

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name BAZME CHISTIYA ORGANISATION

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1042231

Charity's principal address 71 Preston New Road

Blackburn

Lancashire

Postcode

BB2 6AY

#### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Shamshuddin Patel	Trustee and Chair		
2	Mr Sirajuddin Patel	Trustee		
3	Dr Munawwar Patel	Trustee		
4	Mr Hasmat Munshi	Trustee		

#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A
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### Section B

### Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution of Bazme Chistiya Organisation created on 17 <sup>th</sup> October 1994. (Last amended 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2008 to incorporate trustee change).
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust deed.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by special meeting called by existing trustees (as per the requirements of the constitution). The trustees seek to identify respectable attendees and seek guidance from members of the community.

#### Additional governance issues (Optional information)



You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

This is a small charity where trustees and volunteers give up free time to set-up and allow spiritual events to run as planned. Trustees are not remunerated by salary. The charity is not affiliated with any other organisations.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement and teaching of the Islamic Faith as practiced by the Sunni Muslim Sect in Blackburn following the teachings of Hakim Chotumiya Hansotwala and his disciples.  
The relief of poverty and need among members of the sect in the area of benefit.  
Teachings involving spiritual meditation offered to attendees by revering the saints (earlier masters) of this Sufi sect.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Members of the sect who live in the UK are invited to attend events held throughout the year (about 10). These events are held around the Islamic calendar death anniversary of the revered saints of the sect. The events include the practice of the Chistiya Sufi sect of Sunni Islam which uses Asian musical instruments and singing offered by musical bands to elevate the spiritual states of attendees to attain a higher spiritual conscience – a form of worship.

The format of events starts with spiritual singing which lasts 4 – 5 hours. Other events, in addition to prayer, include recollecting the stories of the saints of this sect in a seated gathering where attendees offer to read and share spiritual experiences. This type of gathering is a form of training to assist in disciplining the soul, a pre-requisite to attaining a higher spiritual knowledge.

The 2023 year has seen a total return to normal since the events were largely placed on hold in 2020 and have fully returned to normal post government COVID guidelines.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity has been operational since 1994 and the volunteers who attend meticulously assist with supporting guests and the organisation from pre-event through to post event wind down and clean up. We offer a well-established series of offerings organised and delivered by Bazme Chistiya Organisation with its activities embedded in the community as staple for all members to benefit. Returning to normality has been a welcome relief for the members. It is a departure from the not too distant lockdowns which affected the mental and physical condition of some members. Our social gatherings have been a (mental and social) lifeline for our attendees.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The charity has fully returned to normal since the lifting of the lockdowns in 2020 and 2021, with 2023 being similar to 2022. We have resumed very much like 2022 a safe set of activities and continued hiring out of services to the local community.

The charity offers to its members a spiritual dimension to life, which is the realisation of their inner states through meditation. Enlightenment of the soul is achieved through the use of methods and teachings of the main spiritual leader, Hakim Chotumiya, in whose name this charity is set-up. We have maintained our online activity which was introduced during the earlier lockdown of 2020.

The charity owns the Former Railway Club on Bolton Rd which is purchased property to conduct most events and has resumed normal activity since the lifting of the lockdowns of previous years. The other existing property (71 Preston New Road) allows partial, smaller activities to be fulfilled.

The charity continued to receive income, to allow debt relief of the existing mortgage on the charity.

Finally, the members and their wider families of the community also benefit from using The Former Railway Club on a personal basis such as private family functions if the venue is available and suitable. These private events include birthdays, engagements and so on. The benefit to the charity is that the users are happy to make a payment for hiring the venue to assist with the model of continued maintenance and upkeep of the property. The income generated from this type of service is critical to the running of The Former Railway Club.

Uptake for hall hires has seen a steady demand due to convenience and amenability of services offered by the railway club such as parking, disability bathrooms, hot water, heating, prayer area, music system, kitchen area and a breakout veranda at the rear of the site.



## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Primarily, it is to continue its charitable activity. Cash in the bank at the end of year 2023 is reserved for use toward upgrading the degrading toilet facilities, payment of bills and maintenance.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal source of funds is through charity members paying on a monthly direct debit basis (and one off donations at charity events) with a continued view, that these funds shall be instrumental in upholding the continued offering of the charity. Hall hire income is also a considerable source of funds and relaxes the pressure on reliance upon donations to continue our work.

## Section F

## Other optional information

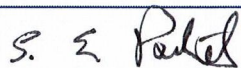
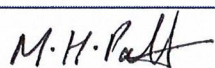
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## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Shamshuddin E. Patel	Munawwar H. Patel
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE + CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	07/03/2024	





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bazme Chistiya Organisation

1042231

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/01/2023

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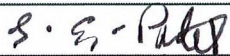
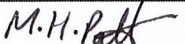
31/12/2023

### 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>					
Member Donations	14,003	-	-	14,003	18,283
Charity event donations (Inc Festivals)	2,888	-	-	2,888	3,000
Community hall use (Inc deposits)	23,700	-	-	23,700	20,200
Gift Aid (HMRC)	4,459	-	-	4,459	5,070
BWD council refund	-	-	-	-	2,667
Boiler Claim (insurance)	3,160	-	-	3,160	-
Parking income	1,100	-	-	1,100	1,200
	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	262	-	-	262	29
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>49,572</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,572</b>	<b>50,449</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>49,572</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,572</b>	<b>50,449</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Building Insurance	2,444	-	-	2,444	2,676
Iqra and other donations	2,548	-	-	2,548	1,000
Bills (Lighting & Heating)	4,768	-	-	4,768	2,604
Tarmac floor	1,200	-	-	1,200	3,000
Boiler purchase	2,484	-	-	2,484	-
Business rates	708	-	-	708	751
Water rates	702	-	-	702	1,132
Cost of loan	-	-	-	-	350
Supplies for site based events	783	-	-	783	839
Site cleanup, extension completion, & drainrite	-	-	-	-	4,420
Wall erection, materials, labour and Boiler install incl labour	13,429	-	-	13,429	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,066</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,066</b>	<b>16,772</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Mortgage repayment lump sums	8,883	-	-	8,883	35,000
Mortgage Payments monthly basis	1,003	-	-	1,003	4,214
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,886</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,886.00</b>	<b>39,214</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>38,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,952</b>	<b>55,986</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,620</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,620</b>	<b>- 5,537</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>41,226</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,226</b>	<b>46,763</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>51,846</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,846</b>	<b>41,226</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 in Bank	47,062	-	-
	Cash in hand	4,784	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>51,846</b>	<b>-</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 £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Charity Properties (71 Preston New Road and Former Railway Club)		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Mortgage Balance Due			
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Shamshuddin E. Patel	07/03/2024	
		Munawwar H. Patel	06/03/2024	





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

BAZME CHISTIYA ORGANISATION

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1042231

Set out on pages

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(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 31/12/2023.

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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Nazim Master*

Date:

9/3/2024

Name:

MR NAZIM MASTER

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

ICAEW (CTA)

Address:

116 Lansham Rd

Blackburn

Lancashire, BB1 8DP



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.

✓/A.