



BARNET MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year ended 31st March 2024

Charity number: **1063521**
Company number: **3335686 England & Wales**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name:	Barnet Multicultural Community Centre (BMCC)
Charity registration number:	1063521
Company registration number:	03335686
Registered Office and operation address:	Barnet Multicultural Community Centre Algernon Road Hendon, London NW4 3TA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Chairman	Mr. Abdirahman Salah	Barnet Somali Community Group
	Ms. Rasmika Patel	Barnet Asian Old Peoples Association
	Mr. Aweys Yusuf	Barnet Somali Community Group
	Mr. Jama Abdi Ahmed	Barnet Somali Community Group

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Treasurer, Chairman and Centre Office staff

CENTER STAFF: Mr. Mahad Farah Full-time Centre Manager
 Mr Ferron (John) Mcduffus Caretaker/Cleaner

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Issa Associates
 Cumberland House, Suite 116, 80 Scrubs Lane, London, NW10 6RF

BANKERS: Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Ltd), 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling,
 Kent, ME19 4JQ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

A report and account for the year ending 31st March 2024 is presented on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Barnet Multicultural Community Centre Limited.

The company is limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19th March 1997 and was registered as a charity with the Charities Commission on 21st July 1997.

The affairs of the company are governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association. The liability of the board in the event of the company being wound up is limited to £1.

The Board holds responsibility for governance of the charitable company, delegating responsibility for delivery of activities and services to the Centre Administrator. Directors may be co-opted at any time, but then must be elected by a quorum of members at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

The Board meets every three months and receives an update from the Centre Administrator.

No trustee received any remuneration for services as a trustee during the current or comparative year. No trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charity during the year.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Board of Trustees. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association

1. The Board of Trustees shall be comprised as follows:
 - a. Not more than three people nominated by Barnet Asian Old Peoples Association (BAOPA)
 - b. Not more than three people nominated by Barnet Somali Community Group (BSCG)
 - c. Not more than three people nominated by Barnet African Caribbean Association (BACA)
 - d. Such other persons may be invited into membership from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Trustees under Article 3.
2. The Chairperson will be appointed as follows:
 - a. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company the members of the Company shall appoint from amongst themselves a Chairperson, who shall serve from one AGM to the next. Appointments shall be made in strict rotation of the members.
3. The Secretary will be appointed as follows:
 - a. The Board shall appoint a Secretary of the Company for such term at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they think fit, and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them.

ORGANISATIONAL CHART

- Barnet Multicultural Community Centre (BMCC) has a Board of Trustees made up of seven members who are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. During lockdown, the Board were regularly updated by the centre manager.
- The Treasurer post is filled by Nigel Abrahams from NAB Bookkeeping Ltd.
- A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the Centre Manager.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING

New trustees are given the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes and recent financial performance of the charity. They meet key employees and the other trustees. Our trustees are regularly brought up-to-date with the latest Centre matters, legislative requirements and a wide variety of issues affecting voluntary and community activity in London. The Board has an ongoing commitment to learning and development.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as of 31st March 2024.

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Issa Associates were re-appointed during the year to carry out the Financial Independent Examination. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2002), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards.

MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that: taken in so far as we are aware, there is no relevant financial information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and

- As the directors of the company, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have order to make ourselves aware of any relevant financial information and to establish that the
- Charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

BARNET MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE - ACTIVITIES

BMCC is situated in an area of the London Borough of Barnet that has the highest levels of deprivation, a large elderly Asian and black minority ethnic and refugee population who are excluded through isolation, language difficulties and cultural identification. BMCC provides a safe and secure environment where these members can come and participate in numerous projects and activities as well as benefit from receiving important health and statutory information in a culturally sensitive way. So whether people are sharing stories, making art, doing exercise, viewing performances or exhibits, meaningful interaction and exchange is taking place allowing people to make friends, be more active and be healthier. Thus, leading to reduced isolation and improved life chances across the community as well improved physical and mental wellbeing of the users.

RESIDENT GROUPS

The **aims and objectives** of Barnet Multicultural Community Centre are as follows:

- To promote and develop opportunities for and participation of disadvantaged people.
- To work towards a better understanding between different cultural groups.
- To provide premises to voluntary organisations and the local community groups.
- To promote better race relations and community cohesion

BMCC is composed of the following three core groups who are permanently resident at the Centre: **Barnet African Caribbean Association**, **Barnet Asian Old Peoples Association**, **Barnet Somali Community Group**.

BARNET AFRICAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION (BACA) *cater for day care needs of the elderly and sufferers of Alzheimer's and stroke in the African & Caribbean communities.*

Hours of operation are Tuesdays: 10am - 3pm

Activities include:

- Assistance with social settings
- Activities such as sewing, gardening and bingo
- Health checks and advice from nurse
- Keep-fit exercise
- Promotion on mental wellbeing
- Practical support with finances and housing
- Social events and outings
- Befriending and volunteering
- Freshly cooked Caribbean and African meals

BARNET ASIAN OLD PEOPLES ASSOCIATION (BAOPA) *provides a welcoming day centre facility for the recreation, leisure and social welfare of the elderly in the Asian community.*

Hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays: 12pm - 3.30pm

Activities include:

- Presentations on health and wellbeing
- Health checks e.g. Blood pressure, diabetes management and general wellbeing
- Day trips and outings to places of interest
- Keep-fit exercise
- Advice and support
- Celebrating cultural festivals and other events

BARNET SOMALI COMMUNITY GROUP (BSCG) *provides advice, information and support to refugees and asylum seekers from the Somali community.*

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday: 11am - 4pm

Appointments to provide free advice and information about:

- Housing and welfare benefits
- Immigration
- Education and employment advice
- Translation and interpreting
- Health
- Helpline advice service

CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

True to its motto, Barnet Multicultural Community Centre (BMCC) remains to be a "Community HUB specialising in Day-care, Advocacy, Education, Fitness and Health as well as providing meeting rooms and halls for hire" upheld by a rich assortment of facilities, services and activities accessible to the public.

The Centre maintains to ensure high standards of services are being offered by making its versatile facilities available to the full and wider Community.

BMCC has been a well-used centre and continues to cater for the needs of a wide cross section of the community as you will see from this report.

I hope the information illuminates the vital role such a facility plays in the community which ultimately enriches lives in a variety of different ways.

During the Covid-19 pandemic and following government guidelines, BMCC continued to provide support and services to the local community during the lockdown with food shopping, prescription support and food bank parcel to our service users especially those who were shielding due to clinical vulnerability and/or going through chemotherapy/radiotherapy during this difficult time.

BACA recommenced face-to-face activities in line with government guidance in August 2021.

BAOPA recommenced face-to-face activities in line with government guidance in September 2021.

BSCG continued to meet with clients one on one through appointments to provide support and advice, throughout the year.

Following the government guidelines, BMCC was made Covid Safe, allowing the local community and businesses to hire BMCC to generate some income, especially after being closed for nearly 3 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown.

As the pandemic came to an end the demand for the BMCC has grown, boosting the revenue to jump 28% than last year. BMCC have mainly relied on income from hires and renters but as the profit increased so the expenditure, and hence dipped only 4% of the reserve.

Post COVID, BMCC has been able to maintain its aims through volunteering, offering services and assistance to the community, and adhering to all government rules.

An appreciation goes to the chairman for his guidance, and flexibility to help me navigate through the new role. A particular appreciation also goes to the part-time caretaker for dedication and flexibility that have been integral to running the Centre.

BMCC looks forward to another year filled with service provision, activities and further developments.

WHAT'S ON WEEKLY

At

BARNET MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday

11:00am - 2:00pm

Acupuncture by Cherry Lodge Cancer Care (Appointments Only)

11:00am - 4:00pm

Welfare, Housing & Employment - Barnet Somali Community Group

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Asian Women's group by Hendon Satsang Mandal

11:00am - 3:00pm

Health Checks by Cherry Lodge for Barnet Somali Community Group/ Hendon Satsang Mandal (3rd Monday of the month)

5:00pm - 8:30pm

Karate Centre – Karate Classes for Children and Adults

Tuesday

10:00am - 3:00pm

Elderly Care & Support - Barnet African Caribbean Association

11:00am - 3:00pm

Health Checks by Cherry Lodge for Barnet African Caribbean Association (Once a month)

5:00pm - 10:00pm

Church of Christ (Iglesia ni Cristo) - Hiring Client

Wednesday

11:00am - 4:00pm

Welfare, Housing & Employment - Barnet Somali Community Group

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Elderly Day Centre - Barnet Asian Old Peoples Association

11:00am - 3:00pm

Health Checks by Cherry Lodge Cancer Care for Barnet Asian Old Peoples Association (Once a month)

Thursday

11:00am - 4:00pm

Welfare, Housing & Employment - Barnet Somali Community Group

11:00am – 2:00pm

Delivery of Ready Meal to elderly people with cancer &

Foodbank every fortnight - Groundswell Project & Barnet Somali Community

Friday

11:00am - 4:00pm

Welfare, Housing & Employment - Barnet Somali Community Group

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Elderly Day Centre - Barnet Asian Old Peoples Association

Saturday

6:00pm - 11:00pm

Church of Christ (Iglesia ni Cristo) - Hiring Client

REGULAR ACTIVITIES & STATISTICS

<i>Day group</i>	Hendon Satsang Mandal - Asian Women's group includes activities, chair exercises, seminars and talks, singing and lunch club	Weekly
<i>Health</i>	Cherry Lodge Cancer Care - Healthy living surgeries, includes confidential health advice, mini health checks - monitoring blood pressures, blood sugar levels, weight and urine test	Monthly
<i>Health</i>	Cherry Lodge Cancer Care – Acupuncture for cancer patients	Weekly
<i>Fitness</i>	Barnet African Caribbean Association – Chair exercise encouraging over 55's to stay fit and active.	Weekly
<i>Fitness</i>	Barnet Asian Old Peoples Association - Chair exercise encouraging over 55's to stay fit and active.	Weekly
<i>Fitness</i>	Karate Centre - Evening Karate classes for children and adult	Weekly
<i>Religion</i>	Church of Christ - Christian religious organization	Weekly

CENTRE USAGE STATISTICS

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|---|----|
| 1. Number of private hirers | 36 |
| 2. Number of community, voluntary and statutory organisations | 10 |
| 3. Number of repeat activities/resident user groups | 10 |

Approximately 15,000 people visited and used the Centre over the year.

BARNET MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

Independent examiner's report

For the year ending 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

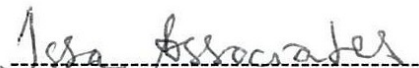
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

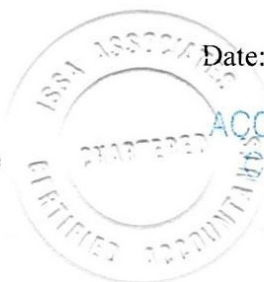
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities; have not been met;



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Date: 28th March 2025

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BARNET MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<i>Fixed Assets:</i>					
Tangible	4		<u>418</u>	<u>626</u>	
			418	626	
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Debtors	5	2,711		2,711	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>78,930</u>		<u>81,079</u>	
		81,641		83,790	
<i>Current liabilities payable within 1 year:</i>					
Creditors and accruals	6	<u>(6,217)</u>		<u>(5,916)</u>	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			<u>75,424</u>	<u>77,874</u>	
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			<u><u>75,842</u></u>	<u><u>78,499</u></u>	
<i>Funds:</i>					
General funds			75,842	78,499	
			<u><u>75,842</u></u>	<u><u>78,499</u></u>	

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under s476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 13 to 16 were approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:

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A M Salah
Chair Date: 28/03/2025

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards.

2 Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year is set out below.

2.1 Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

2.2 *Incoming resources*

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

2.3 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category, and where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

2.4 *Fund Accounting*

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the financial statements

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted funds are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.5 *Depreciation and diminution in value*

Depreciation is provided at the rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment: 20% on straight line basis

2.6 *Transfers between funds*

Where proportions of restricted grants have been allocated for general management and administration costs of the charity/company, these are indicated as transfers between funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.7 Gifts in kind

The charity received the benefit of work carried out by volunteers which is not costed.

BARNET MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

3 Governance Costs

These relate to the general running of the charity. They allow us to operate and generate the information required for public accountability. Thus, they include, trustees' meeting costs as well as preparation of statutory accounts. The cost is calculated as 10% of salaries.

4 *Tangible fixed assets*

(2 new boiler units & 200 new chairs)

	Office equipment	Total £
<i>Cost</i>		
At 1 April 2023	14,573	14,573
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>14,573</u>	<u>14,573</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>		
At 1 April 2023	13,947	13,947
Charge for period	208	208
At 31 March 2024	<u>14,156</u>	<u>14,156</u>
<i>Net book values</i>		
At 31 March 2024	<u>417</u>	<u>417</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>626</u>	<u>626</u>
5 Debtors and prepayments	2024 £	2023 £
Prepaid Business rates	774	774
Prepaid rent	1937	1,937
	<u>2,711</u>	<u>2,711</u>
6 Creditors and accruals	2024 £	2023 £
Hiring Clients' Deposits	4,787	4,486
Other creditors and accruals	<u>1,430</u>	<u>1,430</u>
	<u>6,217</u>	<u>5,916</u>