

Registered Charity Number
1064859

The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust
Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Report and accounts
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The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust Charity Information

Trustees

Omer Ismail Barud (Chair of Trustees)
Farah Hassan Ahmed
Ahmed Ismail Sarman (Treasurer)
Abdirahman Mohamed Ali
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Ismail Adam Hussen
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The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023. The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31st March 2023 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The full name of the charity is The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust.

The legal registration details are :-

<i>The Registered Office is</i>	Unity House, 42 Great Southern Street Manchester M14 4EZ
<i>Charity Registration Number</i>	1064859
<i>The telephone number is</i>	01612486143

Summary of main activities of the charity in relation to its objects

The main objective of the charity as set out in the charity's trust deed are as follows;

To promote the Islamic religion.

To promote the culture and language and the Islamic traditions of the Somali community.

To establish or secure the establishment of an Islamic centre and to maintain and manage such a centre for the furtherance of the above objects.

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable objectives. The trustees consider that these activities are as follows:

Youth Services — Education services — including supplementary school, personal development workshops, spiritual guidance, good citizenship, recreation and diversion activities for positive social change

Social care support for the elderly citizen — activities to improve mental health and physical wellbeing, spiritual support, social networking opportunities

Women services engagement — active citizenship, activities to improve mental health and physical wellbeing, spiritual support, social networking opportunities, education activities

Community development — employment opportunities, security awareness and cooperation, social justice, spiritual education

Partnership working — interfaith dialogue, NHS, work with security services — GMP & PREVENT team, housing and Adult social care support

Family services — family counselling

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Achievements and Performance of the Charity

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Introduction: Alfurqan Islamic Centre embarked on an ambitious fundraising campaign during the fiscal year 2022/2023, with the primary objective of securing £1 million for the expansion and renovation project. The aim is to transform the existing facility into an international standard Mosque and Community Centre, catering to the diverse needs of the Muslim community. Despite ongoing efforts to collect pledges, fundraising is still in progress.

Project Milestones:

1.Planning and Approvals:

- Secured planning permission with 10 conditions.
- Fulfilled most planning conditions.
- Successful planning application for the courtyard and an additional floor in the mosque.

2.Project Team:

- Engaged over 5 companies for sourcing and building contractors.
- Employed key personnel, including a Project Manager, Architect, and Structural Engineer.

3.Architectural Work:

- Completed planning architectural design.
- Addressed planning conditions related to traffic management.
- Developed updated plans, elevations, and sections.
- Created a detailed architectural model for the mosque.

4.Structural Engineer – HBL:

- Appointed a Structural Engineer to develop design solutions.
- Conducted investigative works, including trial pits and a condition report.
- Engaged in site investigation, including sample pits and boreholes.

5.Surveyor:

- Carried out a comprehensive building survey.
- Commissioned a specialist survey (Right to light) and internal building survey.
- Appointed a Quantity Surveyor for cost implications.

Challenges and Solutions:

1.Building Concerns:

- Architect is drawing detailed designs for building control, considering new options to mitigate issues.
- Target for completion of detailed building designs is the end of February 2024.

2.Financial Conditions:

- Due to the cost-of-living crisis, efforts to secure at least 90% of funds by Ramadan 2024.
- Acknowledgment of rising costs in building materials and labor.
- Site work to commence with a minimum of 70% of project funds secured.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

The Charity is a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 14th October 1997.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Members of the management committee are all recruited from volunteers within the Somali Community.

The policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

Most trustees are already familiar with the work of the charity as a result of being local people and due to their involvement with the charity.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend induction and training in relevant policies and procedures as and when necessary.

Financial Review

We have been facing financial challenges, however we are planning to increase our youth and women support provisions and programmes with construction project that will increase floor space for their activities - The Atrium project. This will test our finances and will demand new fundraising campaigns.

Investment powers and policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there are few funds for any longer term investment. The trustees shall review this statement should excess funds become available.

Policies on reserves and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31st March 2022 was £ 1,073,764 (2021: £919,173). The organisation has sufficient funds to meet day to day operations and it is the intention of the charity to reserve sufficient funds to secure a building.

The Charity's main source of income is donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

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Risk management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Plans for Future Periods

Project Vision and Objectives: The expansion project aims to transform the existing warehouse into an international standard Mosque and Community Centre, with a focus on:

1. Contemporary Identity:

- Creating a contemporary identity for the multiethnic Muslim community.
- Providing a space for the youth, elderly, and women to interact comfortably.

2. Educational and Community Facilities:

- Integrating educational facilities with prayer spaces.
- Offering a space for religious, cultural, social, and educational activities.

3. Accessibility and Inclusivity:

- Improving access for all, including people with reduced mobility, different age groups, and women.
- Ensuring modern and comfortable facilities for all generations and users.

Conclusion and Future Steps: The structural engineers and architects are working collaboratively to finalize the construction design. Once completed, a contractor will be agreed upon, and the project is scheduled to commence by early spring of 2024.

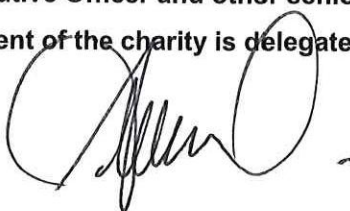
Upcoming Goals:

- Architect to complete detailed building designs by the end of February 2024.
- Secure at least 90% of funds by Ramadan 2024.

The Centre recognises the financial challenges posed by the cost-of-living crisis and rising inflation, and steps are being taken to navigate these challenges and ensure the successful realization of the project.

The name of the Chief Executive Officer and other senior staff member(s) to whom day to day management of the charity is delegated by the charity trustees.

Abdirahman Mohamed Ali



The members of the Board of Trustees of the Charity at the date the report and accounts were approved were:-

Omer Ismail Barud (Chair of Trustees)

Farah Hassan Ahmed

Chair of Trustees (Treasurer)

Ahmed Ismail Sarman

Treasurer

Abdirahman Mohamed Ali

Hussein Soyan Mohamed

Ismail Adam Hussen

Omar Ibrahim Aden

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Independent Examiner

Mr Muhammad Saeed Zia FCCA

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

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

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provision of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Method of preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Acceptable Accounting Practice).

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 18 December 2023.

Mr Abdirahman Mohamed Ali

Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Abdirahman Mohamed Ali', written in a cursive style.

The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the charity

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees
on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of the Charity on pages 10 to 17 for the year ended 31 March 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. (The SORP), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As described on page 4, the Charity's trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

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

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of opinion and scope of work undertaken

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales setting out the duties of an independent examiner issued by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act) in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, except as disclosed below, no matter has come to my attention:
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
to keep accounting records have in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting
requirements of the 2011 Act,
have not been met; or
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of
the accounts to be reached.
We have not had access to the management committee minutes for the year.



The Examiner's relevant professional qualification or body is:

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

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The date upon which my opinion is expressed is :-
18 December 2023

The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year Total Funds
Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Revenue grants, donations and legacies- individuals	840,000	-	840,000	298,432
Revenue grants, donations and legacies- organisations	-	-	-	13,623
Investment Income	20,391	-	20,391	18,675
Total incoming resources	860,391	-	860,391	330,730
Resources expended				
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>				
<i>Costs of charitable activities</i>	222,056	-	222,056	175,203
<i>Governance costs</i>	1,440	-	1,440	840
<i>Other resources expended</i>	1	-	1	96
Total resources expended	223,497	-	223,497	176,139
Net incoming resources before transfers between funds	636,894	-	636,894	154,591
Net incoming resources before Other recognised gains and losses	636,894	-	636,894	154,591
Other recognised gains and losses				
Net movement in funds	636,894	-	636,894	154,591
Reconciliation of funds				
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	1,073,764	-	1,073,764	919,173
Total Funds carried forward	1,710,658	-	1,710,658	1,073,764

The net movement in funds referred to above is the net incoming resources as defined in the SORP and is reconciled to the total funds as shown in the Balance Sheet on page 13 as required by the SORP.

The notes on pages 14 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	860,391	330,730
Direct costs of turnover	222,056	175,203
Gross surplus	<u>638,335</u>	<u>155,527</u>
Governance costs	1,440	840
Other resources expended	1	96
Operating surplus	<u>636,894</u>	<u>154,591</u>
Surplus on ordinary activities before tax	<u>636,894</u>	<u>154,591</u>
Surplus for the financial year	<u>636,894</u>	<u>154,591</u>
Retained surplus for the financial year	<u>636,894</u>	<u>154,591</u>
All activities derive from continuing operations		

The notes on pages 14 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
Excess of Expenditure over income before realisation of assets	636,894	154,591
Profit per Profit and Loss account	636,894	154,591
Net Movement in funds before taxation	636,894	154,591

Movements in revenue and capital funds
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Revenue accumulated funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Accumulated funds brought forward	1,073,764	-	1,073,764	919,173
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	636,894	-	636,894	154,591
	1,710,658	-	1,710,658	1,073,764
Closing revenue accumulated funds	1,710,658	-	1,710,658	1,073,764
				£

Summary of funds

	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
Revenue accumulated funds	-	1,710,658	-	1,710,658	1,073,764
Total funds	-	1,710,658	-	1,710,658	1,073,764

The notes on pages 14 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust
Registered Charity Number: 1064859
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

		2023	2022
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	674,018	702,265
Total fixed assets		<u>687,353</u>	<u>702,265</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	6	34,501	34,500
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,023,794</u>	<u>358,475</u>
Total current assets		<u>1,058,295</u>	<u>392,975</u>
Creditors:-			
amounts due within one year	7	(29,245)	(21,476)
Net current assets		<u>1,029,050</u>	<u>371,499</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,716,403</u>	<u>1,073,764</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset / liability		<u>1,716,403</u>	<u>1,073,764</u>
Net assets including pension asset / liability		<u>1,716,403</u>	<u>1,073,764</u>
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds	1,716,403	<u>1,073,764</u>	<u>1,073,764</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>1,716,403</u>	<u>1,073,764</u>
Total charity funds		<u>1,716,403</u>	<u>1,073,764</u>

Mr Abdirahman Mohamed Ali

Trustee



Ahmed I Sarman

Treasurer



Approved by the board of trustees on 18 December 2023

The Manchester Somali Islamic Cultural Trust
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

a Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Advantage has been taken of Section 396(5) of The Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statements to be adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's operation and in order to comply with the requirements of the SORP.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in the FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

b Funds Structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There were no restricted funds at the year end.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

c Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

d Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (f) below.

e Irrecoverable Vat

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

f Allocation of Support and governance costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees.

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g Costs of raising funds

There are no costs associated with raising funds.

h Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All **assets** costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged on the following basis:

Building Improvements,	10% on cost
Fixtures, Fittings Equipment & Security	15% on cost
Computers	33% on cost
Buildings	2% on cost

i Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their varying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities

j Pensions

The charity currently does administer contributions to an auto enrolment pension scheme on behalf of individuals. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the contributions

2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2021: £nil). Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £nil (2021: £nil).

Taxation

As a registered charity, the charity is exempt from income tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

3 Surplus for the financial year

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after crediting :-		
Revenue Turnover from ordinary activities	860,391	330,730
and after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	28,246	31,022
Rentals under operating leases	11,183	4,911
Pension costs	3,385	3,685
Reporting Accountant fees	1,440	840

4 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross Salaries	66,386	71,495
Employer's National Insurance	5,363	5,827
Pension Contributions	3,385	3,685
	<u>75,134</u>	<u>81,007</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (previous year: 4).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises of the trustees. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £nil (previous year: £nil),

No employees has benefits in excess of £60,000 (previous year: none).

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5 Tangible functional fixed assets

	Freehold Land and £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Building Improvements	Plant and Machinery £	Total £
Asset cost, valuation or revalued amount					
At 1 April 2022	662,546	22,920	388,686	27,862	1,102,014
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	662,546	22,920	388,686	27,862	1,102,014
Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions					
At 1 April 2022	114,629	22,398	237,010	25,713	399,750
Depreciation on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	10,958	78	16,501.00	709	28,246
At 31 March 2023	125,587	22,476	253,511	26,422	427,996
Net book value					
At 31 March 2023	536,959	444	135,175	1,440	674,018
At 31 March 2022	547,917	522	151,676	2,149	702,265

6 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other Debtors	34,501	34,500

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued expenses	1,440	840
PAYE and NI	16,295	7,680
Wages Due	654	2,648
Other Creditors	10,000	10,000
Unpaid Pension Contributions	856	308
	<u>23,245</u>	<u>21,476</u>

8 Particulars of Individual Funds and analysis of assets and liabilities representing funds

At 31 March 2023	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	674,018	-	-	674,018
Current Assets	1,058,295	-	-	1,058,295
Current Liabilities	(29,245)	-	-	(29,245)
	<u>1,716,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,716,403</u>
At 1 April 2022	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
Tangible Fixed Assets	702,265	-	-	702,265
Current Assets	392,975	-	-	392,975
Current Liabilities	(21,476)	-	-	(21,476)
	<u>1,073,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,073,764</u>

9 Post balance sheet events

The trustees consider that there were no post balance sheet events to disclose