

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)

England & Wales · Charity number 1071152

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1998-08-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN GREATER LONDON AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE SOMALI BY RELIEVING PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS, BY ADVANCING EDUCATION AND BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT TOF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE PERSONS FOR WHOM THE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED. (2) FOR THE RELIEF OF POVERTY OF SOMALI REFUGEES WHO ARE RESIDENT OR WHO ARE INTENDING TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE, ASSISTANCE, REPRESENTATION, COUNSELLING, TRANSLATING AND INTERPRETING SERVICES IN MATTERS SUCH AS IMMIGRATION, MONEY DEBTS, WELFARE BENEFITS, HEALTH, HOUSING, SOCIAL SECURITY, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.

Activities: For the public benefit of Greater London and Somalia, and in particular for the benefit of those members of the community who are Somali by relieving such persons who are in need by reason of poverty, sickness and distress, by advancing education and by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation in the interest of the social welfare.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
- Throughout London

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £32,959 | £32,959 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £42,921 | £42,921 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £23,812 | £20,497 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £16,700 | £15,200 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £0 | £0 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| Abdullahi Addo | Chair | 2015-01-01 |
| Hiis Abdulle | | 2018-09-01 |
| Mahad Mohamed | | 2017-06-15 |
| Nasra Hassan | | 2018-09-01 |
| Ossob Ali | | 2019-01-10 |
| Zakaria Ali | | 2019-05-01 |

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Accounts

**MERTON SOMALI
COMMUNITY (MESCO)**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1071152

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Trustees at 31 March 2025 Abdullahi Addo-(Chairman)
Mahad Mohamed-(Secretary)
Ossob Ali-(Treasure)
Zakaria Ali
Hiis Abdulle
Nasra Hassan

Charity Number 1071152 (England and Wales)

Date of Registration 21st August 1998

Start of Financial Period 1st April 2024

End of Financial Period 31^s March 2025

Legal Status Standard Charity

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Constitution adopted 7th December 1997

Objects

1. To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the public, principally but not exclusively in the local government area of the London Borough of Merton and its environs (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") and, in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health, and the relief of poverty, distress, and sickness. To build the capacity of third sector organisations and provide them with the necessary support, information, and services to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose. To promote, organise, and facilitate cooperation and partnership working between third sector, statutory, and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

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**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
TRUSTEES REPORT**

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees

The following trustees held office during the whole of the period:

Abdullahi Addo- (Chairman)
Mahad Mohamed – (Secretary)
Ossob Ali – (Treasure)
Zakaria Ali
Hiis Abdulle
Nasra Hassan

Trustees Report: Performance and Activities (April 2024 - March 2025)

The trustees of Merton Somali Community (MESCO) are pleased to present the annual report for the year ended **31 March 2025**. This year, the charity continued to focus on supporting the local Somali community through tailored projects that address financial hardship, mental health awareness, and social inclusion.

Objectives and Activities

MESCO aims to provide essential support to the Somali community in Merton by addressing key challenges such as financial hardship, housing issues, and mental health stigma. Through community-led initiatives, the charity empowers individuals with knowledge and resources to improve their well-being and quality of life.

Key Achievements and Performance

1. Multilingual Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project

Funded by a **£53,104** grant, this **18-month project** aimed to reduce financial distress, evictions, fines, and bailiff actions by providing targeted advice in the Somali language. The project employed a **temporary advisor** who worked directly with service users to educate them on their rights, responsibilities, and long-term financial solutions. Additionally, the grant covered **12 months of office rent**, providing a stable space for consultations. During the **2024-25 financial year**, the charity utilized the remaining **£15,135** to ensure the successful delivery of the project and the project has now been successfully ended this year in October 2024 benefiting numerous individuals and families facing financial difficulties.

2. Legends Get Fit-Over 50's Multi sports and fitness sessions

A grant of **£13,009 funded by Sport England on 26 April 2024** which successfully delivered a multi-sports and fitness project for disadvantaged Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) men aged 50 and over in Merton and Lambeth. The project addressed health inequalities, social isolation, and the lack of inclusive physical activity opportunities for older men within these communities.

The project ran weekly at a local sports centre, with Saturday and Sunday sessions led by qualified coaches. Participants took part in structured, age-appropriate activities including low-impact sports, football, fitness training, and guided exercise. Sessions also included advice on healthy lifestyles, nutrition, and managing long-term health conditions such as obesity, hypertension, and type 2 diabetes

The project improved participants' physical health, mental wellbeing, and social connections, reducing isolation and

increasing confidence. Many participants were motivated to continue being physically active beyond the project, helping to create lasting lifestyle changes and stronger community connections among older BAME men.

3. Cost of Living Emergency Assistance Grant 24 – 25

A grant of **£4814.86 funded by London Borough of Merton on 19 Feb 2025** Merton for their Pot 2: Emergency Assistance Grants – support for organisations grant.

Between January and June 2025, the grant enabled us to successfully respond to growing demand for debt and welfare advice services among Merton residents affected by the cost-of-living crisis. The funding supported additional running costs and allowed us to extend our part-time Debt and Welfare Adviser's hours by 8 hours per week, significantly increasing our capacity to manage a rising caseload and deliver timely, high-quality support.

The grant also funded advanced training for our volunteers, strengthening their knowledge of welfare policies, debt management techniques, and practical support approaches. As a result, volunteers were better equipped and more confident in providing effective assistance to residents in need.

In addition, the funding helped cover increased heating and electricity costs, ensuring our office remained a warm, safe, and welcoming space for residents accessing our services. Overall, the project strengthened service delivery, improved resilience within our team, and enhanced support for some of the most financially vulnerable people in Merton

Impact on the Community

Both projects had a significant impact on the local community by addressing crucial issues that affect Somali individuals and families. The Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project helped service users navigate complex financial challenges, reducing the risk of homelessness and legal action due to unpaid debts.

Meanwhile, the Mental Health Awareness Workshops contributed to breaking down barriers and misconceptions around mental health, promoting emotional well-being and encouraging ongoing discussions within families and social circles.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, MESCO aims to expand its outreach efforts by securing additional funding for long-term financial advice services and mental health support programs. The charity also plans to develop partnerships with other local organizations to enhance service delivery and extend its reach within the community.

Acknowledgements

The trustees extend their gratitude to all funders, staff, volunteers, and community members who contributed to the success of MESCO's initiatives during the year. Their dedication and support have been instrumental in making a meaningful difference in the lives of many individuals.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 imposes on trustees the duty to diligently prepare financial statements annually, ensuring they accurately reflect the Charity's financial status and surplus for the given period. In fulfilling this obligation, trustees are entrusted with several key responsibilities. They must carefully select appropriate accounting policies and consistently apply them. Furthermore, trustees are expected to exercise prudent judgment when making estimates and judgments, ensuring they are both reasonable and sound. Moreover, it is the trustees' responsibility to prepare financial statements based on the assumption that the charity will continue operating as a going concern, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

In addition to financial reporting, trustees are accountable for maintaining comprehensive accounting records that provide a clear and transparent overview of the Charity's transactions. These records should be detailed enough to accurately portray the Charity's financial position and ensure compliance with legal requirements outlined in the Charities Act 2011. Furthermore, trustees are entrusted with the vital task of safeguarding the Charity's assets, necessitating the implementation of adequate measures for fraud prevention and detection.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Abdullahi Addo.....

Abdullahi Addo

Chairman

Approved by the trustees on: 31 Jan 2026

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

| | Unrestricted funds £ F01 | Restricted income funds £ F02 | Endowment funds £ F03 | Total funds 31 March 2025 £ F04 | Prior year funds 31 March 2024 £ F05 |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Incoming resources (Note 1) | | | | | |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | - | - | - | - | - |
| Charitable activities-(Grants & Contracts) | - | 32,959 | - | 32,959 | 42,921 |
| Other trading activities | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Separate material item of income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | 32,959 | - | 32,959 | 42,921 |
| Resources expended (Note 2) | | | | | |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cost of Charitable activities | - | 32,959 | - | 32,959 | 42,921 |
| Governance Costs | - | - | - | - | 130 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | 32,959 | - | 32,959 | 43,051 |
| before investment gains/(losses) | - | - | - | - | 130 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net income/(expenditure) | - | - | - | - | 130 |
| Extraordinary items | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers between funds gains/(losses): | | | | | |
| Loans & Advances | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other gains/(losses) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | - | - | - | - | 130 |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | - | - | - | - | 4685 |
| Total funds carried forward | - | - | - | - | 4555 |

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

| | Unrestricted funds £ F01 | Restricted income funds £ F02 | Endowment funds £ F03 | Total 31 March 2025 £ F04 | Total last year 31 March 2024 £ F05 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tangible assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total fixed assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | - | - | - | - | - |
| Debtors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9) | - | - | - | - | 4685 |
| Total current assets | - | - | - | - | 4685 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8) | - | - | - | - | 130 |
| Net current assets/(liabilities) | - | - | - | - | 4,555 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | - | - | - | - | 4,555 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 8) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets or liabilities | - | - | - | - | 4,555 |
| Funds of the Charity | | | | | |
| Restricted income funds (Note 10) | | - | | - | 3315 |
| Unrestricted funds | - | - | - | - | 1240 |
| Revaluation reserve | | | | - | |
| Total funds | - | - | - | - | 4555 |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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| | Print Name | Date of approval |
| | Abdullahi Addo | 30/01/2026 |
| | Chairman | |

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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| Note 1 | Analysis of income |
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| | Analysis | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds 31 March 2025 £ |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Donations and legacies: | Donations and gifts | - | - | - |
| | Gift Aid | - | - | - |
| | Legacies | - | - | - |
| | General grants provided by government/other charities | - | - | - |
| | Total | - | - | - |
| Charitable activities: | INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES | | | |
| | Grants & Contracts received are as follows | | | |
| | Sport England | | 13,009 | 13,009 |
| | London Borough of Merton | | 4814.86 | 4814.86 |
| | TNLCF | | 15,135 | 15,135 |
| | | | | - |
| | | | | - |
| | | | | - |
| | | | | - |
| | Total | - | 32,959 | 32,959 |
| Investment Income | | - | - | - |
| | Interest | - | - | - |
| | Dividend | - | - | - |
| | Total | - | - | - |
| TOTAL INCOME | | - | 32,959 | 32,959 |

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| Note 2 | | Analysis of expenditure | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Analysis | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds £ |
| Expenditure on raising funds: | Incurring seeking donations | - | - | - |
| | Incurring seeking grants | | | |
| | Total expenditure on raising funds | - | - | - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | During the year ended 31 March 2025, the charity delivered two key projects funded by restricted grants. A grant of £15135, supported an 18-month Multilingual Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project, covering the salary of a temporary advisor and 12 months of office rent, with £15,135 spent in the year to help reduce evictions, fines, and financial distress through education and advice. Additionally, a £4,814.86 grant funded for their plot:2 emergency assistance grant supports for organizations. Additionally a grant of £13,009 was funded by sport England to successfully deliver a multi sport fitness project for disadvantaged Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) men aged 50 and over in Merton and Lambeth. The project addressed health inequalities, social isolation, and the lack of inclusive physical activity opportunities for older men within these. | - | 32,959 | 32,959 |
| Governance Costs | Accountancy Fees | - | | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total | - | - | - |
| Other | Admin Expenses | - | - | - |
| | Total other expenditure | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | - | 32,959 | 32,959 |

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Note 3 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities .

3.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with*

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 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with*

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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

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| Yes |
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* -Tick as appropriate

3.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

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| <i>The charity's continued financial stability, positive growth trends, and strategic plans affirm its status as a going concern.</i> |
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Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

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| <i>Not applicable</i> |
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Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

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| <i>Not applicable</i> |
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3.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

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| Yes* | ✓ | * -Tick as appropriate |
| No* | | |

Please disclose:

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| <i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i> | Not applicable |
| <i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i> | Not applicable |

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| <i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |
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3.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Yes* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | * -Tick as appropriate |
| No* | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please disclose:

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| <i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |
| <i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |
| <i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

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| Yes* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | * -Tick as appropriate |
| No* | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please disclose:

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| <i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |
| <i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |
| <i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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| Note 4 | Accounting policies |
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4.1 INCOME

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| Recognition of income | <p>These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. |
| Offsetting | <p>There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.</p> |
| Grants and donations | <p>Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).</p> |
| Legacies | <p>In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).</p> <p>Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.</p> |
| Government grants | <p>The charity has received government grants in the reporting period</p> |
| Tax reclaims on donations and gifts | <p>Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.</p> |
| Contractual income and performance related grants | <p>This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.</p> |
| Donated goods | <p>Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.</p> <p>The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.</p> <p>Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.</p> <p>Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.</p> |
| Donated services and facilities | <p>Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.</p> <p>Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.</p> |
| Support costs | <p>The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.</p> |

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| Volunteer help | The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report. |
| Income from interest, royalties and dividends | This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably. |
| Income from membership subscriptions | Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. |
| Settlement of insurance claims | Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA. |
| Investment gains and losses | This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year. |

4.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

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| Liability recognition | Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty. |
| Governance and support costs | Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage. |
| Grants with performance conditions | Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output. |
| Grants payable without performance conditions | Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised. |
| Redundancy cost | The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period. |
| Deferred income | No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts. |
| Creditors | The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts |
| Provisions for liabilities | A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date |
| Basic financial instruments | The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP. |

4.3 ASSETS

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| Tangible fixed assets for use by charity | These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least They are valued at cost. |
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MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
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The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.

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| Intangible fixed assets | <p>The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5</p> <p>They are valued at cost.</p> |
| Investments | <p>Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.</p> <p>Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments</p> |
| Stocks and work in progress | <p>Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.</p> <p>Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.</p> |
| Debtors | <p>Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.</p> |
| Current asset investments | <p>The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.</p> |

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
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Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's fees

Assurance services other than audit or independent examination

Tax advisory fees

| This year £ | Last year £ |
|----------------|----------------|
| - | 130.00 |
| - | - |
| - | - |

Note 6 Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

Salaries and wages

Social security costs

Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)

Other employee benefits

Total staff costs

| This year £ | Last year £ |
|----------------|----------------|
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
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Note 7 Debtors and prepayments

7.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors
Other debtors

Total

| This year £ | Last year £ |
|----------------|----------------|
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |

7.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors
Prepayments and accrued income
Other debtors

Total

| This year £ | Last year £ |
|----------------|----------------|
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |

Note 8 Creditors and accruals

8.1 Analysis of creditors

Accruals for grants payable
Bank loans and overdrafts
Trade creditors
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants
Accruals and deferred income
Taxation and social security
Other creditors

Total

| Amounts falling due | | Amounts falling due after | |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| This year £ | Last year £ | This year £ | Last year £ |
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | 130 |
| - | - | - | 130 |

Note 9 Cash at bank and in hand

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Total

| This year £ | Last year £ |
|----------------|----------------|
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | 4,555 |
| - | 4,555 |

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Note 10 Charity funds

10.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

** Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds*

| Fund names | Type PE, EE R or UR * | Purpose and Restrictions | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Loans £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---------------|------------------|------------|---|
| Donations & Gifts | UR | Unrestricted charity funds are financial contributions given to a charitable organization without specific earmarks or restrictions on their use. These funds provide flexibility for the organization to allocate resources based on immediate needs, ongoing programs, or unforeseen challenges, enhancing adaptability and responsiveness to their mission. | 1,240 | - | - | - | 1,240 |
| Charitable Activities/Projects | R | During the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity delivered two key projects funded by restricted grants. A grant of £53,104 supported an 18-month Multilingual Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project, covering the salary of a temporary advisor and 12 months of office rent, with £37,969 spent in the year to help reduce evictions, fines, and financial distress through education and advice. Additionally, a £4,952 grant funded six two-hour mental health workshops for 50 local Somali men, aimed at raising awareness, challenging cultural stigmas, and providing a safe space for open discussions. The funding covered staff, volunteers, venue hire, materials, and refreshments, ensuring the success of both community-focused initiatives. | 3,315 | - | - | - | 3,315 |
| Total Funds | | | 4,555 | 32,959 | - 32,959 | - | 4,555 |

Note 12

Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance

11.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal

| Name of trustee | Legal authority (eg order, governing document) | Amounts paid or benefit value | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| | | Remunerati on | Pension contribution | Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia | Other | TOTAL |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

| |
|-----|
| N/A |
| |

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

| Name of trustee | Legal authority (eg order, governing document) | Amounts paid or benefit value | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| | | Remunerati on | Pension contribution | Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia | Other | TOTAL |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |

Please give details of why remuneration or other
Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a

| |
|-----|
| N/A |
| |

12.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE

| Type of expenses reimbursed | This year | Last year |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Travel | - | - |
| Subsistence | - | - |
| Accommodation | - | - |
| Phone | - | - |
| | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - |

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

| | |
|--|--|
| | |
|--|--|

12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

| Name of the trustee or related party | Relationship to charity | Description of the transaction(s) | Amount | Balance at period end | Provision for bad debts at period end | Amounts written off during reporting period |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | |

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

N/A

For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

N/A

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

| Name of the trustee or related party | Relationship to charity | Description of the transaction(s) | Amount | Balance at period end | Provision for bad debts at period end | Amounts written off during reporting period |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ |

In relation to the transactions above, please provide

N/A

For any related party, please provide details of any

N/A

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1071152

Set out on pages

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)**") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Z Munawar
232-236 Green Street London London
E7 8LE

30 Jan 2026

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)

England & Wales - Charity number 1071152

Accounts

**MERTON SOMALI
COMMUNITY (MESCO)**

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1071152

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Trustees at 31 March 2023 Abdullahi Addo-(Chairman)
Mahad Mohamed-(Secretary)
Ossob Ali-(Treasure)
Zakaria Ali
Hiis Abdulle
Nasra Hassan

Charity Number 1071152 (England and Wales)

Date of Registration 21st August 1998

Start of Financial Period 1st April 2023

End of Financial Period 31st March 2024

Legal Status Standard Charity

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT Constitution adopted 7th December 1997

Objects

1. To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the public, principally but not exclusively in the local government area of the London Borough of Merton and its environs (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") and, in particular the advancement of education, the furtherance of health, and the relief of poverty, distress, and sickness. To build the capacity of third sector organisations and provide them with the necessary support, information, and services to enable them to pursue or contribute to any charitable purpose. To promote, organise, and facilitate cooperation and partnership working between third sector, statutory, and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Registered Office VESTRY HALL
336 LONDON ROAD
MITCHAM
SURREY
CR4 3UD

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
TRUSTEES REPORT**

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees

The following trustees held office during the whole of the period:

Abdullahi Addo- (Chairman)
Mahad Mohamed – (Secretary)
Ossob Ali – (Treasure)
Zakaria Ali
Hiis Abdulle
Nasra Hassan

Trustees Report: Performance and Activities (April 2023 - March 2024)

The trustees of Merton Somali Community (MESCO) are pleased to present the annual report for the year ended **31 March 2024**. This year, the charity continued to focus on supporting the local Somali community through tailored projects that address financial hardship, mental health awareness, and social inclusion.

Objectives and Activities

MESCO aims to provide essential support to the Somali community in Merton by addressing key challenges such as financial hardship, housing issues, and mental health stigma. Through community-led initiatives, the charity empowers individuals with knowledge and resources to improve their well-being and quality of life.

Key Achievements and Performance

1. Multilingual Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project

Funded by a **£53,104** grant, this **18-month project** aimed to reduce financial distress, evictions, fines, and bailiff actions by providing targeted advice in the Somali language. The project employed a **temporary advisor** who worked directly with service users to educate them on their rights, responsibilities, and long-term financial solutions. Additionally, the grant covered **12 months of office rent**, providing a stable space for consultations. During the **2023-24 financial year**, the charity utilized **£37,969** to ensure the successful delivery of the project, benefiting numerous individuals and families facing financial difficulties.

2. Mental Health Awareness Workshops

A grant of **£4,952** enabled MESCO to organize **six two-hour workshops** aimed at supporting **50 local Somali men**. These workshops were designed to challenge cultural stigmas surrounding mental health and provide a safe space for open discussions. The funding covered **staff, volunteers, venue hire, materials, and refreshments**, ensuring a welcoming and supportive environment. As a result, participants gained a better understanding of mental health issues, fostering a more open and informed community dialogue.

Impact on the Community

Both projects had a significant impact on the local community by addressing crucial issues that affect Somali individuals and families. The **Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project** helped service users navigate complex financial challenges, reducing the risk of homelessness and legal action due to unpaid debts. Meanwhile, the **Mental Health Awareness Workshops** contributed to breaking down barriers and

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)

misconceptions around mental health, promoting emotional well-being and encouraging ongoing discussions within families and social circles.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, MESCO aims to expand its outreach efforts by securing additional funding for long-term financial advice services and mental health support programs. The charity also plans to develop partnerships with other local organizations to enhance service delivery and extend its reach within the community.

Acknowledgements

The trustees extend their gratitude to all funders, staff, volunteers, and community members who contributed to the success of MESCO's initiatives during the year. Their dedication and support have been instrumental in making a meaningful difference in the lives of many individuals.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 imposes on trustees the duty to diligently prepare financial statements annually, ensuring they accurately reflect the Charity's financial status and surplus for the given period. In fulfilling this obligation, trustees are entrusted with several key responsibilities. They must carefully select appropriate accounting policies and consistently apply them. Furthermore, trustees are expected to exercise prudent judgment when making estimates and judgments, ensuring they are both reasonable and sound. Moreover, it is the trustees' responsibility to prepare financial statements based on the assumption that the charity will continue operating as a going concern, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

In addition to financial reporting, trustees are accountable for maintaining comprehensive accounting records that provide a clear and transparent overview of the Charity's transactions. These records should be detailed enough to accurately portray the Charity's financial position and ensure compliance with legal requirements outlined in the Charities Act 2011. Furthermore, trustees are entrusted with the vital task of safeguarding the Charity's assets, necessitating the implementation of adequate measures for fraud prevention and detection.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Abdullahi Addo
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Abdullahi Addo

Chairman

Approved by the trustees on: 03 Feb 2025

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

| | Unrestricted funds £ F01 | Restricted income funds £ F02 | Endowment funds £ F03 | Total funds 31 March 2024 £ F04 | Prior year funds 31 March 2023 £ F05 |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Incoming resources (Note 1) | | | | | |
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | - | - | - | - | 1,500 |
| Charitable activities-(Grants & Contracts) | - | 42,921 | - | 42,921 | 22,312 |
| Other trading activities | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Separate material item of income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | 42,921 | - | 42,921 | 23,812 |
| Resources expended (Note 2) | | | | | |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Raising funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cost of Charitable activities | - | 42,921 | - | 42,921 | 18,997 |
| Governance Costs | 130 | - | - | 130 | 130 |
| Other | - | - | - | - | 1,500 |
| Total | 130 | 42,921 | - | 43,051 | 20,627 |
| before investment gains/(losses) | - | 130 | - | - | 130 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net income/(expenditure) | - | 130 | - | - | 130 |
| Extraordinary items | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers between funds gains/(losses): | | | | | |
| Loans & Advances | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other gains/(losses) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | - | 130 | - | - | 130 |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 1,370 | 3,315 | - | 4,685 | 1,500 |
| Total funds carried forward | 1,240 | 3,315 | - | 4,555 | 4,685 |

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

| | Unrestricted funds £ F01 | Restricted income funds £ F02 | Endowment funds £ F03 | Total 31 March 2024 £ F04 | Total last year 31 March 2023 £ F05 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tangible assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total fixed assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | - | - | - | - | - |
| Debtors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9) | 1,370 | 3,315 | - | 4,685 | 4,815 |
| Total current assets | 1,370 | 3,315 | - | 4,685 | 4,815 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 8) | 130 | - | - | 130 | 130 |
| Net current assets/(liabilities) | 1,240 | 3,315 | - | 4,555 | 4,685 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | 1,240 | 3,315 | - | 4,555 | 4,685 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 8) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total net assets or liabilities | 1,240 | 3,315 | - | 4,555 | 4,685 |
| Funds of the Charity | | | | | |
| Restricted income funds (Note 10) | | 3,315 | | 3,315 | - |
| Unrestricted funds | 1,240 | - | - | 1,240 | - |
| Revaluation reserve | | | | - | |
| Total funds | 1,240 | 3,315 | - | 4,555 | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | | | | Print Name | Date of approval 03/02/2025 |
| | | | | Abdullahi Addo | 03/02/2025 |
| | | | | Chairman | <i>Abdullahi Addo</i> |

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Note 1 | Analysis of income |
|---------------|---------------------------|

| | Analysis | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds 31 March 2024 £ |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Donations and legacies: | Donations and gifts | - | - | - |
| | Gift Aid | - | - | - |
| | Legacies | - | - | - |
| | General grants provided by government/other charities | - | - | - |
| | Total | - | - | - |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------|
| Charitable activities: | INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES | | | |
| | Grants & Contracts received are as follows | | | |
| | National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) | | 37,969 | 37,969 |
| | Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund | | 4,952 | 4,952 |
| | | | | - |
| | | | | - |
| | | | | - |
| | | | | - |
| | Total | - | 42,921 | 42,921 |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|---|---|
| Investment Income | | - | - | - |
| | Interest | - | | - |
| | Dividend | - | | - |
| | Total | - | - | - |

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| TOTAL INCOME | - | 42,921 | 42,921 |
|---------------------|---|---------------|---------------|

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
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| Note 2 | | Analysis of expenditure | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Analysis | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Total funds £ |
| Expenditure on raising funds: | Incurring seeking donations | - | - | - |
| | Incurring seeking grants | | | |
| | Total expenditure on raising funds | - | - | - |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | During the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity delivered two key projects funded by restricted grants. A grant of £53,104 supported an 18-month Multilingual Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project, covering the salary of a temporary advisor and 12 months of office rent, with £37,969 spent in the year to help reduce evictions, fines, and financial distress through education and advice. Additionally, a £4,952 grant funded six two-hour mental health workshops for 50 local Somali men, aimed at raising awareness, challenging cultural stigmas, and providing a safe space for open discussions. The funding covered staff, volunteers, venue hire, materials, and refreshments, ensuring the success of both community-focused initiatives. | - | 42,921 | 42,921 |
| | Total expenditure on charitable activities | - | 42,921 | 42,921 |
| Governance Costs | Accountancy Fees | 130 | | 130 |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total | 130 | - | 130 |
| Other | Admin Expenses | - | - | - |
| | Total other expenditure | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 130 | 42,921 | 43,051 |

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Note 3 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities .

3.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with*

| |
|---|
| ✓ |
|---|

 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

| |
|-----|
| Yes |
|-----|

* -Tick as appropriate

3.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

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|--|
| <i>The charity's continued financial stability, positive growth trends, and strategic plans affirm its status as a going concern.</i> |
|--|

Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

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|------------------------------|
| <i>Not applicable</i> |
|------------------------------|

Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

| |
|------------------------------|
| <i>Not applicable</i> |
|------------------------------|

3.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

| | | |
|------|---|------------------------|
| Yes* | ✓ | * -Tick as appropriate |
| No* | | |

Please disclose:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| <i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i> | Not applicable |
| <i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i> | Not applicable |

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| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| <i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i> | Not applicable |
|---|-----------------------|

3.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

| | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Yes* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | * -Tick as appropriate |
| No* | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please disclose:

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| <i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i> | Not applicable |
| <i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i> | Not applicable |
| <i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i> | Not applicable |

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

| | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Yes* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | * -Tick as appropriate |
| No* | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please disclose:

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| <i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i> | Not applicable |
| <i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i> | Not applicable |
| <i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i> | Not applicable |

**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| Note 4 | Accounting policies |
|---------------|----------------------------|

4.1 INCOME

| | |
|--|---|
| Recognition of income | <p>These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. |
| Offsetting | <p>There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.</p> |
| Grants and donations | <p>Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).</p> |
| Legacies | <p>In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).</p> <p>Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.</p> |
| Government grants | <p>The charity has received government grants in the reporting period</p> |
| Tax reclaims on donations and gifts | <p>Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.</p> |
| Contractual income and performance related grants | <p>This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.</p> |
| Donated goods | <p>Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.</p> <p>The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.</p> <p>Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.</p> <p>Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p> <p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.</p> |
| Donated services and facilities | <p>Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.</p> <p>Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.</p> |
| Support costs | <p>The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.</p> |

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| Volunteer help | The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report. |
| Income from interest, royalties and dividends | This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably. |
| Income from membership subscriptions | Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. |
| Settlement of insurance claims | Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA. |
| Investment gains and losses | This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year. |

4.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

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| Liability recognition | Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty. |
| Governance and support costs | Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage. |
| Grants with performance conditions | Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output. |
| Grants payable without performance conditions | Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised. |
| Redundancy cost | The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period. |
| Deferred income | No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts. |
| Creditors | The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts |
| Provisions for liabilities | A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date |
| Basic financial instruments | The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP. |

4.3 ASSETS

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| Tangible fixed assets for use by charity | These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least They are valued at cost. |
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The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.

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| Intangible fixed assets | <p>The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5</p> <p>They are valued at cost.</p> |
| Investments | <p>Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.</p> <p>Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments</p> |
| Stocks and work in progress | <p>Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.</p> <p>Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.</p> |
| Debtors | <p>Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.</p> |
| Current asset investments | <p>The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.</p> |

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Note 5 Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's fees

Assurance services other than audit or independent examination

Tax advisory fees

| This year £ | Last year £ |
|----------------|----------------|
| 130.00 | 130.00 |
| - | - |
| - | - |

Note 6 Paid employees

6.1 Staff Costs

Salaries and wages

Social security costs

Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)

Other employee benefits

Total staff costs

| This year £ | Last year £ |
|----------------|----------------|
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |
| - | - |

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| Note 7 | Debtors and prepayments |
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7.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors
Other debtors

Total

| | This year | Last year |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |

7.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors
Prepayments and accrued income
Other debtors

Total

| | This year | Last year |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |

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| Note 8 | Creditors and accruals |
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8.1 Analysis of creditors

Accruals for grants payable
Bank loans and overdrafts
Trade creditors
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants
Accruals and deferred income
Taxation and social security
Other creditors

Total

| | Amounts falling due | | Amounts falling due after | |
|-----|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | This year | Last year | This year | Last year |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| 130 | 130 | - | - | - |
| 130 | 130 | - | - | - |

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| Note 9 | Cash at bank and in hand |
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Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Total

| | This year | Last year |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |
| 4,685 | 4,685 | 4,685 |
| 4,685 | 4,685 | 4,685 |

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Note 10 Charity funds

10.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

** Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds*

| Fund names | Type PE, EE R or UR * | Purpose and Restrictions | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Loans £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---------------|------------------|------------|---|
| Donations & Gifts | UR | Unrestricted charity funds are financial contributions given to a charitable organization without specific earmarks or restrictions on their use. These funds provide flexibility for the organization to allocate resources based on immediate needs, ongoing programs, or unforeseen challenges, enhancing adaptability and responsiveness to their mission. | 1,370 | - | 130 | - | 1,240 |
| Charitable Activities/Projects | R | During the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity delivered two key projects funded by restricted grants. A grant of £53,104 supported an 18-month Multilingual Debt Welfare and Benefits Advice Project, covering the salary of a temporary advisor and 12 months of office rent, with £37,969 spent in the year to help reduce evictions, fines, and financial distress through education and advice. Additionally, a £4,952 grant funded six two-hour mental health workshops for 50 local Somali men, aimed at raising awareness, challenging cultural stigmas, and providing a safe space for open discussions. The funding covered staff, volunteers, venue hire, materials, and refreshments, ensuring the success of both community-focused initiatives. | 3,315 | 42,921 | 42,921 | - | 3,315 |
| Total Funds | | | 4,685 | 42,921 | 43,051 | - | 4,555 |

Note 12

Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance

11.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from

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| TRUE |
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In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal

| Name of trustee | Legal authority (eg order, governing document) | Amounts paid or benefit value | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------|-------|
| | | Remuneration | Pension contribution | Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia | Other | TOTAL |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

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| N/A |
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Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

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| TRUE |
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In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

| Name of trustee | Legal authority (eg order, governing document) | Amounts paid or benefit value | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------|-------|
| | | Remuneration | Pension contribution | Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia | Other | TOTAL |
| | | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - | - |

Please give details of why remuneration or other
Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a

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| N/A |
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12.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

TRUE

| Type of expenses reimbursed | This year | Last year |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Travel | - | - |
| Subsistence | - | - |
| Accommodation | - | - |
| Phone | - | - |
| | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - |

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

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12.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

| Name of the trustee or related party | Relationship to charity | Description of the transaction(s) | Amount | Balance at period end | Provision for bad debts at period end | Amounts written off during reporting period |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | |

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

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| N/A |
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For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

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| N/A |
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Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

TRUE

| Name of the trustee or related party | Relationship to charity | Description of the transaction(s) | Amount | Balance at period end | Provision for bad debts at period end | Amounts written off during reporting period |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| | | | £ | £ | £ | £ |

In relation to the transactions above, please provide

N/A

For any related party, please provide details of any

N/A

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1071152

Set out on pages

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("**MERTON SOMALI COMMUNITY (MESCO)**") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Z Munawar
232-236 Green Street London London
E7 8LE

03 Feb 2025