

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1104972

Details

Other names	WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY, WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05509129
Registered	2004-07-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED SOMALI COMMUNITY OF TOWER HAMLETS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY(2) TO PROMOTE GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SOMALI COMMUNITY OF TOWER HAMLETS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, AND TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND SOCIAL AND /OR ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF ITS RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES; AND IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE LIFE OF THEIR COMMUNITY IN WAYS WHICH ADDRESS AND ALLEVIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE(3) TO RELIEVE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM CIVIL WAR IN PARTICULAR OF THOSE DISABLED AND ELDERLY SOMALI RESIDENTS OF TOWER HAMLETS AND SURROUNDING AREA(4)TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THOSE SEEKING AND THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.

Activities: We carry out the following activities:Home Work Club ProjectWomen's Health Project Elderly Womens Luncheon ClubAdvice Advocacy & Information Youth ProjectsTraining CoursesESOLMother

Tongue Classes We cover different areas within Tower hamlets.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, 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, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOMALI COMMUNITY OF TOWER HAMLETS.
- Tower Hamlets

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£74,745	£60,684	-	-
2024-03-31	£65,906	£58,007	-	-
2023-03-31	£57,920	£71,383	-	-
2022-03-31	£47,530	£43,624	-	-
2021-03-31	£65,633	£69,054	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sahra Abi Digaleh	Chair	2023-03-23
AGRAM SHIRA MUSE		
Luul Mohamed Jama		2014-02-10

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WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE (WSCC)

(Registered Charity & Company Limited by guarantee)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

TRUSTEES:

Ms. Sahra Digaleh	Chair
Ms. Agram Shira Musa	Treasurer
Ms Luul Mohamed Jama	Member
Mrs. Hodan Ahmed Liban	Member

Ms. Agram Shira Musa

Secretary

REGISTERED OFFICE:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the financial year 2024–2025. During this period, the organisation has continued to deliver its core services in response to identified community needs, while strengthening existing provision and introducing new activities to better support children, young people, families, and older members of the community.

Wadajir Youth Inclusive Club

The Wadajir Youth Inclusive Club continued to operate throughout the year, supporting young people aged 11–16 by providing a safe, welcoming, and structured environment in which they can engage in football, social activities, and informal learning. The project remains focused on promoting education, physical and mental wellbeing, social inclusion, cultural integration, and positive recreation.

Our primary beneficiaries are Somali children and young people who often experience barriers to accessing mainstream youth provision. Many face challenges including school exclusion, linguistic and cultural marginalisation, limited financial resources, and a lack of safe spaces within overcrowded or unsafe neighbourhoods. These factors significantly restrict opportunities for healthy social interaction and personal development.

Throughout 2024–2025, the project continued to support young people to develop confidence, teamwork, discipline, and communication skills, while also offering positive role models and constructive alternatives to antisocial behaviour. The Trustees remain confident that the project continues to meet its charitable objectives and deliver meaningful outcomes for beneficiaries.



New Project: Boys' Boxing Club (Ages 13–16)

During the reporting period, the organisation launched a new boxing club for boys aged 13–16 as an extension of its youth provision. This project was developed in response to feedback from young people and families, identifying a need for structured physical activity that promotes discipline, resilience, and emotional regulation.

The boxing club provides professionally supervised training sessions in a safe and supportive environment. Beyond physical fitness, the programme emphasises self-control, respect, confidence-building, and positive decision-making. The Trustees view this initiative as a valuable addition to the organisation's youth work, particularly for engaging young people who may not be reached through traditional sports or youth activities.



Elderly Women's Luncheon Club

The Elderly Women's Luncheon Club continued to provide vital social, nutritional, and wellbeing support to older women within the community. Securing funding to cover the Project Manager's salary enabled the organisation to improve service coordination and strengthen partnerships.

In addition to regular luncheon sessions, a weekly sewing class day was introduced during the year. This activity provides opportunities for skills-sharing, creativity, and peer support, while also supporting mental wellbeing and social connection. The sewing sessions have been well received, encouraging regular attendance and active participation among service users.

During the year, a women's fitness class was introduced as part of the club's wellbeing offer. The class provides supervised access to light exercise equipment, including a treadmill and stationary bike, enabling participants to engage in gentle physical activity appropriate to their needs. This initiative supports mobility, cardiovascular health, confidence, and overall wellbeing, while also encouraging regular attendance and social interaction. Service users have expressed a strong sense of pride and ownership in the centre, with many actively contributing ideas and feedback. This collaborative approach has strengthened engagement and supports the long-term sustainability of the project.

The luncheon club currently supports approximately 20 service users. Attendance and engagement increased following the return to Teviot Community Hall, with many participants expressing enthusiasm about resuming their regular routine and participating in new activities.

Looking ahead, the Trustees aim to introduce health and wellbeing sessions delivered by volunteer healthcare professionals. These sessions will focus on preventative health, lifestyle choices, and access to health-related information, empowering service users to take greater control of their wellbeing.



Wadajir Foodbank

The Wadajir Foodbank remained a critical service throughout the year, supporting individuals and families experiencing food insecurity and financial hardship. Grant funding was used to purchase bulk essential items to supplement donations received from Fairshare and other partners. Items included non-perishable food, rice, pasta, flour, oil, canned goods, toiletries, sanitary products, and household essentials.

The organisation continued to receive fresh food donations from the local council, often delivered multiple times per week. Purchasing stock monthly from local wholesalers allowed the foodbank to remain responsive to cultural preferences and changing community needs.

A portion of the grant contributed to the Project Manager's salary, enabling effective coordination of ordering, deliveries, volunteer activity, and food parcel preparation. The Project Manager also successfully secured further funding, ensuring the continuation of the foodbank for an additional 5–6 months.

The Trustees recognise that the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing cost of living crisis have disproportionately impacted vulnerable groups. In addition to food provision, the foodbank offered vital social contact, signposting, and reassurance, helping individuals navigate periods of significant stress and uncertainty.

Family Fund and BBC Children in Need – Emergency Essentials and Winter Support

During 2024–2025, Wadajir continued its partnership with Family Fund and BBC Children in Need to deliver emergency and winter support packages to vulnerable families affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Through the Emergency Essentials Programme, the organisation successfully applied for up to 100 grants to support families with items critical to a child's wellbeing.

Grants enabled families to receive essential household goods including beds, mattresses, bedding, cookers, fridge freezers, washing machines, microwaves, air fryers, slow cookers, kettles, and other basic appliances. This support relieved immediate hardship and saved families hundreds of pounds during a period of acute financial pressure.

Volunteers played a central role in supporting families through the application process, ensuring that those most in need could access timely assistance with dignity and care.

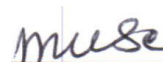
Conclusion

The Trustees are satisfied that, during the financial year 2024–2025, the organisation has continued to operate in furtherance of its charitable objectives, responding effectively to community needs while maintaining strong governance and financial oversight. The continuation of established projects, alongside the successful introduction of new initiatives such as the boxing club and sewing activities within the luncheon club, reflects the organisation's commitment to adaptability, inclusion, and long-term community impact.

The Trustees would like to thank staff, volunteers, funders, partners, and service users for their continued support and contribution to the organisation's work.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh - Chair



Ms. Agram S. Musa - Treasurer

24th Dec 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY

The Management Committee are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity's Act in England and Wales required the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

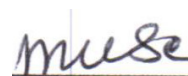
- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time during the financial year of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh
Chair

24th Dec 2025



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 10 - 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, the 2011 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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 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; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA
Incorporated Financial Accountant



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Anderson Pierce & Co
Accountants & Business Advisors



14 Alexandria Road
London W13 0NR
Dated: 24th Dec 2025

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Grants and Donations				
Donations	19,150	55,595	74,745	65,906
Administrative expenses				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries		30,865	30,865	15,890
Employer's NI		116	116	512
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	-	1,986
Project Managers	-	11,890	11,890	16,223
Food Bank	-	9,518	9,518	9,000
Travel Expenses	62	-	62	596
	62	52,389	52,451	44,207
Premises costs:				
Child Care cost	-	-	-	2,200
Light and heat	396	-	396	1,095
Cleaning	27	-	27	1,225
	423	-	423	4,520
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	636	-	636	1,383
Stationery and printing	-	-	-	256
Events and Activities	-	891	891	2,764
books and Teaching Materials	-	367	367	182
Bank charges	310	-	310	148
Insurance	-	658	658	518
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	755
Depreciation	614	-	614	384
	1,560	1,916	3,476	6,390
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	1,480
Other legal and professional	3,334	-	3,334	410
	4,334	-	4,334	2,890
Total Resources Expended	6,379	54,305	60,684	58,007
Surplus/ (deficit)	12,771	1,290	14,061	7,899
Balance brought Forward	3,055	8,231	11,286	3,387
Balance Carried Forward	15,826	9,521	25,347	11,286

**Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	2,071	1,538
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		24,722	11,898
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,446)	(2,150)
Net current assets		<u>23,276</u>	<u>9,748</u>
Net assets		<u>25,347</u>	<u>11,286</u>
Reserves			
Income and expenditure	5	25,347	16,850
Total Funds		<u>25,347</u>	<u>16,850</u>

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Sahra A Digaleh

Director

Approved by the board on 24 December 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed donations, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

(c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering in not these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

(d) Resources expanded

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

(g) Funds structure

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

(h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

(i) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

(j) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

(k) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

(l) Revenue Income

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

(m) Allocation Costs

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

(n) Depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

(o) Legal Status of the Trust

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

2. Management Committee

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
3. Accountancy Fees	-		-	
Accountancy Fees – March 2025	1000	-	1000	999
	<u>1000</u>		<u>1000</u>	<u>999</u>

Operating profit

	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>614</u>	<u>384</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	1,922
Additions	<u>1,147</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,069</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	384
Charge for the year	<u>614</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>998</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>1538</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,071</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxes and social security costs	446	1,151
Other creditors	<u>1000</u>	<u>999</u>
	<u>1446</u>	<u>2150</u>

6 Income and Expenditure

	2025
	£
At 1 April 2024	11,286
surplus for the year	14,061
At 31 March 2025	<u>25,347</u>

7. Analysis of staff costs:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Wages & Salaries			30,865	15,890
Total Staff Cost			30,865	15890

Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

8. Grants and Donations

Date	Details	Amount
	CITY OF LONDON	18,020
	LB Tower Hamlets –Main Grant	37,575
	Other donations from public	19,150
Total Income for the year		74,745

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2024

Mission

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a user-led voluntary organisation operating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. WSCC is striving to support and empower Somali people living in the borough.

We deliver our services in a holistic way, through our work we wish to make a lasting difference to the Somali community.

Aims

- To build the confidence of the Somali community
- To the breakdown of barriers and encourage greater participation within their own community and mainstream regeneration activities.
- To increase the skills of the Somali community by offering a range of seminars and workshops
- To increase the economic capacity amongst the Somali community, leading to an improved employment prospects
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the community to develop positive self-awareness and identity

The Charity's Services include:

- Elderly lunch club
- Advice drop-in service
- Youth Football club
- Foodbank
- BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

Wadajir's Advice Drop-in

Wadajir's advice drop-in service is the organisations longest running project, it is at the heart of what we do as a charity. The majority of our service users have come to the UK as refugees; they have very basic English skills and thus require help accessing services and overcoming everyday issues for example housing concerns which include overcrowding, repairs and utilities companies. Our organisation provides free advice sessions with a trained and qualified advice worker, as well as volunteers, for two days a week. The sessions are not pre booked, they provide our clients the opportunity to come with any issues they may have. If the advice worker is unable to provide the level of support that's needed the person will be sign posted to a more appropriate service.

The drop-in sessions have given us a great deal of insight into the key issues that affect the Somali community, allowing us to build and mould our service around the needs of the community. Wadajir has the Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance demonstrating its ability to provide effective, appropriate, accurate and efficient support meeting the needs of service users. With our limited resources, we have supported users with a range of issues which included welfare rights, housing, education and financial issues. The service is oversubscribed and due to various welfare reforms initiated at a national government level we expect the demand to continue to rise.

Wadajir Youth Inclusive club

This project is to support young people aged between 11-16 and is aimed at providing a safe and welcoming space for them to play football and socialise. We provide support for a wide range of programs aimed at promoting education, health, welfare, social and cultural integration, and recreation. Our focus is on empowering individuals to develop valuable skills, foster social inclusion, and create opportunities for improving their quality of life. Our primary beneficiaries are Somali children and young people who often struggle to find a safe environment for social interaction and may face challenges such as school exclusion. Many of them live in overcrowded and unsafe neighbourhoods, which hinders their ability to lead active and healthy lives. Due to cultural or linguistic marginalization, as well as limited financial resources, they lack access to safe spaces for physical and mental health improvement and are in need of positive influences.

Elderly Women's Luncheon Club

Securing funding to cover the project manager's salary has enabled us to devote more time to assessing the service and renovating the centre. Our most significant achievement this year was the renovation of the community hall, which our service users have positively received. The kitchen renovation has allowed us to expand the variety of food prepared and stored in the centre. Having a project manager has provided us with a point of contact to liaise with the local council and coordinate efforts to minimize the impact on the lunch club.

Over the past year, we have noticed that the women we serve take pride in the centre they use and have been providing input on the changes they would like to see. It has truly been a collaborative experience and encourages longevity.

In the next 12 months, we would like to schedule visits from volunteer healthcare professionals to discuss health and lifestyle changes aimed at improving overall health. These talks will empower our service users to take better control over their health and provide them with access to more information regarding health and related concerns.

The number of people accessing support services as a result of the project is 20. We received a great response from our service users when the project returned to Teviot Community Hall after the renovation. Many participants expressed their excitement at being able to resume their daily commute to the centre.

Wadajir Foodbank

The grant was spent of buying bulk essential items to supplement the food bank donations from Fairshare. The grant was used to buy non-perishable food items and toiletries, rice, pasta, oil, flour, canned vegetables, toilet roll, sanitary towels, etc. We have continued to receive fresh food donations from the council to provide recipients with groceries and we occasionally received deliveries on two days of the week. Goods were purchased monthly from local wholesalers, which allowed us to adapt the stock we ordered to cater to the needs of the community. Part of the grant also funded the salary of our project manager, who would manage ordering the bulk items, coordinating delivery times and oversee the packages made for the service users. The project manager was also able to look for more

funding opportunities for the organisation. This led to the successful funding application for the foodbank which will support the project for the next 5-6 months.

This vulnerable group is now far more likely to need support as they suffer the disproportionate challenges the Covid-19 crisis has brought them. By reaching out with essential food and provisions, we were also able to give them crucial information and social contact, helping them navigate this stressful time. This built social capital, helping people to increase economic and social resilience by engaging with their communities. We help connect our communities to work together, making neighbourhoods stronger and offering invaluable support, social contact, and practical help for those in desperate need.

During the running of the project, one of the local residents notified us of an elderly man in the neighbourhood that was facing hardship during the pandemic. Mahamood is a pensioner who used to little income he received from a state pension to pay off some debts, and what little he had left he rationed for food. We got in touch with him and invited him to use the food bank. On his first visit he was reserved and shy, however over the next few weeks he told us that he can't cook and lives alone. We therefore ensured that he received ready-made meals and microwaved meals to make it easy for him. As we knew he didn't have a balanced diet, we put a variety of fresh fruit and veg into his packages. Mahamood became a weekly regular and would often to help take food to other men facing similar hardships. He has told us that having access to this food bank has taken a huge burden off his shoulder as he often worried about what he could eat on his restricted income. We aim to continue to help Mahamood and any other in the same situation have access to our service, as we are uniquely positioned to help them. As the volunteers working in the food bank as Somali is makes vulnerable people like Mahamood feel welcomed and that they can access the services

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

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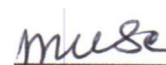
Over the past year, we have noticed that the women we serve take pride in the centre they use and have been providing input on the changes they would like to see. It has truly been a collaborative experience and encourages longevity.

In the next 12 months, we would like to schedule visits from volunteer healthcare professionals to discuss health and lifestyle changes aimed at improving overall health. These talks will empower our service users to take better control over their health and provide them with access to more information regarding health and related concerns.

The number of people accessing support services as a result of the project is 20. We received a great response from our service users when the project returned to Teviot Community Hall after the renovation. Many participants expressed their excitement at being able to resume their daily commute to the centre.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh



Ms. Agram S. Musa

Chair
27th August 2024

Treasurer

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY

The Management Committee are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity's Act in England and Wales required the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

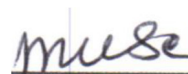
- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time during the financial year of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh
Chair

27th August 2024



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 10 - 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, the 2011 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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 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; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA
Incorporated Financial Accountant



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Anderson Pierce & Co
Accountants & Business Advisors



14 Alexandria Road
London W13 0NR

Dated: 27th August 2024

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Grants and Donations				
Donations	14,251	51,655	65,906	57,920
Administrative expenses				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries		15,890	15,890	-
Employer's NI		512	512	-
Volunteer Expenses	1,391	595	1,986	3,829
Project Manager	-	16,223	16,223	21,800
Food Bank		9,000	9,000	22,300
Staff training and welfare			-	2,189
Travel Expenses	-	596	596	1,505
	1,391	42,816	44,207	51,623
Premises costs:				
Rent & Rates		-	-	3,840
Child Care cost		2,200	2,200	690
Light and heat		1,095	1,095	819
Cleaning	1,225	-	1,225	1,616
	1,225	3,295	4,520	6,965
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	1,383	-	1,383	600
Stationery and printing	256	-	256	395
Events and Activities	2,764	-	2,764	4,193
books and Teaching Materials		182	182	1,038
Bank charges	148		148	209
Insurance	-	518	518	720
Repairs and maintenance	755		755	346
Depreciation	384	-	384	2,284
	5,690	700	6,390	9,785
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Consultancy fees	1,480		1,480	2,010
Other legal and professional	410	-	410	-
	2,890	-	2,890	3,010
Total Resources Expended	11,196	46,811	58,007	71,383

Surplus/ (deficit)	3,055	4,844	7,899	(13,463)
Balance brought Forward		3,387	3,387	16,850
Balance Carried Forward	3,055	8,231	11,286	3,387

**Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,538	1,170
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		11,898	4,819
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(2,150)	(2,602)
Net current assets		<u>9,748</u>	<u>2,217</u>
Net assets		<u>11,286</u>	<u>3,387</u>
Reserves			
Income and expenditure	5	11,286	3,387
Total Funds		<u>11,286</u>	<u>3,387</u>

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Sahra Abi DIGALEH
Director
Approved by the board on 22 August 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

(c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering in not these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

(d) Resources expanded

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expanded are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expanded for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

(g) Funds structure

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

(h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

(i) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

(j) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

(k) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

(l) Revenue Income

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

(m) Allocation Costs

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

(n) Depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

(o) Legal Status of the Trust

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

2. Management Committee

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
3. Accountancy Fees	-		-	
Accountancy Fees – March 2024	999	-	999	1000
	<u>999</u>		<u>999</u>	<u>800</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Operating profit

	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2434</u>	<u>2284</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

		Plant and machinery etc
		£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023		11,418
Additions		<u>752</u>
At 31 March 2024		<u>12,170</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023		10,248
Charge for the year		<u>2,434</u>
At 31 March 2024		<u>12,682</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024		<u>(512)</u>
At 31 March 2023		<u>1,170</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security costs	1151	1,602
Other creditors	<u>999</u>	<u>1000</u>
	<u>2150</u>	<u>2602</u>

6 Income and Expenditure

	2024
	£
At 1 April 2023	3,387
surplus for the year	<u>5849</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>9236</u>

7. Analysis of staff costs:

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Wages & Salaries			15890	0.00
Total Staff Cost	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>15890</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

8. Grants and Donations

Date	Details	Amount
	CITY OF LONDON	17,000
	LONDON COMMUNITY FUND	10,000
	NATIONAL LOTTERY FUND	18,530
	LONDON MARATHON – (FOOTBAL)	6,125
	Other donations from public	14,251
	Total Income for the year	65,906

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1104972

Accounts

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHARITY NO: 1104972

COMPANY NO: 5509129

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE (WSCC)

(Registered Charity & Company Limited by guarantee)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

TRUSTEES:

Ms. Sahra Digaleh	Chair
Ms. Agram Shira Musa	Treasurer
Ms Luul Mohamed Jama	Member
Mrs. Hodan Ahmed Liban	Member

Ms. Agram Shira Musa

Secretary

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COMPANY NO:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2023

Mission

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a user-led voluntary organisation operating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. WSCC is striving to support and empower Somali people living in the borough.

We deliver our services in a holistic way, through our work we wish to make a lasting difference to the Somali community.

Aims

- To build the confidence of the Somali community
- To the breakdown of barriers and encourage greater participation within their own community and mainstream regeneration activities.
- To increase the skills of the Somali community by offering a range of seminars and workshops
- To increase the economic capacity amongst the Somali community, leading to an improved employment prospects
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the community to develop positive self-awareness and identity

The Charity's Services include:

- Elderly lunch club
- Advice drop-in service
- Youth Football club
- Foodbank
- BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

Wadajir's Advice Drop-in

Wadajir's advice drop-in service is the organisations longest running project, it is at the heart of what we do as a charity. The majority of our service users have come to the UK as refugees; they have very basic English skills and thus require help accessing services and overcoming everyday issues for example housing concerns which include overcrowding, repairs and utilities companies. Our organisation provides free advice sessions with a trained and qualified advice worker, as well as volunteers, for two days a week. The sessions are not pre booked, they provide our clients the opportunity to come with any issues they may have. If the advice worker is unable to provide the level of support that's needed the person will be sign posted to a more appropriate service. The drop-in sessions have given us a great deal of insight into the key issues that affect the Somali community, allowing us to build and mould our service around the needs of the community. Wadajir has the Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance demonstrating its ability to provide effective, appropriate, accurate and efficient support meeting the needs of service users. With our limited resources, we

have supported users with a range of issues which included welfare rights, housing, education and financial issues. The service is oversubscribed and due to various welfare reforms initiated at a national government level we expect the demand to continue to rise.

Youth Football club

Wadajir Somali Community Centre (WSCC) helps the isolated Somali community in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to integrate into wider society and gain access to essential services. We promote activities connected to education, health, welfare, social/cultural and recreation to increase skills, foster social integration and build capacity to improve economic opportunities and quality of life. Our beneficiaries are Somali children and young people (C&YP), many of whom either are struggling to find a safe space to meet and need positive influences or possibly those who face school exclusion. They also face significant barriers to active and healthy living; they are often ghettoised into occupying cramped and unsuitable living spaces on dangerous estates. And where physical activities would provide them with a much-needed safe-space to improve both physical and mental health, they either feel too culturally or linguistically marginalised- or are simply too poor- to access most local activities.

Therefore, we have secured £24,500 in revenue funding to provide opportunities for these Somali C&YP to engage in sports. The funds will cover the venue hire (sports pitches), light refreshments, remuneration for two sports coaches, two group guidance mentors, volunteer expenses and administrative costs. This project, co-designed with beneficiaries themselves (through our youth drop-in service) and volunteers with lived experience of our beneficiaries' challenges, will offer sports-based activities - particularly football, to up to 50 male disadvantaged Somali C&YP aged 11 to 16. We will deliver 26 weekly 2-hour sessions, held every Saturday, beginning in the summer of 2023.

Activities:

- Football segments.
- Group guidance/coaching segments (in their native Somali language) to support social and emotional skills, team-building and continued motivation.

Delivery site:

- Mile End Park Leisure Centre (To provide 2 x larger outdoor football pitches + 1 x smaller for 11-a-side).
- Local youth-workers and sports coaches will be hired to deliver the football/guidance sessions.
- Light refreshments will be provided by WSCC.

For our beneficiaries, this project will:

Increase opportunities to participate in sports activities that previously seemed out of their

reach due to cultural or financial challenges.

- Empower them with the confidence, skills and aspirations to engage in sporting activities.
- Improve health and well-being.

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning:

- Collation and review of session reports, feedback from beneficiaries about what is working or not working.
- Regular discussions with a local steering committee composed of five members of the community to obtain additional feedback about the project.

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme & Winter Support Packages Grants

Wadajir partnered with BBC Children In Need and Family Fund to offer grants designed to help vulnerable children and young people in the Cost of Living Crisis. BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances, and is delivered by Family Fund Business Services. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services critical to a child's wellbeing. Our organisation was applied for roughly 50-60 grants for families securing items like, fridge freezer, cooker, bed frames and mattresses, bedding and duvets, slower cooker, air fryers, kettles, toaster, microwave ovens, washing machines and more, saving families hundreds of pounds over the winter period.

Foodbank

Our new food bank project funding supports one year of weekly food parcels to 20-30 disadvantaged families, primarily from BAME backgrounds, living in Tower Hamlets. According to the local council, BAME residents face more difficulties than their white counterparts due to structural and institutional racism, resulting in unequal access to services, employment and unfair treatment and opportunities (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Inequalities Commission Report, 2021) – a situation that has now been exacerbated due to the pandemic and high living costs, as many have lost their jobs and are experiencing increased food insecurity. Food parcels are organised and made available every Friday at Teviot Community Hall with the participation of three volunteers. By donating their time to the project, volunteers will be able to gain valuable work related experience, develop and practice skills adaptable in the workforce, help to build self-confidence and will provide an opportunity to make a real difference within our community. In order to prioritise beneficiaries, such as those with young children and with unemployed adults in the household, we will ask applicants to complete a short questionnaire about their financial situation. The success of the food bank will be assessed every three months through surveys and interviews with our beneficiaries. In addition, we will follow up on the families through our drop-in sessions to continuously assess their financial situation and need for support. Specifically, funds will allow us to purchase non-perishable foods, buy cleaning equipment (to be used to clean the hall), as well as pay for volunteer expenses, utility bills and insurance. During the pandemic, we were forced to close all of our primary activities but managed to stay afloat by reducing costs and staff. However, we still have not recovered financially. The grants we secured would also allow us to hire a part-time accountant to assist us in becoming more financially stable while continuing to meet the urgent needs of a community reeling from the effects of a pandemic followed by sharp inflation, all this exacerbated by deprivation and marginalisation. In 2020 we received a £10,000 grant for the food bank, but those funds ended within six months, as the money awarded was used to provide daily food parcels, to be delivered to beneficiaries' homes. Your assistance will help us to cover costs as we work to financially recover.

Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club

Elderly Lunch Club – Impact report

Wadajir's elderly lunch club is a social club for local elderly women aged 55 and above. The lunch club was initially established in 2006 to tackle the isolation and poor health of elderly Somali women living in Tower Hamlets. The club creates a safe space for these women to relax, socialise, gain knowledge and access services in the borough. Wadajir's elderly lunch club is the only lunch club in Tower Hamlets that specifically targets women from the Somali community. Elderly Somali women are one of the most isolated segments of society. The majority are illiterate, have limited English language skills and comorbidities, therefore find it difficult to integrate well into society and access the available services. We find that many suffer in silence and are unable to effectively communicate their needs. We aim to not only help them to socialise but to also provide them with the advice and guidance to improve their health and quality of life. The 2011 Tower Hamlets census found that 70% of older Somali-born residents living in the borough (aged 65 and over) have a limiting health condition. The feedback that we have gathered from our 14 years working with the Somali community in Tower

Hamlets has indicated that many elderly residents are unaware of the services available to them. We know that these residents could greatly benefit from activities that promote physical activity and provide information on nutrition and healthy living. Budget cuts in local councils have led to many organisations losing funding, greatly impacted Somali organisations. We are one of the few Somali led organisations left in Tower Hamlets, which has led to an increase in our number of service users.

Quote from a participant:

The following quote has been translated from Somali to English. "I feel lucky to have this community of women that I can talk to and rely on, ever since my daughter moved away, I have felt lost and lonely. Being able to form friendships and close bonds at my age has given me renewed hope. I can keep in contact with everybody through this service and it is nice to have people thinking of me too."

Story of change:

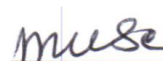
Hibo's story - Hibo has been a regular member of our lunch club for many years and has relied on the centre as a way of socialising with others. A month prior to the Covid-19 crisis, Hibo had taken a fall down her stairs and broken her leg. During her recovery, our members organised trips to visit her at home and bought her food and company. However, when the lockdown was enforced and the lunch club closed, Hibo was closed off from the group. A distant family member would normally top-up her electricity meter, this person fell ill with covid. Her electricity meter eventually ran out and she was left alone with no electricity for a day. Hibo eventually reached out to us and we were able to send a volunteer to top-up her gas and electricity. Since this incident, we have helped her access care services and a family member has moved in with her for additional help. In Hibo's case if she did not have such close ties with our organisation, she would have had no way of getting the help she desperately needed at the time. Unfortunately, many of the elderly women in our organisation are living alone in isolation and are unaware of the services they can access. The lunch club project is vital to the overall health and wellbeing of many of the women we serve and its very important to us to keep it going for as long as possible.

We are continuously striving to secure funding to keep this service open as it is a much-needed service and continues to engage new and old services-users, bringing people together in a health-positive setting. As most of our older service users are of Somali ethnicity, Somali dance sessions are popular and are often launched spontaneously when members push back chairs and start to dance. We encourage them to join in regular physical activities and organise regular exercise sessions while reminding members of the importance of regular exercise for their physical and mental health. Healthy eating workshops complement discussion at meals where we work to provide traditional food with improvements for healthy eating. Crafts and traditional skills are also shared to help members stay active and engaged and improve their mental wellbeing. We also invite speakers monthly to give health talks or to encourage service users to keep active through volunteering, exercising, and staying active. During the last year, we provided support to 30 people through the Elderly Lunch Club and other activities aimed at older people.



Ms. Sahra Digaleh
Chair

2nd June 2023



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

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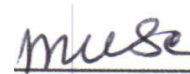
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- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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Dated: 2nd June 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 10 - 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, the 2011 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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) 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

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Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA
Incorporated Financial Accountant



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Anderson Pierce & Co
Accountants & Business Advisors



14 Alexandria Road
London W13 0NR

Dated: 2nd June 2023

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Grants and Donations				
Donations	43,070	14,850	57,920	47,530
Administrative expenses				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries			-	2,031
Volunteer Expenses	1,250	2,579	3,829	2,560
Teaching staff	-	21,800	21,800	-
Covid 19 response		-	-	3,640
Food Bank	22,300	-	22,300	-
Staff training and welfare	2,189	-	2,189	6,444
Travel Expenses	1,505	-	1,505	3,053
	27,244	24,379	51,623	17,728
Premises costs:				
Rent & Rates		3,840	3,840	3,950
Child Care cost	690	-	690	-
Light and heat	415	404	819	1,897
Cleaning	1,616	-	1,616	426
	2,721	4,244	6,965	6,273
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	250	350	600	968
Stationery and printing	151	244	395	2,004
Events and Activities	2,518	1,675	4,193	10,843
books and Teaching Materials	201	837	1,038	-
Bank charges	209	-	209	93
Insurance	-	720	720	-
Repairs and maintenance	346	-	346	1,632
Depreciation	2,284	-	2,284	2,090
	5,959	3,826	9,785	17,630
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	1,000	-	1,000	800
Consultancy fees	2,010	-	2,010	500
Other legal and professional	-	-	-	693
	3,010	-	3,010	1,993
Total Resources Expended	38,934	32,449	71,383	43,624
Surplus/ (deficit)	4,136	(17,599)	(13,463)	3,906
Balance brought Forward	3,128	13,722	16,850	12,944
Balance Carried Forward	7,264	(3,877)	3,387	16,850

**Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,170	2,484
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		4,819	16,829
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(2,602)	(2,463)
Net current assets		<u>2,217</u>	<u>14,366</u>
Net assets		<u>3,387</u>	<u>16,850</u>
Reserves			
Income and expenditure	5	3,387	16,850
Total Funds		<u>3,387</u>	<u>16,850</u>

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Agram S Muse
Director
Approved by the board on 2 June 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

(c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering in not these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

(g) Funds structure

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

(h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

(i) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

(j) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

(k) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

(l) Revenue Income

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

(m) Allocation Costs

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

(n) Depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Deprecation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

(o) Legal Status of the Trust

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

2. Management Committee

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
3. Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees – March 2023	1000	-	1000	800
	<u>1000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>800</u>

3 Operating profit

	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2284</u>	<u>2090</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	10,448
Additions	<u>970</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,418</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	7,964
Charge for the year	<u>2,284</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>10,248</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,170</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,484</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxes and social security costs	1602	1,663
Other creditors	<u>1000</u>	<u>800</u>
	<u>2602</u>	<u>2463</u>

6 Income and Expenditure

	2023 £
At 1 April 2022	16,850
surplus for the year	(13,463)
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,387</u>

7. Analysis of staff costs:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Wages & Salaries			00	2031
Total Staff Cost	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>00</u>	<u>2031</u>

Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

8. Grants and Donations

Date	Details	Amount
	East End Comm Fund Grant	5,500
	LB Tower Hamlet	7,570
	Other donations from public	44,850
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	Total Income for the year	57,920
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WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1104972

Accounts

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHARITY NO: 1104972

COMPANY NO: 5509129

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE (WSCC)

(Registered Charity & Company Limited by guarantee)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

TRUSTEES:

Ms. Sahra Digaleh	Chair
Ms. Agram Shira Musa	Treasurer
Ms Luul Mohamed Jama	Member
Mrs. Hodan Ahmed Liban	Member

Ms. Agram Shira Musa

Secretary

REGISTERED OFFICE:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution:

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a registered charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were established and adopted on the 15th of April 2004.

Developing legal structure:

The organisation had been successfully operating as a registered charity for many years when members of the charity voted for incorporation (to achieve charitable company status) in 2005/6, following an annual meeting.

Trustees Responsibilities:

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to comply with regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding charity assets and thus for taking steps towards the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee board members are expected to follow the highest levels of good governance, which include:

- Understanding their role
- Ensuring delivery of organisational purpose
- Working effectively both as individuals and as a team
- Exercising effective control
- Behaving with integrity
- Being open and accountable.

Governance:

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of a chair, vice chair, treasurer and members. They have the overall responsibility for the governance and management of the charity. Wadajir Somali Community Centre has five trustee members, all of which are women. They are required to undertake constant development in order to maintain skills and their appropriateness to govern. Trustees govern the organisation through quarterly board meetings with the support of the Executive Director. All elected board members are retired from office at the annual general meeting, but are eligible for reappointment. The Board of Trustees meet four times a year to make decisions about the governance of the charity and key policies. When a decision cannot be reached at the meeting it is delegated to a specific group of trustees, and the result communicated by the chair and announced at the next meeting. The officers meet regularly between the meetings of the full board to discuss any immediate issues and to offer support to the Executive Director.

Recruitment and appointment of The Board of Trustees:

Trustee recruitment is undertaken openly and transparently. During the recruitment process a skills audit is conducted with the nominated board members, so that a diverse board is recruited with a range of skills which contributes to the development of the charity. We believe that it is important to have a board that resembles the community we serve. In addition, as a user led organisation we ensure that 40% of our board members are previous or current service users. This approach enables the charity to assess the current needs of the community we support and helps us to continuously assess and make improvements to the quality of services we provide.

Trustee induction and training:

Our trustees have a good understanding of and are familiar with the practical aspects of the charity's work. New trustees are required to attend induction meetings where we provide them with the charity's governing documents, as well as, full background information of both the purpose and the operational aspects of the charity. In addition, both the new and the existing trustees are kept informed regularly about organisational developments and any changes through meetings, training and away days.

Risk management:

The trustees have a risk management strategy, comprising of the following areas:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan;
- The implementation of such procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The Board of Trustees regularly review and identify any major risks to which the charity may be exposed. Through continuous monitoring, appropriate procedures are established to moderate the risks the charity faces.

Quality:

Wadajir Somali Community Centre has policies in place to safeguard all those who use the service. Wadajir has successfully achieved the Matrix Quality Standard for information, advice and guidance and annual reviews are conducted to maintain the standards. This has ensured that our service remains both effective and efficient and meets the needs of the members. Policies and procedures adopted and implemented by the Charity are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity and the high standards expected by our users.

Organisational structure:

The Board of Trustees of Wadajir Somali Community Centre meets quarterly, and they are involved in each step of the decision making process and provide strategic direction for the charity. Day to day management is delegated to the Executive Director and they provide monthly reports to the Board of Trustees. They carry out individual supervision, skilled auditing and a developmental plan for all staff and volunteers.

Objectives and activities:

The charity's objects are to improve the quality of life, through the advancement of:

- Educational activities
- Promotion of health
- Welfare information and guidance
- The provision of social, cultural and recreational activities through the following:

- a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation and interests of social welfare with objects it for moving the quality of the said inhabitants
- b) Provision of supplementary education for mothers and the children
- c) The provision of practical support services information advice and activities to promote welfare of the said inhabitants
- d) Support and advice to charitable organisations established for similar purposes in the area of benefit
- e) Participate in the planning and delivery of services for the said inhabitants and assisting users to contribute to this process
- f) Working to ensure access to services for the said inhabitants

Our Vision:

Wadajir's vision is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged, isolated and marginalised members of the Somali community and refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and other ethnic minority communities, covering all age groups and sexes, ensuring people are given equal rights to education, health and well-being, living conditions, legal justice, recreational and adequate economic advancement.

Mission

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a user led voluntary organisation operating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. WSCC are striving to support and empower Somali people living in the borough. We deliver our services in a holistic way, through our work we wish to make a lasting difference to the Somali community.

Aims

- To build the confidence of the Somali community
- To the breakdown of barriers and encourage greater participation within their own community and mainstream regeneration activities.
- To increase the skills of the Somali community by offering a range of seminars and workshops
- To increase the economic capacity amongst the Somali community, leading to improved employment prospects
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the community to develop positive self-awareness and identity

The Charity's Services include:

- Elderly lunch club
- Advice drop-in
- Food bank

Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club

Our Elderly Luncheon Club is open four days a week, from Monday to Friday 10am to 2 pm. The service users will be provided with a freshly cooked, high quality, halal meal prepared locally to reflect the religious and health requirements of our service users.

Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club provides solace and togetherness for Somali women over 50. The project provides a safe and enjoyable environment for these women and thereby reducing the isolation and loneliness they feel. Most of our attendees do not attend any other projects, they are a very hard to reach segment of society that is often forgotten. Wadajir is uniquely equipped to reach out and engage with these women as we understand their religious and cultural sensitivities. We also use our sessions as a way of signposting those that attend to alternative support services to meet their needs. Attending our session helps reduce stress and anxiety which has a positive effect on physical and mental health.

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Wadajir's Advice Drop-in

Wadajir's advice drop-in service is the organisations longest running project, it is at the heart of what we do as a charity. The majority of our service users have come to the UK as refugees; they have very basic English skills and thus require help accessing services and overcoming everyday issues for example housing concerns which include overcrowding, repairs and utilities companies. Our organisation provides free advice sessions with a trained and qualified advice worker, as well as volunteers, for two days a week. The sessions are not pre booked, they provide our clients the opportunity to come with any issues they may have. If the advice worker is unable to provide the level of support that's needed the person will be sign posted to a more appropriate service. The drop-in sessions have given us a great deal of insight into the key issues that affect the Somali community, allowing us to build and mould our service around the needs of the community. Wadajir has the Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance demonstrating its ability to provide effective, appropriate, accurate and efficient support meeting the needs of service users. With our limited resources, we have supported users with a range of issues which included welfare rights, housing, education and financial issues. The service is

oversubscribed and due to various welfare reforms initiated at a national government level we expect the demand to continue to rise.

Wadajir's Food Bank Project

Wadajir's food bank project came out of a need to tackle the spike in poverty and food insecurity in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic. The Somali community in Tower Hamlets was already isolated due to social and economic barriers before the pandemic; these included having low levels of English proficiency, facing high levels of poverty, and some of the worst unemployment nationwide. This crisis exacerbated these problems by decimating the job market, creating health risks nearly 4 times higher than average (Public Health England), and isolating already vulnerable people. The pandemic, coupled with the subsequent cost of living crisis has put a huge financial strain on our community, resulting in the need to keep the food bank open. Wadajir works in collaboration with the Tower Hamlets food hub and Fair Share to deliver food parcels to vulnerable families and individuals in the borough. We receive deliveries of fresh fruits, vegetables, bread, dairy products, and some canned goods. These are organised into parcels and made available for collection, elderly and disabled participants have theirs delivered to their homes by volunteers.

Future Plans

Wadajir is still recovering from the effects of the pandemic, as are many members of the community. Future plans involve greatly increasing fundraising efforts, community engagement and collaborative work to strengthen the Charity's ability to meet the needs of its services users. The charity expects to continue providing its core services with plans to develop projects to increase youth development, community cohesion and health and wellbeing.

Financial review

The Trustees with support from the staff and volunteers are continuing to explore fundraising opportunities which contribute positively to the sustainability of the charity. Alternative fundraising activities which include partnership bids, public fundraising and commissioning are to be further explored. A fundraising strategy which complements the strategic plan will be developed which details the required finance to effectively deliver the priorities identified. To bolster fundraising efforts, Wadajir aims to collaborate with bid writing organisations and outside advisors to strengthen applications and increase the number of successful bids.

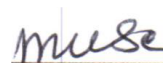
Reserves Policy

The Charity has a reserves policy that we plan to continue in the future for office expenses and equipment as well as for the purposes of free reserves to account for other risks.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Ms. Sahra Digaleh
Chair



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

17th Nov 2022

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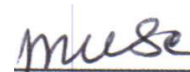
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Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA
Incorporated Financial Accountant



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14 Alexandria Road
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Dated: 17th Nov 2022

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restrict ed	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Grants and Donations				
Donations	31,260	16,270	47,530	53,927
Administrative expenses				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries	1,031	1,000	2,031	26,628
Employer's NI	-	-	-	1,064
Volunteer Expenses	2,430	130	2,560	2,276
Covid 19 response	3,000	640	3,640	10,999
Staff training and welfare	6,444	-	6,444	1,539
Travel Expenses	3,053	-	3,053	3,478
	16,651	1,077	17,728	45,984
Premises costs:				
Rent & Rates	3,950	-	3,950	3,844
Light and heat	1,897	-	1,897	1,700
Cleaning	426	-	426	1,643
	6,273	-	6,273	7,187
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	968	-	968	1,605
General Office Expense	-	1,474	1,474	-
Stationery and printing	530	-	530	1,267
Events and Activities	-	10,843	10,843	1,800
Bank charges	-	93	93	485
Equipment expensed	-	-	-	1,358
Repairs and maintenance	1,620	12	1,632	1,900
Depreciation	2,090	-	2,090	2,090
	5,208	12,422	17,630	10,505
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	-	800	800	1,000
Consultancy fees	-	500	500	3,454
Other legal and professional	-	693	693	924
	-	1,993	1,993	5,378
Total Resources Expended	28,132	15,492	43,624	69,054

Other operating income

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

Other operating income	-	-	-	11,600
Surplus/ (deficit)	3,128	778	3,906	(3,527)
Balance brought Forward	-	12,944	12,944	16,471
Balance Carried Forward	3,128	13,722	16,850	12,944

**Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	2,484	4,574
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		16,829	12,599
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(2,463)	(4,229)
Net current assets		14,366	8,370
Net assets		16,850	12,944
Reserves			
Income and expenditure	5	16,850	12,944
Total Funds		16,850	12,944

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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Agram S Muse
Director

Approved by the board on 17 November 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed donations, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

(c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering is not in these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

(d) Resources expanded

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expanded are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

(g) Funds structure

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

(h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

(i) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

(j) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

(k) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

(l) Revenue Income

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

(m) Allocation Costs

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

(n) Depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

(o) Legal Status of the Trust

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

2. Management Committee

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
3. Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees – March 2022	800	-	800	800
	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>

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Operating profit

	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2,090</u>	<u>2090</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

		Plant and machiner y etc £
Cost		
At 1 April 2021		10,448
Additions		<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2022		<u>10,448</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021		5874
Charge for the year		<u>2,090</u>
At 31 March 2022		<u>7,964</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2022		<u>2,484</u>
At 31 March 2021		<u>4,574</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxes and social security costs	1663	2,324
Other creditors	<u>800</u>	<u>1,905</u>
	<u>2463</u>	<u>4229</u>

6 Income and Expenditure

	2022
	£
At 1 April 2021	12,944
Deficit for the year	3906
At 31 March 2022	<u>16,850</u>

7. Analysis of staff costs:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Wages & Salaries	1031	1000	2031	26,628
Total Staff Cost	<u>1031</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>26,628</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

8. Grants and Donations

Date	Details	Amount
	East End COMM FUND GRANT	16270
	Other donations from public	31260
	Total Income for the year	<u>47,530</u>

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1104972

Accounts

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHARITY NO: 1104972

COMPANY NO: 5509129

WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE (WSCC)

(Registered Charity & Company Limited by guarantee)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

TRUSTEES:

Ms. Awo Faad Ali	Chair
Ms. Agram Shira Musa	Treasurer
Ms Luul Mohamed Jama	Member
Mrs. Hodan Ahmed Liban	Member

Ms. Agram Shira Musa

Secretary

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CHARITY NO: 1104972

COMPANY NO:

5509129

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FYE 31.3.2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution:

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a registered charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were established and adopted on the 15th of April 2004.

Developing legal structure:

The organisation had been successfully operating as a registered charity for many years when members of the charity voted for incorporation (to achieve charitable company status) in 2005/6, following an annual meeting.

Trustees Responsibilities:

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, enabling them to comply with regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding charity assets and thus for taking steps towards the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee board members are expected to follow the highest levels of good governance, which include:

- Understanding their role
- Ensuring delivery of organisational purpose
- Working effectively both as individuals and as a team
- Exercising effective control
- Behaving with integrity
- Being open and accountable.

Governance:

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of a chair, vice chair, treasurer and members. They have the overall responsibility for the governance and management of the charity. Wadajir Somali Community Centre has five trustee members, all of which are women. They are required to undertake constant development in order to maintain skills and their appropriateness to govern. Trustees govern the organisation through quarterly board meetings with the support of the Executive Director. All elected board members are retired from office at the annual general meeting, but are eligible for reappointment. The Board of Trustees meet four times a year to make decisions about the governance of the charity and key policies. When a decision cannot be reached at the meeting it is delegated to a specific group of trustees, and the result communicated by the chair and announced at the next meeting. The officers meet regularly between the meetings of the full board to discuss any immediate issues and to offer support to the Executive Director.

Recruitment and appointment of The Board of Trustees:

Trustee recruitment is undertaken openly and transparently. During the recruitment process a skills audit is conducted with the nominated board members, so that a diverse board is recruited with a range of skills which contributes to the development of the charity. We believe that it is important to have a board that resembles the community we serve. In addition, as a user led organisation we ensure that 40% of our board members are previous or current service users. This approach enables the charity to assess the current needs of the community we support and helps us to continuously assess and make improvements to the quality of services we provide.

Trustee induction and training:

Our trustees have a good understanding of and are familiar with the practical aspects of the charity's work. New trustees are required to attend induction meetings where we provide them with the charity's governing documents, as well as, full background information of both the purpose and the operational aspects of the charity. In addition, both the new and the existing trustees are kept informed regularly about organisational developments and any changes through meetings, training and away days.

Risk management:

The trustees have a risk management strategy, comprising of the following areas:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan;
- The implementation of such procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The Board of Trustees regularly review and identify any major risks to which the charity may be exposed. Through continuous monitoring, appropriate procedures are established to moderate the risks the charity faces.

Quality:

Wadajir Somali Community Centre has policies in place to safeguard all those who use the service. Wadajir has successfully achieved the Matrix Quality Standard for information, advice and guidance and annual reviews are conducted to maintain the standards. This has ensured that our service remains both effective and efficient and meets the needs of the members. Policies and procedures adopted and implemented by the Charity are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity and the high standards expected by our users.

Organisational structure:

The Board of Trustees of Wadajir Somali Community Centre meets quarterly and they are involved in each step of the decision making process and provide strategic direction for the charity. Day to day management is delegated to the Executive Director and they provide monthly reports to the Board of Trustees. They carry out individual supervision, skilled auditing and a developmental plan for all staff and volunteers.

Objectives and activities:

The charity's objects are to improve the quality of life, through the advancement of:

- Educational activities
- Promotion of health
- Welfare information and guidance
- The provision of social, cultural and recreational activities through the following:

- a) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation and interests of social welfare with objects it for moving the quality of the said inhabitants
- b) Provision of supplementary education for mothers and the children
- c) The provision of practical support services information advice and activities to promote welfare of the said inhabitants
- d) Support and advice to charitable organisations established for similar purposes in the area of benefit
- e) Participate in the planning and delivery of services for the said inhabitants and assisting users to contribute to this process
- f) Working to ensure access to services for the said inhabitants

Our Vision:

Wadajir's vision is to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged, isolated and marginalised members of the Somali community and refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and other ethnic minority communities, covering all age groups and sexes, ensuring people are given equal rights to education, health and well-being, living conditions, legal justice, recreational and adequate economic advancement.

Mission

Wadajir Somali Community Centre is a user led voluntary organisation operating in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. WSCC are striving to support and empower Somali people living in the borough. We deliver our services in a holistic way, through our work we wish to make a lasting difference to the Somali community.

Aims

- To build the confidence of the Somali community
- To the breakdown of barriers and encourage greater participation within their own community and mainstream regeneration activities.
- To increase the skills of the Somali community by offering a range of seminars and workshops
- To increase the economic capacity amongst the Somali community, leading to an improved employment prospects
- To encourage and provide opportunities for the community to develop positive self-awareness and identity

The Charity's Services include:

- Elderly lunch club
- Advice drop-in
- Youth drop-in

Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club

Our Elderly Luncheon Club is open four days a week, from Monday to Friday 10am to 2 pm. The service users will be provided with a freshly cooked, high quality, halal meal prepared locally to reflect the religious and health requirements of our service users.

Wadajir Elderly Lunch Club provides solace and togetherness for Somali women over 50. The project provides a safe and enjoyable environment for these women and thereby reducing the isolation and loneliness they feel. Most of our attendees do not attend any other projects, they are a very hard to reach segment of society that is often forgotten. Wadajir is uniquely equipped to reach out and engage with these women as we understand their religious and cultural sensitivities. We also use our sessions as a way of signposting those that attend to alternative support services to meet their needs. Attending our session helps reduce stress and anxiety which has a positive effect on physical and mental health.

As most of our older service users are of Somali ethnicity, Somali dance sessions are popular and are often launched spontaneously when members push back chairs and start to dance. We encourage them to join in regular physical activities and organise regular exercise sessions while reminding members of the importance of regular exercise for their physical and mental health. Healthy eating workshops complement discussion at meals where we work to provide a traditional food with improvements for healthy eating. Crafts and traditional skills are also shared to help members stay active, engaged and improve their mental wellbeing. We also invite speakers monthly to give health talks or to encourage service users to keep active through volunteering, exercising and staying active. During the last year we provided support to 30 people through the Elderly Lunch Club and other activities aimed at older people.

Wadajir's Youth Drop-in

We have continued to deliver youth drop-in sessions during term time. Our drop-in sessions are exclusively for young girls in the borough as they are less likely to attend youth projects due to cultural stigma. The sessions take place on Sundays. They enable participants to explore their thoughts and interests in a safe space. Many of the young people that attend the sessions have parents or relatives that also use services and without this relationship many of them would not allow their children to attend sessions. Wadajir is thus in a strong position to identify vulnerable young people in the community. A wide range of activities are available to participants from educational talks to gang violence workshops depending on the age and demographic of the group, all of which aims to improve motivation, confidence and self-esteem. We also offer Somali culture and heritage classes which entail teaching the girls traditional Somali dances and poetry. These have been very successful in bridging the cultural gap between younger people and the older generation living in the area. The girls also have a fundraiser once a month to raise money for the 15 orphans they sponsor. This has given them a sense of responsibility and confidence in their ability to organise monthly events.

Wadajir's Advice Drop-in

Wadajir`s advice drop-in service is the organisations longest running project, it is at the heart of what we do as a charity. The majority of our service users have come to the UK as refugees; they have very basic English skills and thus require help accessing services and overcoming everyday issues for example housing concerns which include overcrowding, repairs and utilities companies. Our organisation provides free advice sessions with a trained and qualified advice worker, as well as volunteers, for two days a week. The sessions are not pre booked, they provide our clients the opportunity to come with any issues they may have. If the advice worker is unable to provide the level of support that`s needed the person will be sign posted to a more appropriate service. The drop-in sessions have given us a great deal of insight into the key issues that affect the Somali community, allowing us to build and mould our service around the needs of the community. Wadajir has the Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance demonstrating its ability to provide effective, appropriate, accurate and efficient support meeting the needs of service users. With our limited resources, we have supported users with a range of issues which included welfare rights, housing, education and financial issues. The service is oversubscribed and due to various welfare reforms initiated at a national government level we expect the demand to continue to rise.

Future Plans

Wadajir is now running all its services from Teviot Community Hall enabling us to expand the range of services that can be provided to meet the growing needs of the community. The charity expects to develop a strategic plan in 2020 which sets the direction of the charity and its service priorities in the changing landscape. Development of collaborative work has strengthened the Charity`s ability to meet the needs of its services users and this will continue.

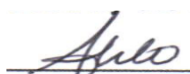
Financial review

The Trustees with support from the staff and volunteers are continuing to explore fundraising opportunities which contribute positively to the sustainability of the charity. Alternative fundraising activities which include partnership bids, public fundraising and commissioning are to be further explored. A fundraising strategy which complements the strategic plan will be developed which details the required finance to effectively deliver the priorities identified.

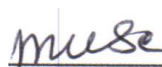
Reserves Policy

The Charity has a reserves policy that we plan to continue in the future for office expenses and equipment as well as for the purposes of free reserves to account for other risks.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Ms. Awo F. Ali
Chair



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

23rd March 2022

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY

The Management Committee are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity's Act in England and Wales required the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

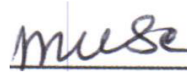
In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) Prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time during the financial year of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Ms. Awo F. Ali
Chair



Ms. Agram S. Musa
Treasurer

Dated: 23rd March 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 10 - 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of WADAJIR SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, the 2011 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:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 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; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr. A Abdulahi BA AFA
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Dated: 23rd March 2022

Wadajir Somali Community Centre
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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Grants and Donations				
Donations	-	53,927	53,927	62,922
Administrative expenses				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries		26,628	26,628	27,918
Employer's NI		1,064	1,064	36
Volunteer Expenses	130	2,146	2,276	4,442
Covid 19 response	-	10,999	10,999	-
Staff training and welfare	-	1,539	1,539	1,905
Travel Expenses	245	3,233	3,478	8,124
	375	45,609	45,984	42,425
Premises costs:				
Rent & Rates	-	3,844	3,844	3,844
Light and heat		1,700	1,700	1,342
Cleaning	-	1,643	1,643	600
	-	7,187	7,187	5,786
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	-	1,605	1,605	777
Stationery and printing	-	1,267	1,267	900
Events and Activities	-	1,800	1,800	6,878
Bank charges	-	485	485	402
Equipment expensed	-	1,358	1,358	730
Repairs and maintenance	-	1,900	1,900	705
Depreciation	-	2,090	2,090	1,582
	-	10,505	10,505	11,974
Legal and professional costs:				
Accountancy fees	-	1,000	1,000	800
Consultancy fees	-	3,454	3,454	740
Other legal and professional	-	924	924	1,826
	-	5,378	5,378	3,366
Total Resources Expended	375	68,679	69,054	63,551
Other operating income				
Other operating income	-	11,600	11,600	-
Surplus/ (deficit)	(375)	(3,152)	(3,527)	(629)
Balance brought Forward	375	16,096	16,471	17,100
Balance Carried Forward	-	12,944	12,944	16,471

**Wadajir Somali Community Centre
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	4,574	4,124
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		12,599	14,168
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(4,229)	(1,821)
Net current assets		<u>8,370</u>	<u>12,347</u>
Net assets		<u>12,944</u>	<u>16,471</u>
Reserves			
Income and expenditure	5	12,944	16,471
Total Funds		<u>12,944</u>	<u>16,471</u>

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Director

Approved by the board on 23 March 2022

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The company's accounting policies are as follows:-

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(b) Incoming Resources

Voluntary Incoming including donations, gifts and legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed donations, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned (as the related goods and services are provided)

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income is deferred when:

- Admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

(c) Volunteering and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteering in not these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements of the charity.

(d) Resources expanded

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual arrangements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- Governance Costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and the primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. These are no Costs associated with the Governance throughout the year.
- Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categorised on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by the floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it was incurred: Wadajir Somali Community Centre is not VAT register so cannot recover any VAT incurred.

(f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are classified as Computers, Office Equipments, Fixture and Fittings, The Charity recognised all Fixed Assets with any individual price and categorised in the Balance Sheet as follows:

Plant & Machinery, Fixture & Fitting,

(g) Funds structure

The Trusts has its main grants as restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Other funds are classified as unrestricted Income funds. The Trustees intend to use part of the unrestricted funds for the development of the Charity to expanded and advance its services.

(h) Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join the County Pension Scheme, but at the present time there is no employee volunteer to take any Pension Scheme.

(i) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

(j) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed in their use and are available as general funds.

(k) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the committee of management for particular purposes.

(l) Revenue Income

Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received or when they are due.

(m) Allocation Costs

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

(n) Depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and Machinery: 20% straight line

(o) Legal Status of the Trust

The Trust is Company Limited by Guarantee and registered Charity with Charity Commission and also. The liability of each member in the event of winding is limited to £10.

2. Management Committee

None of the Management Committee (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2019
3. Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees – March 2021	800	-	800	800
	<u>800</u>	<u> </u>	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>

3 Operating profit	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>2,090</u>	<u>1,582</u>

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	7,908
Additions	<u>2,540</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>10,448</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	3,784
Charge for the year	<u>2,090</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>5,874</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,574</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>4,124</u>

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxes and social security costs	2,324	1,021
Other creditors	<u>1,905</u>	<u>800</u>
	<u>4,229</u>	<u>1,821</u>

6 Income and Expenditure	2021
	£
At 1 April 2020	16,471
Deficit for the year	<u>(3,527)</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>12,944</u>

7. Analysis of staff costs:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Wages & Salaries		26,628	26,628	27,918
Total Staff Cost	<u> </u>	<u>26,628</u>	<u>26,628</u>	<u>27,918</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

Trustees Remuneration

No Trustee received any remuneration or claimed any expenses during the year or the preceding year. No trustee or other person related the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year of the preceding year.

8. Grants and Donations

Date	Details	Amount
01/04/2020	Trust For London	7,500.00
07/04/2020	East End COMM FUNDD COVID	2,500.00
13/05/2020	East End COMM FUND GRANT COVID	500.00
13/05/2020	East End COMM FUND GRANT 1 of 2	7,000.00
09/06/2020	East End Emergency Fund	6,585.00
25/06/2020	HMRC JRS GRANT	960.00
02/07/2020	HMRC JRS GRANT	320.00
20/07/2020	East End COMM FUND GRANTLBTH	3,000.00
06/08/2020	HMRC JRS GRANT	320.00
08/09/2020	OTHERS INCOME	106.5
14/9/2020	Trust For London	18,862.00
02/10/2020	WORD FOF ALL COVID 19 RESPONSE	10,000.00
29/10/2020	Trust For London	7,500.00
30/11/2020	WESTFIELD 304157	480.00
Total Income for the year		65,633.50