

# THE SHROPSHIRE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1112127

## Details

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2005-11-18

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

## Contact

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## Activities

**Objects:** THE OBJECTS ARE:2.3 (I) TO ADVANCE THE ISLAMIC RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY QU'RAN AND THE TEACHINGS OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE BE UPON HIM). ALSO TO FURTHER ISLAMIC EDUCATION INCLUDING THE TEACHING OF THE ARABIC LANGUAGE.2.4 (2) TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND FAITHS LIVING IN SHROPSHIRE TO DEVELOP THEIR INTELLECTUAL, PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES. IN SO DOING TO PROMOTE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, GOOD COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.

**Activities:** The Shropshire Islamic Foundation (SIF) provides Islamic education & community prayer facilities to the people of Telford and the surrounding areas. Premises include Telford Central Mosque, King St, and Tan Bank Mosque, both in Wellington. Services includes a boys & girls evening school, various weekend social and community events mainly via Shropshire and Telford United Women's Association.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SHROPSHIRE
- Shropshire
- Telford & Wrekin

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £136,183 | £94,247     | -      | -         |
| 2024-03-31 | £121,194 | £85,473     | -      | -         |
| 2023-03-31 | £114,886 | £70,052     | -      | -         |
| 2022-03-31 | £128,043 | £63,664     | -      | -         |
| 2021-03-31 | £127,504 | £56,588     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                                | Role  | Appointed  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Dr MOHAMMED MUJAHID HUSSAIN QURESHI | Chair | 2005-03-12 |
| Dr SHAUKAT ALI                      |       | 2010-01-30 |
| Rashid Hussain                      |       | 2015-10-01 |

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# Accounts

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# **The Shropshire Islamic Foundation (SIF)**

**Charity Registration Number: 1112127**

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

## **From the Trustees**

*Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim*

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious the Most Merciful. May the peace, blessings and mercy of Allah be upon you and your family."

## **Post year end events**

Following the year end, and pursuant to a formal asset transfer completed on 10 May 2025, the charity transferred its property and operational activities to the successor charitable incorporated organisation (the "CIO").

From that date, the charity ceased carrying out operational activities, which have since been undertaken by the CIO. Steps have been undertaken to wind up the charity in accordance with its governing document and Charity Commission requirements.

## **Introduction**

Welcome to the annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025. During the period, the charity continued to serve the local community through the operation and maintenance of the Masjid and associated community activities. Alongside day-to-day operations, work was done to transition the charity's assets and operations to its successor Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the "CIO"), created to provide a more robust long-term structure.

## **Transition to the CIO and winding up**

Progress continued to be made in relation to the legal and administrative steps required to transition the charity's undertaking to the successor CIO in accordance with the charity's governing document and applicable legal requirements, including Land Registry steps to ensure property interests are transferred correctly.

The successor CIO remained in place during the reporting period and, following completion of the transition, will continue the charity's work and activities going forward.

**Post year-end event:** Following the year end, on 10 May 2025, the charity completed the asset transfer to the CIO in accordance with the agreed transfer documentation. The charity is now in the final stages of winding up, including finalising the Land Registry position and preparing to

apply to the Charity Commission for removal of the charity from the register once all necessary steps are complete.

### **Activities and public benefit**

The charity carried out activities for the public benefit in furtherance of its charitable purposes, including providing a place of worship and supporting the religious and community needs of local beneficiaries. The charity continued to be supported by volunteers who help to maintain the premises and support community activities.

### **Financial review**

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 are attached. The Trustees have taken a prudent approach to financial management and record-keeping during the wind-up period.

### **Plans for the future**

As the charity's undertaking has transferred to the CIO, focus is now on completing the remaining closure steps and applying for removal from the register. The CIO will continue the work of serving the community going forward.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed and is managed by its Trustees, who are responsible for ensuring the charity is operated in furtherance of its charitable purposes and in compliance with applicable legal requirements. The Trustees are volunteers, and no Trustee receives any remuneration.

### **Charitable purposes and public benefit**

The charity's purposes are set out in its Trust Deed and include the advancement of religion for the public benefit, including providing and maintaining a place of worship and supporting religious and community benefit activities.

Due regard is given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and it is confirmed that the charity's activities during the year were carried out for the public benefit.

### **Trustees (names, appointments and changes)**

The trustees were Rashid Hussain (Chairman), Dr MH Qureshi, Dr Shaukat Ali.

These individuals were appointed as trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed. During the year, and particularly during the transition to the successor charitable incorporated organisation

(the “CIO”), the charity received operational and administrative support from individuals who were not trustees of this charity, but Trustees of the CIO.

### **Risk management**

The principal risks faced by the charity have been considered and steps taken to manage and mitigate those risks in a proportionate way.

During the year the steps were taken to use professional advisers where required, and progressing the legal and administrative steps to complete the transition and wind-up.

### **Reference to financial statements**

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 are attached to this report. They have been prepared by the charity’s accountants in accordance with the applicable reporting framework for charities, including the Charities SORP (FRS 102), as appropriate, and include the auditors’ report.

# **The Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

Registered Number: 1112127

Charity Correspondent

SHROPSHIRE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION  
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## **ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 March 2025**

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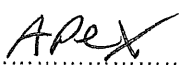
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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

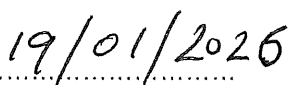
**31 March 2025**

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

The annexed accounts have been taken from the books, records and vouchers supplied to us; there were no discrepancies found and in my opinion reflect a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Shropshire Islamic Foundation for the year to 31 March 2025.

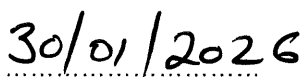
  
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Apex Chartered Accountants

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For & on behalf of  
Shropshire Islamic Foundation

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**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025**

| <b>Income</b>         | <u>2025</u>       | <u>2024</u>       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Donations             | 101,357.00        | 90,948.31         |
| School Fees           | 32,485.55         | 27,431.84         |
| Other Income          | 2,340.00          | 2,814.00          |
|                       | <u>136,182.55</u> | <u>121,194.15</u> |
|                       |                   |                   |
| <b>Expenditure</b>    |                   |                   |
| Wages                 | 59,862.12         | 50,194.19         |
| General expenses      | 7,799.31          | 8,422.07          |
| Utilities             | 24,452.30         | 19,907.45         |
| Legal & Professional  | 1,653.53          | 2,709.16          |
| Bank charges          | 480.08            | 445.52            |
| Donations (Fitrana)   | -                 | 3,795.24          |
|                       | <u>94,247.34</u>  | <u>85,473.63</u>  |
| Net movement of funds | 41,935.21         | 35,720.52         |
|                       | <u>136,182.55</u> | <u>121,194.15</u> |

Shropshire Islamic Foundation

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2025

|                                                  |                   | <u>2025</u>                |                   | <u>2024</u>                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                              |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| 88 - 90 King Street                              |                   | 1,485,773.49               |                   | 1,474,256.03               |
| 41 Tan Bank                                      |                   | <u>220,000.00</u>          |                   | <u>220,000.00</u>          |
|                                                  |                   | 1,705,773.49               |                   | 1,694,256.03               |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                           |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| Debtors                                          | 337.07            |                            | 337.07            |                            |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - general account (320)  | 5,587.04          |                            | 4,941.71          |                            |
| Telford Central Mosque Trust Fund (513)          | 8,784.13          |                            | 4,686.84          |                            |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - building account (260) | <u>175,569.97</u> | 190,278.21                 | <u>149,894.84</u> | 159,860.46                 |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                              |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| Creditors                                        |                   | <u>300.00</u>              |                   | <u>300.00</u>              |
| Net current assets                               |                   | 189,978.21                 |                   | 159,560.46                 |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                |                   | <u><u>1,895,751.70</u></u> |                   | <u><u>1,853,816.49</u></u> |
| represented by:-                                 |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| <b>Capital account</b>                           |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| Balance at 1st April 2024                        |                   | 1,853,816.49               |                   | 1,818,095.97               |
| Surplus Income                                   |                   | 41,935.21                  |                   | 35,720.52                  |
|                                                  |                   | <u><u>1,895,751.70</u></u> |                   | <u><u>1,853,816.49</u></u> |

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# Accounts

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

### From the Trustees

#### Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

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### Introduction

A very warm welcome to the 2023 – 2024 annual report. This past year has been marked by continued growth, progress, and dedication to serving our community. We are delighted to share key achievements and updates from the year, as well as our aspirations for the future.

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### Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and Asset Transfer Agreement

The Trustees are pleased to report ongoing efforts to transition the charity's operations and assets to the newly established Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This transition represents an important step in modernizing our governance and enhancing our ability to serve the community effectively.

The process has been detailed and thorough to ensure compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements. We are confident that the full transfer will be completed during the next financial year, enabling the charity to operate under a more efficient and robust framework.

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### Key Events and Celebrations

#### Ramadan and Eid Celebrations

The holy month of Ramadan concluded with **Eid ul-Fitr** on **21 April 2023**, marked by two congregational prayers at 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Similarly, **Eid ul-Adha** was celebrated on **28 June 2023**, with prayers following the same schedule. These joyous occasions brought the community together in worship and celebration.

#### Annual Community Iftar

As part of the Ramadan traditions, the Trustees organized an **Annual Iftar** toward the end of Ramadan. This special event invited the community to come together and share in the breaking of the fast. The Iftar fostered a sense of unity and inclusivity, with attendees including members of the local council, the Mayor of Telford, and representatives of the police. Their presence underscored the importance of interfaith dialogue and collaboration, strengthening bonds between the Masjid and the

wider community. Guests enjoyed a warm, welcoming atmosphere, delicious food, and an opportunity to better understand the spiritual and cultural significance of Ramadan.

### **Community Eid Celebration**

A **Community Eid Celebration** was held on **1 July 2023**, organized by Maulana Suleiman and volunteers. The event fostered a spirit of unity and provided families with an opportunity to gather, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate together.

### **Annual Seerah Conference**

The **Annual Seerah Conference** was held on **7 October 2023**, with contributions from local ulema. This much-anticipated event offered invaluable reflections on the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

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## **Fundraising and Appeals**

### **Emergency Appeal by Islamic Relief**

On **13 April 2023**, an emergency appeal was conducted by Islamic Relief (registered charity number 328158). The community's overwhelming generosity resulted in a remarkable **£5,068.25** being raised to support those in need.

### **Family Fun Day for Gaza Medical Aid**

The **Family Fun Day**, organized by the **Shropshire and Telford United Women's Association (STUWA)** on **2 December 2023**, raised **£6,105.70** for Gaza medical aid. This event showcased the compassion and solidarity of our community in response to the urgent healthcare needs in Gaza.

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## **Community Engagement**

### **Representation and Recognition**

Rashid Hussain represented the charity at a high-profile fundraising event organized by Aghosh UK (charity number 1178778), showcasing the incredible work and dedication of the Masjid. What made this event particularly noteworthy was Rashid's appearance on Geo News, a major international news channel with a vast global audience. **Geo News**, known for its extensive coverage of issues affecting South Asian communities, brought significant attention to the charity's efforts. This international exposure not only highlighted the charitable activities of the Masjid but also underscored its role as a vital part of the wider community.



On **20 February 2024**, Rashid Hussain and Mohammed Ahsan attended a **celebration evening with the Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council**, where Rashid Hussain was presented with an award by Mandy Thorn MBE DL, High Sheriff of Shropshire. This honour recognized his exceptional contributions to community cohesion and his tireless work with the local foodbank. The evening served as a testament to the charity's ongoing commitment to building bridges and fostering unity within the community.

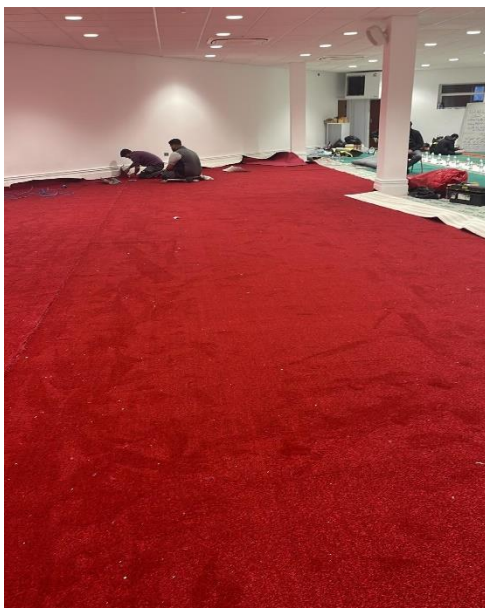


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## Masjid Construction and Facilities Update

### New Carpet Installation

A significant highlight this year was the installation of a **new carpet** at the Masjid on **18 April 2023**, generously funded by local brothers. Special acknowledgment goes to the carpet supplier, who fulfilled his promise to install the carpet at cost price. This enhancement has greatly improved the prayer area's comfort and aesthetic appeal.



### Ongoing Cleaning of the Masjid

The Trustees are pleased to report that the Masjid continues to be maintained to a high standard, thanks to the dedication of a team of volunteers. These individuals undertake regular cleaning of the premises, ensuring that the Masjid remains a welcoming and hygienic environment for worshippers. Their selfless efforts, carried out without any financial recompense, exemplify the spirit of community service and generosity. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these volunteers, and may Allah reward them for their dedication and hard work.

### Completion of the Electric Boiler at the Bungalow

Following the decision to replace the gas boiler with an electric boiler at the Bungalow, we are pleased to report that this project was successfully completed this year. This upgrade addressed previous logistical challenges and ensures a reliable and efficient heating system for the building. The completion of this project marks an important milestone in making the Bungalow fully operational as a community hub.

### Garden Enhancements at the Bungalow

The garden area surrounding the Bungalow has also seen a remarkable transformation this year. Sisters from **STUWA** took on the task of improving the visual amenity of the outdoor space. Their hard work and creative efforts have turned the garden into an inviting and aesthetically pleasing area that complements the Bungalow's purpose as a community hub. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **STUWA** for their dedication, and their work truly stands as a testament to the power of community collaboration.



### Architectural Developments

In pursuit of our long-term goal to construct a **second storey** at the Masjid, a meeting was held this year with our appointed architect. This meeting marked the commencement of the project, with the architect, David, authorized to investigate the planning permission history of the site and liaise with the local authority to assess feasibility. These initial steps are crucial to laying the groundwork for this ambitious project, which will help meet the growing needs of our congregation.

### Temporary Car Park and New Arrangements

The Masjid's parking arrangements underwent significant changes this year due to ongoing development at the New College site. As mentioned in the previous annual report, the local authority had generously provided temporary use of land at the New College site for parking. This arrangement continued until **October 2023**, when construction of a new housing estate, including a dedicated car park for the Masjid, began at the former New College site.

To facilitate construction, the local authority informed us that the existing temporary car park would no longer be available. As an interim solution, the local authority allocated the Masjid a **new temporary 21-space car park** (at the site of the former tennis courts at New College), accessed via Regent Street. This arrangement came into effect on **13 October 2023** and was specifically tailored to accommodate key community activities, including Friday prayers, Ramadan, Eid, and other important events.

In **January 2024**, the Trustees worked closely with the local authority to assist in the successful discharge of planning conditions for the **dedicated car park** that is to be constructed adjacent to the Masjid. The planning consent includes **a 21-space car park at King Street**, which will provide a permanent solution to the longstanding parking challenges faced by the community. Construction began shortly before the end of this reporting year, with the dedicated car park expected to be completed **after March 2024**. This development marks a major milestone in improving accessibility and convenience for worshippers.

The Trustees extend their gratitude to the local authority for their cooperation and to the congregation for their patience and understanding during this transitional period.

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### Telford Islamic Academy (TIA)

TIA continues to flourish under the guidance of Maulana Suleiman. This year saw a growth in pupil numbers and an ongoing commitment to expanding teaching staff. The Trustees are prioritizing enhancements to teaching spaces to support the academy's success.

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### Financial Statement and Annual Accounts

#### An overview of our 2023/24 performance:

- Auditors: APEX Chartered Accountants continue to serve as auditors for the charity.

Please see the report and accounts attached herewith.

#### Key Highlights:

- **Income has increased from £114,886.09 to £121,194.15**
- **Cash balances have increased from £148,756.29 to £159,560.46**

The charity is in a strong financial position—a testament to the generosity and dedication of our community.

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### Future Plans

Looking ahead, the Trustees are focused on advancing the following objectives:

**Second Storey Expansion:** The idea of adding a second storey to the Masjid is under preliminary exploration. While this remains a long-term goal, initial steps such as feasibility studies and discussions with architects have been undertaken. The Trustees will continue to assess the viability of this project in light of the community's evolving needs and resources.

**Funeral Facility Development:** The Trustees are in the early stages of planning a dedicated funeral facility. This includes exploring logistical, financial, and regulatory aspects to ensure the project aligns with the community's requirements. Updates will be provided as this initiative progresses.

**Permanent Parking Solutions:** Following progress made this year, the Trustees aim to complete the dedicated car park project to address the community's parking needs comprehensively.

We remain steadfast in our mission to serve the community and achieve these goals with Allah's guidance, Inshallah.

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## **Appendix - Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing instrument**

The charity is governed by The Trust Deed, 2005 (Note: the CIO will replace this once the asset transfers have been completed)

### **About the Trustees**

The Trustees are legally responsible for ensuring that the charity works towards its Charitable Objectives. As per the Trust Deed, there are three trustees. They are all volunteers with expertise and experience in a range of fields ensuring that the members reflect the breadth of knowledge required. Brief biography of the trustees is below.

#### *Dr MH Qureshi*

Chair of Trustees for the unincorporated SIF, he has led fundraising efforts since the charity's inception, tapping into his vast network nationally. Recently retired, he was a GP in Telford for over 40 years, and has huge experience of serving on professional bodies, networking and community engagement.

#### *Dr Shaukat Ali*

BSc (Eng) MA MBA PhD PGCE (HE) PgCE PgDipE CEng FHEA FCIPD MIET MCIM  
A university academic, he became a trustee in 2010 and oversees administration, finance, the website and acts as operations coordinator. He had served 8 years as trustee of a national charity prior to becoming a trustee of SIF. He is currently in his 14<sup>th</sup> year as trustee of another national charity from which he is due to retire in 2023. He is board director of 2 international professional bodies; served 9 years as governor of New College and 8 years as primary school governor. He served 7 years on a Telford & Wrekin Council Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee as community member and served 12 years as local councillor. He has set on numerous other committees in various roles.

#### *Rashid Hussain (also Trustee of the CIO)*

BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management

A local property developer and leading community member. He grew up in Wellington and is therefore close to the community and is the local contact person for volunteers. His experience of property development and many trade contacts has hugely benefited the Masjid.

Based on their collective experience and knowledge, the trustees collectively set the overall strategic direction and tone of the Charity. Having well skilled and competent trustees providing ideas to keep the work moving forward, ensures the Charity is knowledgeable and compliant with all legal and regulatory requirements. Trustees stay in daily contact via social media and meet informally weekly, more formally once a month and hold regular formal Trustee meetings several times a year with a well-structured agenda to review the work, including finances, consideration of health and safety, risk management policies and performance to ensure that the Charity is on track to meet its objectives.

The Trustees are supported in their work by numerous volunteers, most notably by the project manager, Sarwar Ayub and by a whole host of volunteers, too numerous to mention, some in lead roles, others in supporting roles. All decisions reached are widely consulted on and decided by a majority vote of the trustees. The Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee receives any remuneration.

### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

The number of Trustees is fixed at 3 as per the Trust Deed. The policy of the Charity has always been to ensure that a variety of expertise exists amongst the individual Trustees. The membership is intended to ensure a balance of professional skills and experience relevant to the various sectors of the Charity and operational needs. Upon a Trustee retiring, recommendations for prospective new Trustees are generally made as a result of personal knowledge of the current Trustees and suggestions. The considerations are a mixture of current and future needs of the Charity, the skills and experience of a potential trustee, their time commitment, professional and personal background and standing, personal disposition, past dealings with the charity, Trustees, the community etc. All Trustees undergo checks and usual scrutiny to ensure they are fit and proper persons and have not been engaged in any illegalities, extremism, or divisive activities that may bring the charity into disrepute.

### **Trustees of the CIO**

Rashid Hussain BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management  
(see above)

Shahad Amin – ACCA, BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance

Shahad is a Chartered Accountant and Finance Manager working for a large and complex multinational corporation (£200m+ sales revenue). He has extensive Financial Management experience and technical knowledge gained throughout his career. For the past several years, Shahad has served as volunteer Assistant Treasurer, helping Dr Shaukat Ali, principally with gift aid claims and dealing with HMRC.

Mohammed Ahsan – LLB (Hons)

Ahsan is a Partner and Head of Litigation in Shropshire at a local law firm.

A Wellington local, Ahsan gained his A levels at New College and went on to study law at the University of Wolverhampton. He completed his legal training with a firm in Telford. Over the course of 16 years since his qualification as a Solicitor, he has developed a specialism in commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on property and trusts litigation.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 March 2024**

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**31 March 2024**

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Date 30/1/2025

**Apex Chartered Accountants**

  
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Date 31/1/2025

**For & on behalf of  
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**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024**

| <b>Income</b>         | <u>2024</u>       | <u>2023</u>       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Donations             | 90,948.31         | 89,692.52         |
| School Fees           | 27,431.84         | 25,013.57         |
| Other Income          | 2,814.00          | 180.00            |
|                       | <u>121,194.15</u> | <u>114,886.09</u> |
|                       |                   |                   |
| <b>Expenditure</b>    |                   |                   |
| Wages                 | 50,194.19         | 42,555.34         |
| General expenses      | 8,422.07          | 7,909.06          |
| Utilities             | 19,907.45         | 10,515.98         |
| Legal & Professional  | 2,709.16          | 6,700.36          |
| Bank charges          | 445.52            | 428.60            |
| Donations (Fitrana)   | 3,795.24          | 1,942.67          |
|                       | <u>85,473.63</u>  | <u>70,052.01</u>  |
| Net movement of funds | 35,720.52         | 44,834.08         |
|                       | <u>121,194.15</u> | <u>114,886.09</u> |

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2024**

|                                                  | <u>2024</u>                |                   | <u>2023</u>                |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                              |                            |                   |                            |
| 88 - 90 King Street                              | 1,474,256.03               |                   | 1,455,339.68               |
| 41 Tan Bank                                      | <u>220,000.00</u>          |                   | <u>220,000.00</u>          |
|                                                  | 1,694,256.03               |                   | 1,675,339.68               |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                           |                            |                   |                            |
| Debtors                                          | 337.07                     | 337.07            |                            |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - general account (320)  | 4,941.71                   | 4,181.83          |                            |
| Telford Central Mosque Trust Fund (513)          | 4,686.84                   | 3,628.13          |                            |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - building account (260) | <u>149,894.84</u>          | <u>140,909.26</u> | 149,056.29                 |
|                                                  | 159,860.46                 |                   |                            |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                              |                            |                   |                            |
| Creditors                                        | <u>300.00</u>              | <u>300.00</u>     |                            |
| Net current assets                               | 159,560.46                 |                   | 148,756.29                 |
| Loans                                            | <u>-</u>                   | <u>6,000.00</u>   |                            |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                | <u><u>1,853,816.49</u></u> |                   | <u><u>1,818,095.97</u></u> |
| represented by:-                                 |                            |                   |                            |
| <b>Capital account</b>                           |                            |                   |                            |
| Balance at 1st April 2023                        | 1,818,095.97               |                   | 1,773,261.89               |
| Surplus Income                                   | 35,720.52                  |                   | 44,834.08                  |
|                                                  | <u><u>1,853,816.49</u></u> |                   | <u><u>1,818,095.97</u></u> |

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# Accounts

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

### **From the Trustees**

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious the Most Merciful, May the peace, blessings and mercy of Allah be upon you and your family".

### **Introduction**

A very warm welcome to the 2022 – 2023 annual report. The past year saw the complete return to normal activities at the Masjid, following the impact of covid on the operations of the Masjid over the previous years.

2 April 2022 was the first day of Ramadan and saw the resumption of Taraweeh prayers at the Masjid without any restrictions in relation to social distancing or limits to the size of the congregation, which the community had become accustomed to in the previous year. The Trustees arranged for a communal 'Iftar' meal which took place on 29 April 2022, the first of its kind since the Ramadan of 2019, due to the impact of covid over the two preceding years. Eid took place on 2 May 2022, with a resumption of 2 separate Eid Prayers at 8.30am and 9.30am. Eid ul Adhaa (the second of the two Eid's that take place in a year) took place on 9 July 2022.

The Telford Islamic Academy under the Management of Maulana Suleiman continued to offer classes which commenced in September 2022.

Unfortunately, due to a number of natural and man-made disasters affecting the Muslim world, several collections were undertaken at the Masjid by various national and international charities, with a considerable amount of money collected from our generous local community – more on which below.

The previous year saw the initial completion of the legal work required to incorporate a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) with the appointment of Trustees - Mohammed Ahsan as Charity Administrator, Shahad Amin as Treasurer and Rashid Hussain was appointed as Trustee with responsibility for Construction and Building Services – see previous annual report for full details.

Legal advice obtained has indicated that the full undertaking of the unincorporated SIF cannot be transferred to the CIO until such time as all assets are transferred. This process has been delayed largely due to a change in solicitors, with the firm of solicitors who dealt with the incorporation of the CIO (based out of Birmingham) being replaced by a local firm. This has required a review of the work undertaken by the previous legal advisers and it was noted that some required paperwork had not been completed by that firm and with some paperwork that had been prepared being of a pro-forma nature and therefore requiring amendment. It is for this reason that this year's annual report is again filed under the unincorporated SIF. However, the legal process will be completed in time for next year's annual report.

## **Masjid Construction/Facilities Update**

In the previous year focus had primarily been given to concentrate on ongoing maintenance and cleaning as opposed to any major construction works, following the cessation of national lockdowns due to covid. This year saw the return to some more substantive works done at the main Masjid building at King Street.

An excellent team of volunteers continues to undertake regular cleaning of the Masjid, without any recompense and to a high quality. We are grateful for the ongoing assistance provided by the volunteers, may Allah reward them for their efforts.

25 March 2023 saw the installation of high-quality main front entrance gates at the Masjid. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing from the main road, the gates provide essential security to the Masjid. The gates and fencing were funded via the Home Office's Place of Worship Protective Funding Scheme, a grant that brother Sarwar Ayub had obtained. May Allah reward him for his efforts and the time he gives for works done at the Masjid.

As per last year's report, unfortunately the carpet that had been ordered prior to the pandemic in 2019, had not been fitted by the supplier who had been contracted. The pandemic appears to have had a severe impact on the business of the carpet supplier, with a number of orders to fulfil – which had all been delayed by the pandemic. Ongoing discussions took place with the supplier, including a face-to-face meeting, which were followed by a number of promises with dates for the fitting of the carpet – sadly none of which transpired. Due to the ongoing failure of the carpet fitter to keep to his promises, and the fact that a 50% deposit was paid for the installation of the carpet in 2019, legal advice was obtained. Pre-action legal correspondence was sent to the carpet supplier which resulted in an agreement being reached that he would re-fund the charity the deposit paid to him previously. Subject to the legal advice provided as to the options available, it was agreed that the charity should accept the refund of the deposit by way of instalments.

The existing carpet at the Masjid was in poor condition and, in particular, it was not fitted – being loose carpet placed on the concrete floor. The Trustees took steps to find an alternative supplier and in March 2023 instructed a local company to provide a carpet to the Masjid. The old carpet was removed with an intended replacement of the carpet scheduled for April 2023. The local supplier, being sympathetic to the Masjid and in the spirit of generosity, agreed in discussions with the Trustees that he would instal the carpet at cost price.

Due to recent far right activity in the local area, Rashid Hussain held several meetings with the Police as well as Telford & Wrekin Council, as a result of which the Police in conjunction with the local authority installed CCTV on King Street for the protection and security of the Masjid and the public as whole.

Rashid Hussain liaised with Telford & Wrekin Council and on 21 March 2023, the local authority marked out parking bays at the car park serving the Masjid. Parking bays were marked out, including two dedicated to disabled visitors to the Masjid. In addition to this, and crucially, a line was drawn on the tarmac representing a pedestrian access to the Masjid from the front gate. This was to ensure that pedestrians may safely access the Masjid over a dedicated walkway. This was at no cost to the Charity and funded by the Telford & Wrekin Council – we are most grateful for their assistance.

An updated card payment facility was installed at the Masjid, enabling the congregation to provide donations whereby they may choose the donation amount, use of gift aid and the ability to donate towards specific projects. This has been a welcome addition, bearing in mind that since covid, members of the public are carrying less change.

Parking at King Street has been a long-term issue for the Masjid since the congregation was moved to the site from Tan Bank several years ago. This is particularly a problem during certain pinch points

– such as Jumaa prayers, TIA classes during the week and Eid Prayers. Jumaa prayers are particularly problematic given the large size of the congregation – the majority of which travel to the Masjid by vehicle. This often results in vehicles being parked on King Street itself, as well as surrounding roads, causing disruption to residents and traffic along the highway. Telford & Wrekin Council have provided the Masjid temporary use of a car park accessed via Regent Street located on land of the former New College site. This has eased congestion on the surrounding roads but has only been a temporary measure. However, the Trustees have been engaged in discussions with Telford & Wrekin Council in relation to a more permanent solution being provided to the Masjid. In November 2022, at a meeting with representatives of Telford & Wrekin Council, it was agreed that dedicated and permanent parking would be provided for the exclusive use of the Masjid to be located at the site of the former college. The initial proposal from Telford & Wrekin Council comprised of:

1. A car park located on what was the site of the former basketball court at New College with 21 lined parking spaces.
2. The car park would be accessible from King Street (as opposed to the existing temporary car park which is accessed from Regent Street).
3. The car park will be supported by a Pelican/Zebra crossing to enable safe pedestrian access over the car park to the Masjid.
4. The possibility of parking bays to be located on King Street itself, for any overspill.

Once completed, the Masjid would be provided with a formal lease of the car park, together with an option to purchase the land in future. It was stated by Telford & Wrekin Council that planning permission is still being progressed with respect to the proposed re-development of the land at the former college. However, it was indicated that the local authority was aiming for completion of the car park in around the end of 2023. The Trustees expect further discussions with the local authority and hope that the car park will be constructed within the next 12 months. A further and more concrete update will be provided in next year's annual report.

### **Tan Bank**

As mentioned in previous updates, there has been much debate and discussion about the future of the Tan Bank site and, in particular, as is set out in the annual report for the year ending 31 March 2020. The key has always been to find a solution to a building that has sat empty for a significant period of time, which is not satisfactory. In previous annual reports, the Trustees faced the problem that there was no easy way forward to deal with the Tan Bank site, and it was anticipated that no solution would present itself in the immediate future.

However, an approach was made to the Trustees by a brothers from the Turkish community in Telford. This is sizeable and growing community, with members of the same involved heavily in business activities throughout the town. There was an expression of interest from some members of the Turkish community to explore the setting up of a Masjid catering to that community – with a particular emphasis on provision of religious services and education in the Turkish language.

The approach from the Turkish brothers came at the very tail end of March 2022 and discussions with that community continued this past year. The priority for the Trustees was to find a use for the building both to mitigate against the risks of a building sitting redundant as well as to make use of a building that had been converted into a Masjid through the hard work of volunteers and with funding provided by the local community over the course of the last 40 plus years. The Trustees were also mindful of the fact that the Masjid can only be used in a manner that is consistent with the Objects of the Charity and in accordance with our Islamic principles. Accordingly, the approach received from the Turkish brothers was welcomed.

Via legal advice obtained, the Trustees have provided a temporary licence for the Turkish brothers to use the building as a Masjid (consistent with our own denomination) with effect from 7 November 2022. The Turkish brothers have agreed to pay for all costs associated with the operation of the site

(such as utility bills) and have agreed to meet the costs of the maintenance and upkeep of the building (thus saving the Charity costs in this respect).

Long term, it is anticipated that once the asset transfer is completed from the unincorporated charity to the CIO, in conjunction with that a more permanent arrangement with the Turkish brothers will be considered. This is subject to legal advice, but The Trustees will be looking to enter into a formal lease arrangement with the Turkish brothers.

### **The Bungalow**

Work undertaken at the bungalow was stalled as a result of an issue identified with the proposed supply of gas to the building.

The installation of a central heating system at the bungalow was completed last year, with the installation of radiators in all rooms together with the installation of a gas boiler. The Trustees then liaised with Cadent Gas in relation to the supply of mains gas from the Masjid to the Bungalow, which once completed would enable the commissioning of the system. However, an issue was encountered in this respect. Cadent Gas explained that a gas supply to the bungalow from the Masjid would involve significant works requiring new pipework to be laid across the car park (which would cause consequential damage to the recently laid tarmac). Unfortunately, the costs associated with this was far higher than expected in the region of £20,000. Such a significant cost could not be justified at the current time.

The Trustees have made the decision that the existing gas boiler installed at the bungalow would be replaced with an electric boiler. This would therefore negate the need for substantial construction works and would be far cheaper. Plans have been put in place for this exercise to be completed in the next year, which in turn would enable the remaining outstanding items of work (mainly of a decorative rather than of a structural nature) to be completed and thus resulting in a fully operational building.

The plan remains that once completed, the Bungalow will act as a major community hub for activities for adults, children, and the wider community as is set out in previous annual reports and the support of our sister organisations.

### **The Garage**

The building known as the “Garage” continues to serve many purposes, for which it remains very useful. It remains a useful storage area for the Masjid and continues to be used for physical activities, with circuit training sessions undertaken in the evenings.

The rooms above the garage continue to play a central role as a hub for the various activities by the sisters as well as classes in the rooms above the garage by the Telford Islamic Academy.

### **Future Construction Plans**

In the short term, the plan remains to complete the internal/decorative aspects of the Masjid, which will include the installation of the carpet (as mentioned above) together with the construction and installation of mimbar (a pulpit) – although the latter is decorative and not a priority and thus will be subservient to any other priorities that may arise in the next year.

The plan will also be to complete the bungalow with the installation of an electric boiler, to be followed by the completion of the outstanding decorative items – such as new doors.

The medium and long term plans remain as they were expressed in last year's report, as follows:

In the medium term and what the Trustees consider to be a priority, inshallah work will be commenced on the construction of a second storey at the Masjid. By the grace of Allah, the

community is growing in size and it is clear that a second storey would now be a welcome addition to the facility. There are days on Jumaa as well as the Eid prayers where we are getting close to a position whereby the entire ground floor is nearly completely full. On the current trajectory, in the not-too-distant future, space may become limited. For this reason, coupled with the poor condition of the temporary roof installed at the Masjid which does not appear to be watertight (see the annual report for the year ending 2020), by necessity the construction of a second storey has now become a priority.

Given the comments in the pre-ceding paragraph, the construction of the second storey has to be prioritised. However, long term the Trustees remain committed to the completion of a funeral facility. The designated space will be on the side of the Garage, utilising the medium sized storage area, partitioning, installing all the services, and fitting in body storage chillers and a body washing table. The main garage hall will serve as the janaaza space. Plans have been drawn by an architect for the proposed works, but two key aspects are being explored by the Trustees. The first are the health and safety and environmental aspects of having a body located in the building – which will require consultation with the local authority. The second is the extent to which assistance will be required from the local undertakers. Currently the local undertakers serving the local community deal with everything from the collection of the body, providing washing facilities, transport of the body to the Masjid for prayers as well as liaising with the local authority with respect to burial of the body. The Trustees are exploring how to provide facilities for the benefit of the community and will consult and seek assistance from other Masjids that already provide these facilities. The community will be updated as things progress.

Long-term therefore there will be a 2-storey main building, a new street facing frontage, a multi-purpose hall, a funeral facility and a community building. It will be the centre of Muslim life for the community, a place to pray, learn, socialize, celebrate and mark the cycles of birth, life and death.

### **Telford Islamic Academy (TIA)**

The TIA continued to thrive, under the auspices of Maulana Suleman and his dedicated team of teachers, which continue to run from 5.00pm – 7.00pm on weekdays.

There has been an overall expansion in pupil numbers, but we remain constrained by limited capacity in terms of teachers and space. Hopefully the completion of the bungalow will assist with space requirements. The increase in the number of teaching staff continues to be a focus for the Trustees in the coming years in order to increase the number of children that may be taught at the academy.

### **Events/collections**

Sadly a number of events took place in the year necessitating collection of funds (in all cases funds were paid to registered charities):

1. £10,492.63 was raised by the community following the earthquake that took place in Turkey on 6 February 2023;
2. £6,250.81 was raised by the community following a crisis appeal affecting Afghanistan in March 2023.

The level of the fundraising for these urgent appeals and in short succession in an immense credit to the generosity of the community.

Maulana Suleman accompanied by Councillors Paul Watling, Kelly Middleton and Raj Mehta along with Mayor of the borough of Telford & Wrekin, Councillor Amrik Jhawar and members of the Interfaith Council took part in a tree planting ceremony in Telford Town Park. Ten cherry trees were planted in the Teenage Activity Arena, to mark the coming together of the local community at Telford Town Park.

Mualana Suleman and volunteers arranged a Community Eid Celebration, which provided food and activities for the local community to celebrate Eid ul Adhaa which took place on 18 July 2022.

Councillor and Mayor of the Borough of Telford & Wrekin Raj Mehta held an inter-faith ceremony on 14 September 2022, where his appointment as mayor was celebrated by members of different faith

based communities. The Trustees attended as representatives on behalf of the Muslim community of Telford.

No School visits to the Masjid took place this year, although as explored in previous reports, the visits themselves are reactive with requests for the visits coming directly from the schools themselves. This is something for the Trustees to consider going forward and, where necessary, it may be that a committee or volunteers could be approached to assist the Trustees with this.

## **Financial Statement and Annual Accounts**

### **An overview of our 2022/23 performance**

Auditors: Bagri & Co Accountants (part of APEX Accounts) continue to serve as auditors for the charity.

The Trustees have ultimate legal responsibility for the charity and work to ensure good governance, with the help of SIF volunteers. Our key performance indicators are summarised below. For further information, please see the full financial accounts at the end of this report.

Key Highlights:

- Income from donations totalled £89,692.52.
- Cash balances held increased from £110,923.30 to £148,756.29.
- Expenses have remained well controlled

We end the year in a very healthy financial position (a credit to the community for their ongoing donations and support) and with sufficient funds to make a very serious impact upon the future construction plans set out above.

## **Appendix - Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing instrument**

The charity is governed by The Trust Deed, 2005 (Note: the CIO will replace this once the asset transfers have been completed, which are currently subject to legal advice and assistance)

### **About the Trustees**

The Trustees are legally responsible for ensuring that the charity works towards its Charitable Objectives. As per the Trust Deed, there are three trustees. They are all volunteers with expertise and experience in a range of fields ensuring that the members reflect the breadth of knowledge required. Brief biography of the trustees is below.

#### *Dr MH Qureshi*

Chair of Trustees for the unincorporated SIF, he has led fundraising efforts since the charity's inception, tapping into his vast network nationally. Recently retired, he was a GP in Telford for over 40 years, and has huge experience of serving on professional bodies, networking and community engagement.

#### *Dr Shaukat Ali*

BSc (Eng) MA MBA PhD PGCE (HE) PgCE PgDipE CEng FHEA FCIPD MIET MCIM

A university academic, he became a trustee in 2010 and oversees administration, finance, the website and acts as operations coordinator. He had served 8 years as trustee of a national charity prior to becoming a trustee of SIF. He is currently in his 14<sup>th</sup> year as trustee of another national charity from which he is due to retire in 2023. He is board director of 2 international professional bodies; served 9 years as governor of New College and 8 years as primary school governor. He served 7 years on a Telford & Wrekin Council Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee as community member and served 12 years as local councillor. He has set on numerous other committees in various roles.

#### *Rashid Hussain (also Trustee of the CIO)*

BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management

A local property developer and leading community member. He grew up in Wellington and is therefore close to the community and is the local contact person for volunteers. His experience of property development and many trade contacts has hugely benefited the Masjid.

Based on their collective experience and knowledge, the trustees collectively set the overall strategic direction and tone of the Charity. Having well skilled and competent trustees providing ideas to keep the work moving forward, ensures the Charity is knowledgeable and compliant with all legal and regulatory requirements. Trustees stay in daily contact via social media and meet informally weekly, more formally once a month and hold regular formal Trustee meetings several times a year with a well-structured agenda to review the work, including finances, consideration of health and safety, risk management policies and performance to ensure that the Charity is on track to meet its objectives. The Trustees are supported in their work by numerous volunteers, most notably by the project manager, Sarwar Ayub and by a whole host of volunteers, too numerous to mention, some in lead roles, others in supporting roles. All decisions reached are widely consulted on and decided by a majority vote of the trustees. The Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee receives any remuneration.

### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

The number of Trustees is fixed at 3 as per the Trust Deed. The policy of the Charity has always been to ensure that a variety of expertise exists amongst the individual Trustees. The membership is intended to ensure a balance of professional skills and experience relevant to the various sectors of the Charity and operational needs. Upon a Trustee retiring, recommendations for prospective new Trustees are generally made as a result of personal knowledge of the current Trustees and suggestions. The considerations are a mixture of current and future needs of the Charity, the skills and experience of a potential trustee, their time commitment, professional and personal background and standing, personal disposition, past dealings with the charity, Trustees, the community etc. All Trustees undergo checks and usual scrutiny to ensure they are fit and proper persons and have not been engaged in any illegalities, extremism, or divisive activities that may bring the charity into disrepute.

### **Trustees of the CIO**

Rashid Hussain BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management  
(see above)

Shahad Amin – ACCA, BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance

Shahad is a Chartered Accountant and Finance Manager working for a large and complex multi-national corporation (£200m+ sales revenue). He has extensive Financial Management experience and technical knowledge gained throughout his career. For the past several years, Shahad has served as volunteer Assistant Treasurer, helping Dr Shaukat Ali, principally with gift aid claims and dealing with HMRC.

Mohammed Ahsan – LLB (Hons)

Ahsan is a Partner and Head of Litigation in Shropshire at a local law firm.

A Wellington local, Ahsan gained his A levels at New College and went on to study law at the University of Wolverhampton. He completed his legal training with a firm in Telford. Over the course of 16 years since his qualification as a Solicitor, he has developed a specialism in commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on property and trusts litigation.

# **The Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

Registered Number: 1112127

Charity Correspondent

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## **ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 March 2023**

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**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**31 March 2023**

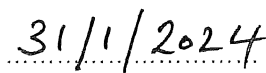
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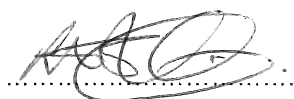
The annexed accounts have been taken from the books, records and vouchers supplied to us; there were no discrepancies found and in my opinion reflect a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Shropshire Islamic Foundation for the year to 31 March 2023.



Bagri & Co., Accountants

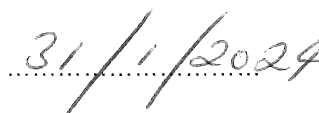
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For & on behalf of  
Shropshire Islamic Foundation

Date



# Shropshire Islamic Foundation

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

| <b>Income</b>             | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Donations                 | 89,692.52   | 104,712.92  |
| School Fees               | 25,013.57   | 22,883.81   |
| Other Income              | 180.00      | 447.10      |
|                           | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                           | 114,886.09  | 128,043.83  |
| <br><b>Expenditure</b>    |             |             |
| Wages                     | 42,555.34   | 35,010.59   |
| General expenses          | 7,909.06    | 8,448.39    |
| Utilities                 | 10,515.98   | 11,947.93   |
| Legal & Professional      | 6,700.36    | 6,132.76    |
| Bank charges              | 428.60      | 194.66      |
| Donations (Fitrana)       | 1,942.67    | 1,930.00    |
|                           | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                           | 70,052.01   | 63,664.33   |
| <br>Net movement of funds | 44,834.08   | 64,379.50   |
|                           | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                           | 114,886.09  | 128,043.83  |

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2023**

|                                                  |                   | <u>2023</u>                |                   | <u>2022</u>                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                              |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| 88 - 90 King Street                              |                   | 1,455,339.68               |                   | 1,448,339.59               |
| 41 Tan Bank                                      |                   | <u>220,000.00</u>          |                   | <u>220,000.00</u>          |
|                                                  |                   | 1,675,339.68               |                   | 1,668,339.59               |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                           |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| Debtors                                          | 337.07            |                            | -                 |                            |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - general account (320)  | 4,181.83          |                            | 3,335.61          |                            |
| Telford Central Mosque Trust Fund (513)          | 3,628.13          |                            | 2,142.29          |                            |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - building account (260) | <u>140,909.26</u> | 149,056.29                 | <u>105,968.56</u> | 111,446.46                 |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                              |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| Creditors                                        |                   | 300.00                     |                   | <u>524.16</u>              |
| Net current assets                               |                   | 148,756.29                 |                   | 110,922.30                 |
| Loans                                            |                   | 6,000.00                   |                   | <u>6,000.00</u>            |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                |                   | <u><u>1,818,095.97</u></u> |                   | <u><u>1,773,261.89</u></u> |
| represented by:-                                 |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| <b>Capital account</b>                           |                   |                            |                   |                            |
| Balance at 1st April 2022                        |                   | 1,773,261.89               |                   | 1,708,882.39               |
| Surplus Income                                   |                   | 44,834.08                  |                   | 64,379.50                  |
|                                                  |                   | <u><u>1,818,095.97</u></u> |                   | <u><u>1,773,261.89</u></u> |

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation****Year ended 31 March 2023****Fixed Assets**

|                            | <u>Land &amp;<br/>Buildings</u> | <u>Fixtures &amp;<br/>Fittings</u> | <u>Plant &amp;<br/>Machinery</u> | <u>Computer<br/>Equipment</u> | <u>Total</u>        |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>88 - 90 King Street</b> |                                 |                                    |                                  |                               |                     |
| Cost at 01 April 2022      | 1,446,934.77                    | 1,404.82                           | -                                | -                             | 1,448,339.59        |
| Additions                  | 0.00                            | 5,878.17                           | 647.92                           | 474.00                        | 7,000.09            |
|                            | <u>1,446,934.77</u>             | <u>7,282.99</u>                    | <u>647.92</u>                    | <u>474.00</u>                 | <u>1,455,339.68</u> |

**41 Tan Bank**

|                                     |                     |                 |               |               |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Valuation of asset                  | 220,000.00          | -               | -             | -             | 220,000.00          |
| Cost and valuation at 31 March 2023 | <u>1,666,934.77</u> | <u>7,282.99</u> | <u>647.92</u> | <u>474.00</u> | <u>1,675,339.68</u> |

**Additions**

|                                  |          |                 |               |               |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Back door                        | 900.00   |                 |               |               |
| Basin (Ladies Cubicles)          | 955.13   |                 |               |               |
| Hand Wash Basins (Mens Cubicles) | 4,023.04 |                 |               |               |
| Coin sorter                      |          | 647.92          |               |               |
| Digital collection plate         |          |                 |               | 474.00        |
|                                  | <u>-</u> | <u>5,878.17</u> | <u>647.92</u> | <u>474.00</u> |

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation****Year ended 31 March 2023****Notes****Income - Donations**

|                        |              |                                |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Bank                   | #91452320    | 77,994.39                      |
|                        | #01227513    | 1,891.00                       |
|                        | #61494260    | 45,000.70                      |
| Less                   | School fees  | - 25,013.57                    |
|                        | Transfers    | - 10,000.00                    |
|                        | Other Income | - 180.00                       |
| <b>Total Donations</b> |              | <b><u><u>89,692.52</u></u></b> |

**General Expenses**

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Telephone/broadband       | 616.84                        |
| Insurance                 | 2,925.34                      |
| Repairs & Maintenance     | 3,238.20                      |
| Website                   | 268.68                        |
| PPS                       | 300.00                        |
| Computer & software costs | 560.00                        |
| Total                     | <b><u><u>7,909.06</u></u></b> |

**Utilities**

|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Light and Heat | 9,915.88                       |
| Water Rates    | 600.10                         |
| Total          | <b><u><u>10,515.98</u></u></b> |

**Legal & Professional**

|                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Muslim Council    | 249.96                        |
| Accountancy       | 549.60                        |
| Thirtyoneeight    | 145.00                        |
| Fbc Manby Bowdler | 4,513.20                      |
| David Humphreys   | 1,242.60                      |
| Total             | <b><u><u>6,700.36</u></u></b> |

**Loans**

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Mohammad Ibrar | 6,000.00                      |
| Total          | <b><u><u>6,000.00</u></u></b> |

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# Accounts

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

### **From the Trustees**

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious the Most Merciful, May the peace, blessings and mercy of Allah be upon you and your family".

### **Introduction**

A very warm welcome to the 2021 – 2022 annual report. The past year saw the gradual return to normality following the lifting of all covid related national lockdown restrictions on 18 July 2021. The first 4 months of the year from 1 April 2021 – 18 July 2021 therefore resulted ongoing compliance with the relevant covid restrictions, with the Masjid continuing to operate under strict social distancing and safety rules.

13 April 2021 was the first day of Ramadan and saw the resumption of Taraweeh prayers at the Masjid following the complete cessation of all prayers as a result of the national lockdown during the pre-ceding year. Strict rules were adhered to, in order to ensure the safety of the congregation – such as limiting the congregation at the prayers to 150 people, social distancing and with congregants required to bring their own mask and prayer mats. Eid took place on 13 May, with the ongoing safety measures in place. In addition, and notably, it was the first time that the Masjid has held 3 separate Eid Prayers at 7.30am, 9.00am and 10.30am to ensure social distancing and to limit the number of attendees at any one gathering.

The Telford Islamic Academy under the Management of Maulana Suleiman initially continued to offer classes via Zoom as it had done during the pre-ceding year during the lockdown, but then there was an initial gradual return to face to face teaching at the Masjid from 7 June 2021, with three classes returning in person; with the remaining classes continuing to operate via Zoom. September 2021 saw the return of classes as per pre-pandemic, more on which below.

The cessation of the national covid lockdowns saw the limited return of events at the mosque premises including a role played by the Masjid in organising events for the benefit of community cohesion and in respect to countering far right activities in Telford.

The year also saw the initial completion of the legal work required to incorporate a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which was incorporated on 29 April 2021 – with Dr Mujahid Qureshi and Dr Shaukat Ali and Mr Rashid Hussain as first Trustees. This was followed by an open and transparent recruitment process commenced by the Trustees with a view to appointing Trustees to the new CIO. Advertisements were placed at the King Street Masjid as well as on the website for the charity at telfordcentralmosque.com. The closing date for applications was 30 June 2021. A number of applications were received and following consideration of the applications received, the Trustees appointed Mohammed Ahsan as Charity Administrator, Shahad Amin as Treasurer and Rashid Hussain was appointed as Trustee with responsibility for Construction and Building Services. Rashid Hussain would continue with his role in relation to External & Community Relations, Outreach and would assume the role of Trustee for Daily Operations. It was originally proposed that there would be

5 vacancies, but the Trustees took the decision that with the three key roles filled, the Trustees of the CIO may consider recruiting for any additional positions in future according to the needs of the charity.

Following completion of the recruitment process, Dr Mujahid Qureshi and Dr Shaukat Ali formally resigned as Trustees of the CIO with effect from September 2021. Thereafter there has followed a period of transition, with the new Trustees of the CIO undertaking day to day management. Legal advice obtained has indicated that the full undertaking of the unincorporated SIF cannot be transferred to the CIO until such time as all assets are transferred – in particular the properties at Tan Bank and King Street. It is for this reason that this year's annual report is filed under the unincorporated SIF. It is hoped that the legal process will be completed in time for next year's annual report, although this has no day-to-day impact on the running of the undertaking or day to day operations of the charity.

### **Masjid Construction Update**

Following the resumption of the daily use of the premises after the cessation of national covid lockdowns, the focus has been to concentrate on ongoing maintenance and cleaning as opposed to any major construction works.

There was limited to no cleaning that took place during the previous year as a result of the premises being closed for effectively a year. The cessation of active use of the building also disrupted the previous cleaning regime, with the individual previously employed to clean the Masjid having retired in the interim. It was noted that the Masjid had accumulated a lot of dust and dirt and the Trustees took the decision to employ a professional cleaning company to undertake a deep clean of the premises. This was followed by a regular cleaning regime by the professional cleaners appointed by the Trustees. Following the initial deep clean, the cleaners commenced a routine cleaning regimen, attending the King Street 3 times per week, with an extended period of cleaning prior to Jumaa prayers on Fridays. Whilst the cleaning was of a satisfactory quality, the maximum benefit of cleaning such a large site could not be achieved without a significant investment in the hours to be spent working by the professional cleaners. Fortunately, a group of volunteers kindly offered to undertake regular cleaning of the Masjid in order to save the charity expenditure. Therefore all cleaning is now undertaken by these volunteers, without any recompense and to a high quality. We are grateful for the assistance provided by the volunteers, may Allah reward them for their efforts.

A cubicle track railing was installed in the main hall at the Masjid in order to enable brothers from the congregation to perform l'tikaf during Ramadan.

Unfortunately, the carpet that has been ordered prior to the pandemic in 2019, has not yet been fitted at the Masjid. The pandemic appears to have had a severe impact on the business of the carpet supplier, with a number of orders to fulfil – which had all been delayed by pandemic. It was initially proposed that the carpet would be installed by around mid-February 2022, however this did not transpire. Ongoing discussions are taking place with the carpet supplier.

### **Tan Bank**

Tan Bank remained closed throughout the duration of the pandemic. There has been much debate and discussion about the future of the site and, in particular, as is set out in the annual report for the year ending 31 March 2020. The key remains to find a solution to a building that has sat empty for a significant period of time, which is not satisfactory.

The Trustees can report however that an approach was made for use of the building as a site for delivering religious education to children, separate to the Telford Islamic Academy. To this end, work was undertaken to instal a new boiler at the site, which was fully commissioned and certified. However, the initial approach was not followed through by the interested party.

The work undertaken to instal the boiler was not in vain, a separate approach was made to the Trustees by brothers from the Turkish community in Telford. This is sizeable and growing community, with members of the same involved heavily in business activities throughout the town. There was an expression of interest from some members of the Turkish community to explore the setting up of a Masjid catering to that community – with a particular emphasis on provision of religious services and education in the Turkish language.

The expression of interest was welcomed wholeheartedly by the Trustees. It previous annual reports, the Trustees faced the problem that there was no easy way forward to deal with the Tan Bank site, and it was anticipated that no solution would present itself in the immediate future. However, it is with the grace of Allah that a solution has presented itself and much credit has to be provided to Rashid Hussain and some elders from the community for exploring this with the Turkish brothers who made the approach.

The approach from the Turkish brothers came at the very tail end of March 2022 and therefore the Trustees expect that further discussions will take place to discuss in finer detail the plans of the Turkish community and how the Tan Bank site would meet those plans. It is anticipated that the Trustees will have a very significant update to provide in the next annual report in this respect.

### **The Bungalow**

Further work was completed on the Bungalow. This included the fitting of carpets to the main room at the Bungalow, as well as in the two smaller rooms. Window blinds were also installed to all of the windows.

The former storage space at the Bungalow had been converted into toilets, with the room having been tiled. This year saw the installation of the toilets and cubicles. The small kitchen area also saw the supply of kitchen cabinets and appliances, which were supplied and paid for with a donation provided by a member of the local community – may Allah reward him for his generosity.

A significant item of work undertaken was the installation of a central heating system – with the installation of radiators in all rooms together with the installation of a boiler. A special note of thanks has to be provided to contractors who supplied and installed the central heating system – Rubiks Builders. The charity was only charged the cost price for the boiler, no charge was made for labour nor for the radiators installed or any related equipment. May Allah reward them for their generosity.

We are liaising with Cadent Gas in relation to the supply of mains gas from the Masjid to the Bungalow and once this is completed, the boiler and central heating system will be commissioned.

The plan remains that once completed, the Bungalow will act as a major community hub for activities for adults, children, and the wider community as is set out in previous annual reports and the support of our sister organisations.

In addition to this, 2 additional uses have been identified for the Bungalow once completed:

1. A number of deaths in the local community have revealed that there is a requirement for a dedicated space to be provided to the families of the deceased and well-wishers. Historically, once a member of the community passes away, mourners and members of the family congregate at the deceased's home. However, this is not practicable given the size of the community, with families often being overwhelmed with the number of visitors to a family home. To this end the Masjid has proven to be a very important community hub in these situations – with space being made available for families to meet mourners immediately following a bereavement and throughout the process until the funeral takes place. However, this may sometimes prove to be disruptive to the other activities taking place at the Masjid – such as the congregational prayers and the classes at the Telford Islamic Academy. Therefore, the Bungalow will prove to be a beneficial dedicated space

where families and their well-wishers may congregate, without any undue disruption to the other services at the Masjid. This highlights the importance of the Bungalow as a community hub.

2. The Masjid often receives visits from missionaries from other religious establishments. This often involves several individuals who proceed to use the Masjid as a base to preach to members of the community. Their visits are welcome, raising the profile of the Masjid and helping with fund raising activities. However, given that they are required to sleep at the Masjid and have facilities made available for cooking – all of which presently take place at the Masjid itself, it is believed that the Bungalow would be the ideal facility for them to use for these purposes (subject to them not interfering with any other local community uses for the Bungalow – which will always take precedence).

### **The Garage**

The building known as the “Garage” continues to serve many purposes, for which it remains very useful. It remains a useful storage area for the Masjid and more recently has been used for physical activities, with circuit training sessions undertaken in the evenings. In addition, through the generosity of a donor, a pool table was donated to the Masjid to be used by the children as a social activity.

Following the lifting of the lockdowns, the rooms above the garage continue to play a central role as a hub for the various activities by the sisters. The year also saw the resumption of the classes in the rooms above the garage by the Telford Islamic Academy.

### **Future Construction Plans**

In the short term, the plan remains to complete the internal/decorative aspects of the Masjid. This will include the installation of the carpet and looking into the installation of a mimbar (a pulpit). In addition, the completion of the Bungalow project remains a key short-term priority – with the only outstanding item being the commissioning of the supply of gas.

Also in the short term, it is expected that there will be further liaison with the local authority with respect to the provision of dedicated car park spaces, to be located on land in the ownership of the local authority at the old New College site off King Street.

In the medium term and what the Trustees consider to be a priority, inshallah work will be commenced on the construction of a second storey at the Masjid. By the grace of Allah, the community is growing in size and it is clear that a second storey would now be a welcome addition to the facility. There are days on Jumaa as well as the Eid prayers where we are getting close to a position whereby the entire ground floor is nearly completely full. On the current trajectory, in the not-too-distant future, space may become limited. For this reason, coupled with the poor condition of the temporary roof installed at the Masjid which does not appear to be watertight (see the annual report for the year ending 2020), by necessity the construction of a second storey has now become a priority.

Given the comments in the pre-ceding paragraph, the construction of the second storey has to be prioritised. However, long term the Trustees remain committed to the completion of a funeral facility. The designated space will be on the side of the Garage, utilising the medium sized storage area, partitioning, installing all the services, and fitting in body storage chillers and a body washing table. The main garage hall will serve as the janaaza space. Plans have been drawn by an architect for the proposed works, but two key aspects are being explored by the Trustees. The first are the health and safety and environmental aspects of having a body located in the building – which will require consultation with the local authority. The second is the extent to which assistance will be required from the local undertakers. Currently the local undertakers serving the local community deal with everything from the collection of the body, providing washing facilities, transport of the body to the Masjid for prayers as well as liaising with the local authority with respect to burial of the body. The Trustees are exploring how to provide facilities for the benefit of the community and will consult and

seek assistance from other Masjids that already provide these facilities. The community will be updated as things progress.

Long-term therefore there will be a 2-storey main building, a new street facing frontage, a multi-purpose hall, a funeral facility and a community building. It will be the centre of Muslim life for the community, a place to pray, learn, socialize, celebrate and mark the cycles of birth, life and death.

### **Telford Islamic Academy (TIA)**

The TIA continued to thrive, under the auspices of Maulana Suleman and his dedicated team of teachers. There are 7 classes, which continue to run from 5.00pm – 7.00pm on weekdays.

Particular credit is to be given to Maulana Suleiman and his team of teachers for their hard work during the lockdown. This necessitated a move to 'on-line' learning via zoom. The year saw the cessation of on-line classes with a tiered move to face to face lessons, followed by the resumption of full classes at the Masjid in September 2021.

There has been an overall expansion in pupil numbers, but we remain constrained by limited capacity in terms of teachers and space. Hopefully the completion of the bungalow will assist with space requirements. The increase in the number of teaching staff will be a focus for the Trustees in the coming year in order to increase the number of children that may be taught at the academy.

Capacity remains the key issue and unfortunately the onset of the pandemic curtailed the Trustees ability to consider digital transformation and innovations in teaching and learning. This is something the Trustees look to work on and explore in the immediate future.

### **Events**

School visits to the Masjid continued, although as explored in previous reports, the visits themselves are reactive with requests for the visits coming directly from the schools themselves.

A Barbecue was held at the Masjid on 29 January 2022. The intention of the Barbecue and get together was provide a safe space for youngsters from the community to gather whilst there was a march undertaken on the same day by members of the far right.

### **Financial Statement and Annual Accounts**

#### **An overview of our 2021/22 performance**

Auditors: Bagri & Co Accountants (part of APEX Accounts) continue to serve as auditors for the charity.

The Trustees have ultimate legal responsibility for the charity and work to ensure good governance, with the help of SIF volunteers. Our key performance indicators are summarised below. For further information, please see the full financial accounts at the end of this report.

Key Highlights:

- Income from donations increased from £91,473.19 to £104,712.92.
- Cash balances held increased from £65,804.96 to £110,922.30.
- Expenses have been well controlled and have remained static.

Despite the pandemic affecting the start of the year, we end the year in a very healthy financial position (a credit to the community for their ongoing donations and support) and with sufficient funds to make a very serious impact upon the future constructions plans set out above.

## **Appendix - Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing instrument**

The charity is governed by The Trust Deed, 2005 (Note: the CIO will replace this once the asset transfers have been completed, which are currently subject to legal advice and assistance)

### **About the Trustees**

The Trustees are legally responsible for ensuring that the charity works towards its Charitable Objectives. As per the Trust Deed, there are three trustees. They are all volunteers with expertise and experience in a range of fields ensuring that the members reflect the breadth of knowledge required. Brief biography of the trustees is below.

#### *Dr MH Qureshi*

Chair of Trustees for the unincorporated SIF, he has led fundraising efforts since the charity's inception, tapping into his vast network nationally. Recently retired, he was a GP in Telford for over 40 years, and has huge experience of serving on professional bodies, networking and community engagement.

#### *Dr Shaukat Ali*

BSc (Eng) MA MBA PhD PGCE (HE) PgCE PgDipE CEng FHEA FCIPD MIET MCIM

A university academic, he became a trustee in 2010 and oversees administration, finance, the website and acts as operations coordinator. He had served 8 years as trustee of a national charity prior to becoming a trustee of SIF. He is currently in his 14<sup>th</sup> year as trustee of another national charity from which he is due to retire in 2023. He is board director of 2 international professional bodies; served 9 years as governor of New College and 8 years as primary school governor. He served 7 years on a Telford & Wrekin Council Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee as community member and served 12 years as local councillor. He has set on numerous other committees in various roles.

#### *Rashid Hussain (also Trustee of the CIO)*

BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management

A local property developer and leading community member. He grew up in Wellington and is therefore close to the community and is the local contact person for volunteers. His experience of property development and many trade contacts has hugely benefited the Masjid.

Based on their collective experience and knowledge, the trustees collectively set the overall strategic direction and tone of the Charity. Having well skilled and competent trustees providing ideas to keep the work moving forward, ensures the Charity is knowledgeable and compliant with all legal and regulatory requirements. Trustees stay in daily contact via social media and meet informally weekly, more formally once a month and hold regular formal Trustee meetings several times a year with a well-structured agenda to review the work, including finances, consideration of health and safety, risk management policies and performance to ensure that the Charity is on track to meet its objectives. The Trustees are supported in their work by numerous volunteers, most notably by the project manager, Sarwar Ayub and by a whole host of volunteers, too numerous to mention, some in lead roles, others in supporting roles. All decisions reached are widely consulted on and decided by a majority vote of the trustees. The Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee receives any remuneration.

### **Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

The number of Trustees is fixed at 3 as per the Trust Deed. The policy of the Charity has always been to ensure that a variety of expertise exists amongst the individual Trustees. The membership is intended to ensure a balance of professional skills and experience relevant to the various sectors of the Charity and operational needs. Upon a Trustee retiring, recommendations for prospective new Trustees are generally made as a result of personal knowledge of the current Trustees and suggestions. The considerations are a mixture of current and future needs of the Charity, the skills and experience of a potential trustee, their time commitment, professional and personal background and standing, personal disposition, past dealings with the charity, Trustees, the community etc. All Trustees undergo checks and usual scrutiny to ensure they are fit and proper persons and have not been engaged in any illegalities, extremism, or divisive activities that may bring the charity into disrepute.

**Trustees of the CIO**

Rashid Hussain BSc (Hons) Real Estate Management  
(see above)

Shahad Amin – ACCA, BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance

Shahad is a Chartered Accountant and Finance Manager working for a large and complex multi-national corporation (£200m+ sales revenue). He has extensive Financial Management experience and technical knowledge gained throughout his career. For the past several years, Shahad has served as volunteer Assistant Treasurer, helping Dr Shaukat Ali, principally with gift aid claims and dealing with HMRC.

Mohammed Ahsan – LLB (Hons)

Ahsan is a Partner and Head of Litigation in Shropshire at a local law firm.

A Wellington local, Ahsan gained his A levels at New College and went on to study law at the University of Wolverhampton. He completed his legal training with a firm in Telford. Over the course of 16 years since his qualification as a Solicitor, he has developed a specialism in commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on property and trusts litigation.

# **The Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

Registered Number: 1112127

Charity Correspondent

SHROPSHIRE ISLAMIC FOUNDATION  
88 - 90 KING STREET  
WELLINGTON  
TELFORD  
SHROPSHIRE  
TF1 1NZ

## **ACCOUNTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

### **31 March 2022**

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1st Floor  
Priorslee Local Centre  
Priorslee Avenue  
Telford  
TF2 9NR

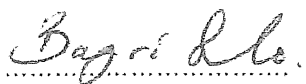
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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**31 March 2022**

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

The annexed accounts have been taken from the books, records and vouchers supplied to us; there were no discrepancies found and in my opinion reflect a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Shropshire Islamic Foundation for the year to 31 March 2022.



Date

25/01/2023

Bagri & Co., Accountants



Date

26/01/2023

For & on behalf of  
Shropshire Islamic Foundation

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022**

| <b>Income</b>             | <u>2022</u>       | <u>2021</u>       |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Donations                 | 104,712.92        | 91,473.19         |
| School Fees               | 22,883.81         | 22,719.96         |
| Gift Aid                  | -                 | 13,311.04         |
| Other Income              | 447.10            |                   |
|                           | <u>128,043.83</u> | <u>127,504.19</u> |
| <br><b>Expenditure</b>    |                   |                   |
| Wages                     | 35,010.59         | 36,075.84         |
| General expenses          | 8,448.39          | 6,930.59          |
| Utilities                 | 11,947.93         | 9,997.76          |
| Legal & Professional      | 6,132.76          | 3,375.26          |
| Bank charges              | 194.66            | 84.30             |
| Donations (Fitrana)       | 1,930.00          | 125.00            |
|                           | <u>63,664.33</u>  | <u>56,588.75</u>  |
| <br>Net movement of funds | 64,379.50         | 70,915.44         |
|                           | <u>128,043.83</u> | <u>127,504.19</u> |

Shropshire Islamic Foundation

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2022

|                                                  | <u>2022</u>       |                     | <u>2021</u>      |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                              |                   |                     |                  |                     |
| 88 - 90 King Street                              |                   | 1,448,339.59        |                  | 1,439,077.43        |
| 41 Tan Bank                                      |                   | <u>220,000.00</u>   |                  | <u>220,000.00</u>   |
|                                                  |                   | 1,668,339.59        |                  | 1,659,077.43        |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                           |                   |                     |                  |                     |
| Debtors                                          | -                 |                     | -                |                     |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - general account (320)  | 3,335.61          |                     | 5,550.87         |                     |
| Telford Central Mosque Trust Fund (513)          | 2,142.29          |                     | 566.42           |                     |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - building account (260) | <u>105,968.56</u> | 111,446.46          | <u>60,056.27</u> | 66,173.56           |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                              |                   |                     |                  |                     |
| Creditors                                        |                   | <u>524.16</u>       |                  | <u>368.60</u>       |
| Net current assets                               |                   | 110,922.30          |                  | 65,804.96           |
| Loans                                            |                   | <u>6,000.00</u>     |                  | <u>16,000.00</u>    |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                |                   | <u>1,773,261.89</u> |                  | <u>1,708,882.39</u> |
| represented by:-                                 |                   |                     |                  |                     |
| <b>Capital account</b>                           |                   |                     |                  |                     |
| Balance 1st April 2021                           |                   | 1,708,882.39        |                  | 1,637,966.95        |
| Surplus Income                                   |                   | 64,379.50           |                  | 70,915.44           |
|                                                  |                   | <u>1,773,261.89</u> |                  | <u>1,708,882.39</u> |

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation****Year ended 31 March 2022****Fixed Assets**

|                            | <u>Land &amp;<br/>Buildings</u> | <u>Fixtures &amp;<br/>Fittings</u> | <u>Total</u>        |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>88 - 90 King Street</b> |                                 |                                    |                     |
| Cost at 01 April 2021      | 1,439,077.43                    |                                    | 1,439,077.43        |
| Additions                  | 7,857.34                        | 1,404.82                           | 9,262.16            |
|                            | <u>1,446,934.77</u>             | <u>1,404.82</u>                    | <u>1,448,339.59</u> |

**41 Tan Bank**

|                                     |                     |                 |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Valuation of asset                  | 220,000.00          |                 | 220,000.00          |
| Cost and valuation at 31 March 2022 | <u>1,666,934.77</u> | <u>1,404.82</u> | <u>1,668,339.59</u> |

**Additions**

|                                    |                 |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dariusz Zalewaki Carpark -bungalow | 1,650.00        |                 |
| Ceilingsdirectltd                  | 1,277.34        |                 |
| Ceilingsdirectltd                  | 2,930.00        |                 |
| Rubik Builders LTD                 | 2,000.00        |                 |
| Ceiling rails and vertical blinds  |                 | 1,404.82        |
|                                    | <u>7,857.34</u> | <u>1,404.82</u> |

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation****Year ended 31 March 2022****Notes****Income - Donations**

|                        |                           |                          |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bank                   | #91452320                 | 79,059.38                |
|                        | #01227513                 | 2,001.00                 |
|                        | #61494260                 | 50,932.29                |
| Less                   | School fees               | - 22,883.81              |
|                        | Phone Refund              | - 29.89                  |
|                        | Transfers                 | - 5,000.00               |
|                        | Gift Aid                  | -                        |
|                        | Other Income              | - 447.10                 |
| Add                    | Cash donations not banked | 1,081.05                 |
| <b>Total Donations</b> |                           | <b><u>104,712.92</u></b> |

**General Expenses**

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Telephone/broadband   | 599.02                 |
| Insurance             | 2,346.18               |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 4,153.46               |
| Website               | 268.68                 |
| Sundry                | 1,081.05               |
| Total                 | <b><u>8,448.39</u></b> |

**Utilities**

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Light and Heat | 10,854.91               |
| Water Rates    | 1,121.91                |
| Total          | <b><u>11,976.82</u></b> |

**Legal & Professional**

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Muslim Council             | 249.96                 |
| Accountancy                | 825.60                 |
| Thirtyoneeight             | 129.00                 |
| Anthony Collins Solicitors | 2,017.20               |
| PortalPlanQuest            | 1,411.00               |
| Telford and Wrekin         | 1,500.00               |
| Total                      | <b><u>6,132.76</u></b> |

**Loans**

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Mohammad Ibrar | 6,000.00               |
| Total          | <b><u>6,000.00</u></b> |

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report  
for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

## From the Trustees

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious the Most Merciful

May the peace, blessings and mercy of Allah be upon you and your family.

## Introduction

A very warm welcome to the 20-21 Annual Report. Due to operating restrictions resulting from the pandemic, this year's report is necessarily brief due to long closures and minimal activity. Hopefully for 2021-22, things will have gradually returned to normality and there will be more to report.

The past year was dominated by the pandemic, which covers the whole of the reporting year. Along with all other charities, it proved to be challenging, with significant financial implications, but with support of the community, we remained solvent. As mentioned in the previous report, none of us alive today had experienced anything like it in our life. Following the national lockdown in March 2020, the masjid was closed for about 5 months, including during the Ramadhan period – the holiest month in the Muslim calendar.

We were, however, able to maintain connection via social media, and provide spiritual nourishment to the community - during Ramadan and the remainder of the lockdown - by providing daily and Jumma audio bayaan by maulana Suleman. The learning curve from using audio files meant the bi-weekly Dars-E-Quran could be via WhatsApp. Use of video technology meant that the maulana was able to use Zoom for video sermons. Teachers were able to maintain contact with Madrassa pupils via Zoon too. Much of the social media lessons learnt have carried over to regular practice, such as Jumma Bayan recorded and shared via WhatsApp afterwards. Dars- E-Quran is broadcast via Zoom too.

Following partial lifting of the lockdown, the masjid operated under strict social distancing and safety rules. The trustees formally thank the many volunteers that helped to ensure we were able to operate safely, particularly during the Jumma prayers.

We carried on operating during the subsequent, less restrictive, lockdowns, providing prayer opportunities, and virtual madrassa classes under social distancing. All other classes, and activities remained closed. Some planned governance changes were put on hold, but we did move forward with changing the charity structure to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

The move to a CIO was much needed because since formation, SIF was not a corporate body ('unincorporated'). This meant that the trustees were personally liable for what it did, and SIF was not able to enter into contracts or control some investments in its

own name. The trustees had to 'hold' land, property and assets on SIF's behalf. Every time the trustees changed, an asset transfer is always required. Moving to a CIO also meant that trustee are responsible to the Charity for effective governance and undertaking its objectives.

The drawing up of the CIO was undertaken by a Muslim Solicitor, specializing in charity law, at a well-known Birmingham firm specializing in Charities. It provided opportunity to further strengthened governance, such as setting trustee terms of tenure. Consequently, once the CIO in a place, and all legal formalities are complete, Dr Qureshi and Shaukat Ali will retire as Trustees and new trustees will be appointed by a transparent process.

## Masjid Construction update

There was little internal work, apart for routine maintenance. Externally, we took the opportunity to resurface the car park. We thank the community for generously donating to this much needed work.

The pandemic affected the supply and fitting of the carpet. As mentioned in the previous report, we could have had the carpet in 2019 but asked for it to be delayed to 2020 so that internal work could be completed. Then the pandemic happened. The carpet factory remained closed for best part of the year and global supply chain difficulties meant various components needed for manufacturing are on hold. For further updates, please see one of the trustees, but it is hoped it will be fitted end of 2021 or early 2022.

## Tan Bank

Tan Bank has remained closed throughout the pandemic.

## Future Construction Plans

The plans and idea mentioned in the previous report remain as medium-term goals.

## Telford Islamic Academy (TIA)

The TIA continued to offer classes via zoom. Trustees would like to formally thank maulana Suleman and his dedicated team of teachers for maintaining teaching classes under the most difficult of situations. We also thank pupils and parents for their cooperation and forbearance and supporting the teachers. We also acknowledge, with gratitude, their continuing financial contributions towards staff salaries and other costs.

## Events and Activities

There were no events at either of our premises.

We did take part in "Connecting Communities" events such as the 75th VJ commemorations. In the video (written and produced by trustee Shaukat Ali and narrated by Adil Ali) and posted online and shared during the celebrations, it portrayed the contribution of the British Indians, including Muslims, to the British war effort. Many in the community will have family members who were part of the effort, therefore it was benefitting their role was acknowledged for posterity, not least their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The video can be seen on the link below.

[. Commemoration](#)

We also recorded an Eid message for Telford and Wrekin website as part of the Eid message from the Council Leader.

## Policies

The pandemic meant we quickly had to devise and adopt many health and safety, safeguarding policies and procedures. Risk assessments were approved by Telford and Wrekin designated officers.

## Appreciation

We are a well-respected charity in the county and we firmly believe that what makes us are our many dedicated volunteers (too numerous to mention individually) who generously give their free time. We are also proud of the high levels of employee engagement.

On behalf of the Charity as a whole, we thank everyone who has helped us in our work and look forward to building on this success next year.

Our work and achievements are only made possible by the generosity, commitment, passion and enthusiasm of all those who support SIF. We give our most sincere thanks to all who have given to us their support over the year, with hope for more to come in the future.

## Financial Statement and Annual Accounts

### An overview of our 2020/21 performance

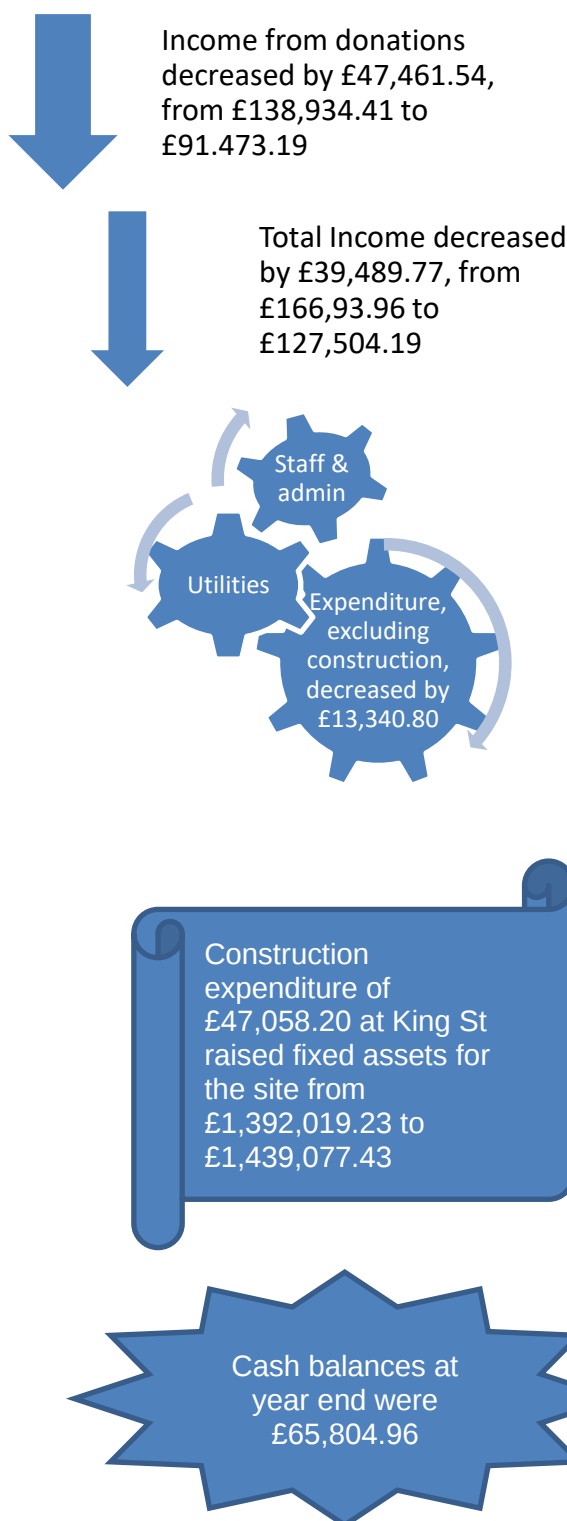
#### Auditors

Bagri & Co Accountants (part of APEX Accounts) continue to serve as auditors for the charity.

The Trustees have ultimate legal responsibility for the

charity and work to ensure good governance, with the help of SIF volunteers. Our key performance indicators are summarised below. For further information, please see the full financial accounts at the end of this report.

Despite the pandemic, we conclude another year in a reasonably stable financial position, all due to the generosity of the community, especially during the lockdown, when the masjid was closed, and we were losing £3500-4000 monthly collection monies. The highlight accounts indicators are as below. These need to be seen in light of previous year context, where several designed projects attracted funding.



## Appendix - Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing instrument

The charity is governed by The Trust Deed, 2005 (Note: the CIO will replace this once approved).

### About the Trustees

The Trustees are legally responsible for ensuring that the charity works towards its Charitable Objectives. As per the Trust Deed, there are three trustees. They are all volunteers with expertise and experience in a range of fields ensuring that the members reflect the breadth of knowledge required. Brief biography of the trustees is below.

#### **Dr MH Qureshi**

Chair of Trustee, he has led fundraising efforts since the charity's inception, tapping into his vast network nationally. Recently retired, he was a GP in Telford for over 40 years, and has huge experience of serving on professional bodies, networking and community engagement. He will retire next year as Trustee.

#### **Dr Shaukat Ali**

BSc (Eng) MA MBA PhD PGCE (HE) PgCE PgDipE CEng FHEA FCIPD MIET MCIM

A university academic, he became a trustee in 2010 and oversees administration, finance, the website and acts as operations coordinator. He had served 8 years as trustee of a national charity prior to becoming a trustee of SIF. He is currently in his 13<sup>th</sup> year as trustee of another national charity from which he is due to retire in 2023. He is board director of 2 international professional bodies; served 9 years as governor of New College and 8 years as primary school governor. He served 7 years on a Telford & Wrekin Council Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee as community member and served 12 years as local councilor. He has set on numerous other committees in various roles. He will retire next year as Trustee.

#### **Rashid Hussain**

A local property developer and leading community member, Rashid is the "newest" trustee. He grew up in Wellington and is therefore close to the community and is the local contact person for volunteers. His experience of property development and many trade contacts has hugely benefited the masjid. He will become Chair of Trustee, upon retirement of Dr Qureshi.

Based on their collective experience and knowledge, the trustees collectively set the overall strategic direction and tone of the Charity. Having well skilled and competent trustees providing ideas to keep the work moving forward, ensures the Charity is knowledgeable and compliant with all legal and regulatory requirements.

Trustees stay in daily contact via social media and meet informally weekly, more formally once a month and hold regular formal Trustee meetings several times a year with a well-structured agenda to review the work, including finances, consideration of health and safety, risk management policies and performance to ensure that the Charity is on track to meet its objectives. Since the lockdown meetings have been held virtually via Zoom.

The Trustee are supported in their work by numerous volunteers, most notably by the project manager, Sarwar Ayub and by a whole host of volunteers, too numerous to mention, some in lead roles, others in supporting roles. All decisions reached are widely consulted on and decided by a majority vote of the trustees.

The Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee receives any remuneration.

### Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The number of Trustees is fixed at 3 as per the Trust Deed. The policy of the Charity has always been to ensure that a variety of expertise exists amongst the individual Trustees. The membership is intended to ensure a balance of professional skills and experience relevant to the various sectors of the Charity and operational needs.

Upon a Trustee retiring, recommendations for prospective new Trustees are generally made as a result of personal knowledge of the current Trustees and suggestions. The considerations are a mixture of current and future needs of the Charity, the skills and experience of a potential trustee, their time commitment, professional and personal background and standing, personal disposition, past dealings with the charity, Trustees, the community etc. All Trustees undergo checks and usual scrutiny to ensure they are fit and proper persons and have not been engaged in any illegalities, extremism, or divisive activities that may bring the charity into disrepute. Trustee appointment for the CIO will be publicly advertised, with transparent roles and person specifications.

# **The Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

Registered Number: 1112127

Charity Correspondent

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## **ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 March 2021**

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**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**31 March 2021**

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

The annexed accounts have been taken from the books, records and vouchers supplied to us; there were no discrepancies found and in my opinion reflect a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Shropshire Islamic Foundation for the year to 31 March 2021.



Bagri & Co., Accountants

Date

29/10/2021



For & on behalf of  
Shropshire Islamic Foundation

Date

29/10/2021

**Shropshire Islamic Foundation**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2021**

| <b>Income</b>             | <u>2021</u>       | <u>2020</u>       |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Donations                 | 91,473.19         | 138,934.73        |
| School Fees               | 22,719.96         | 25,796.37         |
| Gift Aid                  | 13,311.04         | -                 |
|                           |                   | 2,262.86          |
|                           | <u>127,504.19</u> | <u>166,993.96</u> |
| <br><b>Expenditure</b>    |                   |                   |
| Wages                     | 36,075.84         | 34,343.05         |
| Cost of Fundraising       | -                 | 72.75             |
| General expenses          | 6,930.59          | 16,969.19         |
| Utilities                 | 9,997.76          | 16,790.20         |
| Legal & Professional      | 3,375.26          | 75.20             |
| Bank charges              | 84.30             | 38.50             |
| Donations (Fitrana)       | 125.00            | -                 |
|                           | <u>56,588.75</u>  | <u>69,929.55</u>  |
| <br>Net movement of funds | 70,915.44         | 97,064.41         |
|                           | <u>127,504.19</u> | <u>166,993.96</u> |

Shropshire Islamic Foundation

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 March 2021

|                                                  | <u>2021</u>      |                            | <u>2020</u>      |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                              |                  |                            |                  |                            |
| 88 - 90 King Street                              |                  | 1,439,077.43               |                  | 1,392,019.23               |
| 41 Tan Bank                                      |                  | <u>220,000.00</u>          |                  | <u>220,000.00</u>          |
|                                                  |                  | 1,659,077.43               |                  | 1,612,019.23               |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                           |                  |                            |                  |                            |
| Debtors                                          |                  | -                          |                  | -                          |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - general account (320)  | 5,550.87         |                            | 13,038.36        |                            |
| Telford Central Mosque Trust Fund (513)          | 566.42           |                            | 1,674.59         |                            |
| Shropshire Islamic Fund - building account (260) | <u>60,056.27</u> | 66,173.56                  | <u>31,590.81</u> | 46,303.76                  |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                              |                  |                            |                  |                            |
| Creditors                                        |                  | <u>368.60</u>              |                  | <u>356.04</u>              |
| Net current assets                               |                  | 65,804.96                  |                  | 45,947.72                  |
| Loans                                            |                  | <u>16,000.00</u>           |                  | <u>20,000.00</u>           |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                |                  | <u><u>1,708,882.39</u></u> |                  | <u><u>1,637,966.95</u></u> |
| represented by:-                                 |                  |                            |                  |                            |
| <b>Capital account</b>                           |                  |                            |                  |                            |
| Balance 1st April 2020                           |                  | 1,637,966.95               |                  | 1,541,274.08               |
| Surplus Income                                   |                  | 70,915.44                  |                  | 96,692.87                  |
|                                                  |                  | <u><u>1,708,882.39</u></u> |                  | <u><u>1,637,966.95</u></u> |