

Winchester Muslim Cultural Association

Charity No. 1085124

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 August 2024

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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1085124

Principal Office

Winchester Islamic Centre

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Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

K. Alam

S.A. Chowdhury

M. Hendawi

S. Hussain

A. Kayum

I. Khan

A.S. Moon

M. Suwareh

Key Management Personnel

Chair

A.S Moon

Treasurer

S. Chowdhury

Secretary

A.Kayum

Accountants

Roger Smallman & Co Ltd

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the charity as set out in its governing document is to provide a facility where Muslims can practice their faith, provide education services for children and adults and opportunities for community development in addition to providing a community facility for all the inhabitants of Winchester.

The charitable objects of the Charity are to advance the Islamic Deen (Belief System) by:

1 Relieving poverty, hardship and distress

2 Providing opportunities for the promotion of education and socio-cultural development, and

3 Working with other organisations;

through utilising any means which are Shari'ah and UK legislative compliant (the Objects)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2024 has been a landmark year for the Winchester community. After months of dedication and hard work, the Winchester Muslim Cultural Association (WMCA) proudly acquired its first property in Winchester. The property, now named the Winchester Islamic Centre, was officially handed over on 12th January 2024, Alhamdulillah! (Praise be to God). Since June 2024, the WMCA has focused on fundraising efforts, both within the local Winchester community and beyond. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, with over £660,000 raised from both Muslims and non-Muslims who expressed joy at seeing the community establish a permanent home. This generous contribution enabled the purchase of the property being freehold. Additional fundraising initiatives, including collaborations with other mosques, were successfully organised.

We are pleased to announce that after consultations with professionals and receiving approval from our members, the WMCA is now officially registered as a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with registration number 1210318.

The Winchester Islamic Centre now hosts weekly Jummah (Friday congregational prayers), with attendance averaging between 120 to 150 people, and numbers are steadily increasing as more individuals become aware of the Centre's offerings. Historically, the WMCA has rented venues to host prayers during Ramadan, but in 2024, we were fortunate to hold prayers and have Iftar gathering (breaking the fast) events at the Centre, bringing together men, women, children, and people from both the Muslim and wider community. We were also honoured to be joined by the Mayor and members of the Winchester fire brigade. For the first time, the WMCA held Eid prayers at the Centre, marking a significant milestone in the community's development. Additionally, the WMCA initiated weekly Madrasa (Islamic education) classes, with approximately 30 children attending to learn about Islam, life skills, and how to implement Islamic teachings in daily life. This large undertaking is made possible by the support of volunteers and helpers. In addition to our internal community activities, the WMCA has continued its charitable work by fundraising for disaster relief efforts. We have provided aid to those affected by natural disasters in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Morocco. More recently, we partnered with the Winchester Rotary to host a dinner at the Winchester Islamic Centre to raise funds for the needy in Uganda. The WMCA regularly help the night shelter who care for the homeless in Winchester with donations of food and drink.

The Winchester Islamic Centre itself has undergone significant care and attention. We have cleaned and organised the premises, installed security systems, and carried out necessary repairs such as painting and pointing to the brickwork to the front elevation of the building. Another major development this year was the hiring of the WMCA's first full-time Imam. The Imam leads daily congregational prayers, conducts Friday Jummah prayers, supports weekend Islamic classes, and regularly holds educational workshops for the community.

The Trustees extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed and continue to add to the success of the Winchester Islamic Centre. From the generous donors to the volunteers who help with fundraising, cleaning, maintenance, and running the Centre, your efforts are invaluable. May Allah (God) reward you all abundantly.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The WMCA successfully secured the £700,000 needed to purchase the Winchester Islamic Centre property freehold. In addition to this, additional funds have been raised to support the refurbishment of the property. We continue to receive regular donations from the public, which help with the ongoing maintenance and operational costs of the Centre.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The WMCA is dedicated to assisting communities facing challenges, whether due to natural disasters or other crises. We are committed to organising fundraising efforts, offering volunteer support, and providing necessary relief to help those in need. Our goal is to ensure we help those in times of hardship, through coordinated action and solidarity.

Looking ahead, the WMCA's priority is to raise the remaining funds required for the Centre's refurbishment, estimated at £400,000. We will continue collaborating with architects to prepare proposals, which will then be presented to the community and members for approval. The aim is to ensure the building is not only a place of worship but a vibrant hub for all community activities, fostering spiritual, educational, and social growth for many years to come.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The WMCA is an Unincorporated Association that is governed by a constitution adopted by members in August 2000, amended in 2001 and in 2012. The WMCA is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales

The existing trustees were elected to the committee at an Annual General Meeting of members in July 2022. The election process was overseen by former Mayor of Winchester Chris Pines as Independent Election Commissioner. Mr. Pines collated nominations, performed checks of the nominees and conducted the election process at the AGM. The trustees serve for a period of 3 years as set out in the constitution until the next election of trustees in July 2025.

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The Chair of trustees chaired meetings and minutes of meetings are available to members.

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the constitution. Publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. New trustees work with an existing trustee assisting on activities and projects run by the charity.

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening, and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix as required at their meetings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. Insurance cover is in place and the finances of the Mosque are kept under review.

Appropriate DBS checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups that the WMCA provides activities and services for.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A.S. Moon
Trustee
24 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Winchester Muslim Cultural Association for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Accountant.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

C Gunning Chartered Accountant

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24 December 2024

Winchester Muslim Cultural Association
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	95,691	440,603	536,294	247,846
Charitable activities	4	4,731	-	4,731	-
Investments	5	2,854	-	2,854	719
Other	6	7,178	-	7,178	1,740
Total		110,454	440,603	551,057	250,305
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	6,862	677	7,539	7,873
Charitable activities	8	-	-	-	417
Other	9	38,631	-	38,631	3,470
Total		45,493	677	46,170	11,760
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income		64,961	439,926	504,887	238,545
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		64,961	439,926	504,887	238,545
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		64,961	439,926	504,887	238,545
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		188,302	234,170	422,472	183,927
Total funds carried forward		253,263	674,096	927,359	422,472

Winchester Muslim Cultural Association

Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2024

Charity No. 1085124

		2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	705,521	-
		<u>705,521</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	2,248	7,600
Cash at bank and in hand		220,991	415,662
		<u>223,239</u>	<u>423,262</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(1,401)	(790)
Net current assets		<u>221,838</u>	<u>422,472</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>927,359</u>	<u>422,472</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>927,359</u>	<u>422,472</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>927,359</u></u>	<u><u>422,472</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	14		
Restricted income funds		674,096	234,170
		<u>674,096</u>	<u>234,170</u>
Unrestricted funds	14		
General funds		253,263	188,302
		<u>253,263</u>	<u>188,302</u>
Reserves	14		
Total funds		<u><u>927,359</u></u>	<u><u>422,472</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 24 December 2024

And signed on their behalf by:

S.A. Chowdhury

Trustee

24 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
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Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
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Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.
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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	13,676	234,170	247,846
Investments	719	-	719
Other	1,740	-	1,740
Total	16,135	234,170	250,305
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	7,873	-	7,873
Charitable activities	417	-	417
Other	3,470	-	3,470
Total	11,760	-	11,760
Net income	4,375	234,170	238,545
Net income before other gains/(losses)	4,375	234,170	238,545
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	4,375	234,170	238,545
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	183,927	-	183,927
Total funds carried forward	188,302	234,170	422,472

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Regular Giving	10,705	-	10,705	6,310
Jummah	80,081	-	80,081	7,183
Mosque fund	-	440,603	440,603	234,170
Other	4,905	-	4,905	183
	95,691	440,603	536,294	247,846

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Hall hire	3,528	3,528	-
Arabic Lessons	1,203	1,203	-
	4,731	4,731	-

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Interest	2,854	2,854	719
	<u>2,854</u>	<u>2,854</u>	<u>719</u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Collections for other charities	7,178	7,178	1,740
	<u>7,178</u>	<u>7,178</u>	<u>1,740</u>

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>				
Jummah	6,862	-	6,862	7,873
Mosque fund	-	677	677	-
	<u>6,862</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>7,539</u>	<u>7,873</u>

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
<i>Governance costs</i>		
	-	417
	<u>-</u>	<u>417</u>

9 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Employee costs	617	617	-
Motor and travel costs	100	100	-
Premises costs	11,383	11,383	-
General administrative costs	22,618	22,618	2,562
Legal and professional costs	3,913	3,913	908
	<u>38,631</u>	<u>38,631</u>	<u>3,470</u>

10 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
Additions	705,521	705,521
At 31 August 2024	<u>705,521</u>	<u>705,521</u>
Net book values		
At 31 August 2024	<u>705,521</u>	<u>705,521</u>

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	1,744	-
Prepayments and accrued income	504	7,600
	<u>2,248</u>	<u>7,600</u>

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	201	-
Other creditors	-	70
Accruals	1,200	720
	<u>1,401</u>	<u>790</u>

14 Movement in funds

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 August 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
	234,170	440,603	(677)	674,096
<i>Total</i>	<u>234,170</u>	<u>440,603</u>	<u>(677)</u>	<u>674,096</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	188,302	110,454	(45,493)	253,263
<i>Total funds</i>	<u>422,472</u>	<u>551,057</u>	<u>(46,170)</u>	<u>927,359</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	31,425	674,096	705,521
Net current assets	221,838	-	221,838
	<u>253,263</u>	<u>674,096</u>	<u>927,359</u>

16 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash and cash equivalents	415,662	(194,671)	220,991
	<u>415,662</u>	<u>(194,671)</u>	<u>220,991</u>
Net debt	<u>415,662</u>	<u>(194,671)</u>	<u>220,991</u>

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for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Regular Giving	10,705	-	10,705	6,310
Jummah	80,081	-	80,081	7,183
Mosque fund	-	440,603	440,603	234,170
Other	4,905	-	4,905	183
	<u>95,691</u>	<u>440,603</u>	<u>536,294</u>	<u>247,846</u>
Charitable activities				
Hall hire	3,528	-	3,528	-
Arabic Lessons	1,203	-	1,203	-
	<u>4,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,731</u>	<u>-</u>
Investments				
Interest	2,854	-	2,854	719
	<u>2,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,854</u>	<u>719</u>
Other				
Collections for other charities	7,178	-	7,178	1,740
	<u>7,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,178</u>	<u>1,740</u>
Total income and endowments	110,454	440,603	551,057	250,305
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies				
Jummah	6,862	-	6,862	7,873
Mosque fund	-	677	677	-
	<u>6,862</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>7,539</u>	<u>7,873</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	6,862	677	7,539	7,873
Governance costs				
	-	-	-	417
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	-	417
Employee costs				
Staff training	617	-	617	-
	<u>617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>617</u>	<u>-</u>
Motor and travel costs				
Travel and subsistence	100	-	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
Premises costs				
Rent	1,276	-	1,276	-

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Light, heat and power	1,985	-	1,985	-
Premises cleaning	125	-	125	-
Premises repairs and maintenance	7,997	-	7,997	-
	<u>11,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,383</u>	<u>-</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Bank charges	3,410	-	3,410	822
General insurances	890	-	890	-
Software, IT support and related costs	1,309	-	1,309	-
Stationery and printing	1,679	-	1,679	-
Subscriptions	234	-	234	-
Sundry expenses	15,096	-	15,096	1,740
	<u>22,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,618</u>	<u>2,562</u>
Legal and professional costs				
Accountancy and bookkeeping	1,229	-	1,229	908
Other legal and professional costs	2,684	-	2,684	-
	<u>3,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,913</u>	<u>908</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>38,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,631</u>	<u>3,470</u>
Total expenditure	45,493	677	46,170	11,760
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
Net income	<u>64,961</u>	<u>439,926</u>	<u>504,887</u>	<u>238,545</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>64,961</u>	<u>439,926</u>	<u>504,887</u>	<u>238,545</u>
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	<u>64,961</u>	<u>439,926</u>	<u>504,887</u>	<u>238,545</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	188,302	234,170	422,472	183,927
Total funds carried forward	<u>253,263</u>	<u>674,096</u>	<u>927,359</u>	<u>422,472</u>