. We anticipate the financial landscape for ourselves, and the charity sector will be bleak for the coming year or two and we will be keeping an even closer eye on our finances as a result.

Our services/activities are back to normal and am pleased to say the congregations for daily prayers and Jumu'ah are back to pre-pandemic levels in our well maintained premises. Ramadhan and Eid prayers were particularly well attended with a number of well attended events also taking place during that period. The weekly parent/toddler group Barakah Tots is proving popular as well as the weekly coffee morning event for ladies/senior citizens. We also hosted a 2-day retreat for Students which was popular and well received.

As part of our vision strategy, we have begun plans to reconfigure the Education Centre building (annex next to the main building). This will improve the facilities available for students, women/youth and community services. Fundraising has started for this and hope to start work in the next financial year.

In other matters, we are actively reviewing the Madrassah service (after school Islamic classes) we provide for our students and Parents. We would like to thank the Principal and all supporting staff for their efforts in supporting the students during these last few challenging years.

As part of the review, we are pleased to announce that we have implemented a cloud based Madrassah Management System which will greatly improve the service for Teachers, Parents, Students and Management.

We have also participated actively in community initiatives with the Council, Police, NHS and inter-faith dialogues throughout the last year. This year we hosted a Flu & MMR vaccination clinic for children in collaboration with the local NHS Community Health Service. Many children attended with parents/guardians and was very well received. We are playing an active role in the Council of Bristol Mosques and other relevant community initiatives. Also, a big thank you to the community for contributing towards the disaster relief appeals for Morocco/Libya Floods and the Gaza/Palestine Emergency appeals.

Next year, we will need your active support (both financially & practically) for us to continue to deal with the high cost of living and inflation and for us to move forward with our vision, in particular to raise funds and implement the reconfiguration of the Education Centre building project.

Lastly, a note of thanks to the continued support from the members, without whom none of this work, would be possible.

Imtiaz Ahmed (Chair)

11 December 2024

## Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are set out on page 3.

The independently examined accounts of Easton Islami Darasgah (Bristol) for the period ended 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 which were approved by the Trustees at their meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



Imtiaz Ahmed (Chair)

11 December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Easton Islami Darasgah (Bristol)

No (if any)  
1040850



Easton Islami

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/03/2023


To

Period end date  
29/02/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	72,991	4,300	-	77,291	51,007
Tuition Fees	27,432	-	-	27,432	33,274
Membership fees	15,451	-	-	15,451	13,836
Targeted appeals	2,798	10,029	-	12,827	14,708
Fees for charitable services	1,821	-	-	1,821	3,202
Gift Aid claim	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>120,493</b>	<b>14,329</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,822</b>	<b>116,027</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>120,493</b>	<b>14,329</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,822</b>	<b>116,027</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages	80,159	-	-	80,159	82,954
Light and Heat	17,351	-	-	17,351	7,572
Insurance	5,540	-	-	5,540	5,123
Targeted appeals	-	10,029	-	10,029	11,655
Other expenditure	11,959	-	-	11,959	9,151
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>115,009</b>	<b>10,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,038</b>	<b>116,455</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Capital expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>115,009</b>	<b>10,029</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,038</b>	<b>116,455</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,484</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,784</b>	<b>- 428</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>149,488</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152,438</b>	<b>152,866</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>154,972</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162,222</b>	<b>152,438</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	154,155	7,250	-
	Petty Cash	817	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>154,972</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Buildings occupied for charitable purposes - Castle Green	Restricted	1,797,381	-
	Other Equipment	Unrestricted	12,128	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Imtiaz Ahmed (Chair)	11/12/2024	





**CHARITY COMMISSION  
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**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Easton Islami Darasgah (Bristol)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

29 February 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1040850

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **29 / 02 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:** 10 Dec 2024

**Name:**

Waseem Ahmed

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Fellow Chartered Accountant, ICAEW

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.