

BRITISH SOMALI COMMUNITY

Financial statements & Trustee reports

For the year ending 31 March 2023

Charity Registration Number: 1099490

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Legal and Administrative Information

For the year ending 31 March 2023

Status:	The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18 December 2002 and registered as a charity on 19 August 2004.		
Company number:	04620527		
Charity Number:	1099490		
Registered Office & Business Address:	7-9 Crowndale Road London NW1 1TU		
Trustees:	Osob Mohamed	...	Chair
	Zeinab Abdi Muse	...	Vice Chair
	Rahma Mao	...	Treasurer
	Dr Sana Omar	...	Secretary
	Sucdi Hashi	...	Member
	Raaha Adan	...	Member
Bankers:	Natwest Bank, Camden Town Branch 166 Camden High Street London NW1 0NW		
Accountants:	Issa Associates Chartered Certified Accountants 40a Maygrove Road London NW6 2EB		

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Trustees' Report

For the year ending 31 March 2023

Objective

The objectives of British Somali Community are to support and develop educational achievements, cultural and recreational interests of Somali children and young people, to assist in health improvements, of Somali women, as well as to provide education and training facilities for Somali women to enable them to participate as active citizens.

Legal structure

BRITISH SOMALI COMMUNITY is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18 December 2002.

Financial statements

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company, submit their trustees' report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2023.

Policies:

Reserve policy:

The charity currently operates with general reserves account balances of £65,000. The trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having sufficient reserves.

Risk(s) review:

The trustees have recently reviewed the major risks faced by the charity. This has resulted in efforts to increase charity's donor base.

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees oversee preparation of financial statements, select suitable accounting policies and make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent to give the true state of affairs of the charity.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity. They are elected and replaced as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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Activities and Achievements

The charity is managed by 6 woman elected women trustee members, and currently is staffed by 6 part-time employees as well as 25 regular volunteers. Due to the impact of the pandemic The charity's weekend Supplementary and parents sessions have been restored - thanks to John Lyons Charity .The core of the charity's work continues to be in the field of providing educational and recreational activities for young people and parents as well as providing multi-agency support services to families, health awareness and seminars empowering women to build confidence and strong voice to speak out for violence issues against women and girls including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM); Domestic Violence and Mental Health including advice and guidelines, advocacy in the areas of education, social service training, employment, police and criminal justice. The vital Youth Safety BSCC project funded by LB Camden Task Force came to end mid-year 2021 though the project made difference on the support needed to families against the disproportionate youth knife crime in the Somali Community in Camden still continues and requires long term provision

Covid-19 impact: Although COVID- 19 was challenging with long term impact, BSC continued its services virtually until summer 2022. However we run hybrid format due to the flexibility of the remote system especially the supplementary school , meetings seminars and most stakeholders programs. The supplementary School as BSCC long running project is planned to shift from online on April 2023 to recover the impact of the pandemic on the social interaction and peer group loss , BSC still encourages the community to take the Covid vaccination through working with the Public Health and Camden Council. As the Covid 19 impact disproportionately affected the BAME communities in Camden, we had great losses of families and friends in the Somali community but there was a remarkable sense of community connection and cooperation to overcome COVID-19 impact.

BSC volunteers have been distributing food and care to elderly and vulnerable people. We have received Camden Council and London Funding resources to continue the service provision and support the community during the lockdown in the year 2020 -21 that enabled BSC to continue supporting the community to overcome the impact of COVID – 19 However the disproportionate Pandemic impact on BAME communities is for long term.

Supplementary School – Core project which growing and developing over 28 years is shifting from the historical users from children from Somali Community only to be a multi- ethnic Communities school due to the growing number of its admission from children from diverse communities (Bengali, Arabic, East and Horn Africa). The school runs currently on Online with a plan to return on face to face at BSC Centre by April 2023 on Saturdays and extra hours on the week days after main school to catch up the loss the children experienced during the pandemic. The school activities expanded to work in partnership with local primary and secondary schools in areas of working with parents through un achievement, behaviour and learning difficulties, truancy and other support parents from the community may need. There is a plan to expand it due oversubscription and waiting list as well as the increasingly need of the disadvantaged young people's education attainment and engagement.

Family Support Project – Post pandemic showed families needed more support as covid-19 restrictions pushed families to the edge as they were unable access necessary support service. BSCC is currently working hard to revive most valuable activities as ESOL and Sewing classes; 1to1 advise; Parents seminars, workshops and multi agencies working to enable parents and families access statutory and voluntary service.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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Cost Living crises -from 21-22 the cost living increased sharply and affected families, they are unable to afford the cost of eating and heating. With the support of the local services and charities BSCC is providing relentless support to residents and families or for the challenge they face from cost living crises through accessing cost living crises and related local support package

Mental Health: Due to the increased MH in adults and young people in the Somali Community during and post Pandemic, BSCC has made effort to establish a partnership work with MH statutory and voluntary services with the aim to address the growing MH issues through understanding root causes as well as removing barriers in accessing the service through holistic approach based on cultural sensitivity.

Women Health – Drop in – Health activities designed to cater women's health needs through stress-free environment as physical exercise, health wellbeing, Partnership Mental Health peer support sessions and health eating, Henna and massage & beauty.

Warm Welcome Space

BSC as part of residents support saving energy package we have set up Warm Welcome Space in 2022 at BSC Centre, it does not provide solely to keep warm with tea and coffee but variety of support services are available like cost living , welfare , debts , MH , housing , education and unpaid carers support. The weekly attendance exceeds over 60 people mainly women. We have planned to continue the offer over as it has demonstrated as residents and community Hub.

Funding

Although BSCC has experienced financial challenges on the post pandemic, the trustees express their thanks to all funding agencies and individuals that have helped the charity to develop its services to the community and their financial support during the Pandemic outbreak and post pandemic , Special thanks go to John Lyon's Charity, Camden Borough, City Bridge Trust Camden Giving, the NHS and overall Public Response was amazing. BSC's trustees, staff and volunteers showed remarkable resilience.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



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Osob Mohamed (Chair)
7-9 Crowndale Road,
London, NW1 1TU

Date: 15 May 2023

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Independent examiner's report

For the year ending 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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Date: 15 May 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
From charitable activities	2	2,682	94,314	96,996	25,979
Investment income	2	-	-	-	-
				-	
Total incoming resources		2,682	94,314	96,996	25,979
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Charitable activities	3	2231	85,832	88,063	76,857
Governance costs	4	-	3,341	3,341	3,370
Total Resources Expended		2,231	89,173	91,404	80,227
Net resources for the year	5	451	5,141	5,592	(54,248)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		55,925	56,530	112,455	166,703
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		56,375	61,672	118,047	112,455

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Balance Sheet

For the year ending 31 March 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		1,125	1,773
Current Assets:				
Cash at bank and in hand		123,372	111,381	
		<u>123,372</u>	<u>111,381</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(6,450)	(700)	
Net Current Assets			<u>116,922</u>	<u>110,681</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities			<u>118,047</u>	<u>112,455</u>
Funds of the charity:				
Restricted funds		61,672	56,530	
Unrestricted funds		56,375	55,925	
		<u>118,047</u>	<u>112,455</u>	

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under s476.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:

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 Rahma M. Mao
 Treasurer

Date: 15 May 2023

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 31 March 2023

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* (Revised SORP 2015) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Grants and donations are recognised on accruals basis.

Incoming resources are reported gross.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Provision for depreciation of tangible fixed assets held by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on straight line basis.

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For the year ended 31 March 2023

2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Young Camden Foundation	-	12,710	12,710	-
John Lyons (Supplementary school)	-	50,000	50,000	-
LB of Camden (Youth Safety project)	-	-	-	2,940
Rental income		9,804	9,804	15,754
LBC Resilience Award		12,000	12,000	-
Somali Steering Group		6,000	6,000	-
LBC Youth Choice Program		3,800	3,800	-
Mind Camden - Mental Health	-	-	-	6,985
Other Donations	2,682	-	2,682	300
	<u>2,682</u>	<u>94,314</u>	<u>96,996</u>	<u>25,979</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>2,682</u>	<u>94,314</u>	<u>96,996</u>	<u>25,979</u>

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3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Rent and service charges	-	24,886	24,886	22,884
Wages and salaries	-	35,932	35,932	27,411
Volunteer expenses	-	930	930	1,033
Parents support costs	-	-	-	2,496
Supplementary school tutors	-	14,120	14,120	14,195
Youth project	-	2,535	2,535	2,272
Light & heat	-	3,211	3,211	3,127
Printing, Postage, Stationery	-	551	551	294
Mind of Camden repayment	-	2,460	2,460	-
Violence reduction	-	223	223	-
Refreshments and activities	-	302	302	1,129
Telephone, fax, Internet	-	683	683	1,001
	<u>-</u>	<u>85,832</u>	<u>85,832</u>	<u>75,842</u>

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Publicity & promotions	769	-	769	366
Sundry expenses	814	-	814	-
Depreciation	648	-	648	649
	<u>2,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,231</u>	<u>1,015</u>
Total Charitable Activities	<u>2,231</u>	<u>85,832</u>	<u>88,063</u>	<u>76,857</u>

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	-	700	700	1,610
Legal and Professional	-	2,641	2,641	1,760
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,341</u>	<u>3,341</u>	<u>3,370</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>2,231</u>	<u>89,173</u>	<u>91,404</u>	<u>80,227</u>

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5 Paid employees

5.1	<i>Staff costs</i>	2023 £	2022 £
	Gross wages salaries and benefits in kind	35,932	27,411
	Employers National Insurance costs	-	-
		<u>35,932</u>	<u>27,411</u>
5.2	<i>Number of employees</i>		
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	2023 Number	2022 Number
	Charitable activities	3	3
		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	9,864	9,864
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>9,864</u>	<u>9,864</u>
Depreci		
At 1 April 2022	8,091	8,091
Charged in the Year	648	648
At 31 March 2023	<u>8,739</u>	<u>8,739</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,125</u>	<u>1,125</u>
31 March 2022	<u>1,773</u>	<u>1,773</u>

7	Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
	Other creditors	6,450	700
		<u>6,450</u>	<u>700</u>