

**Westminster Bangladeshi Welfare Trust (WBWT)**  
**Registered Charity No: 1119371**  
**Report of the Trustees year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The Trustees submit their finance and report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Westminster Bangladeshi Westminster Welfare Trust (WBWT) was established on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2000 as a charity and its name has been in the charity commission's Central register in May 2007. The 'Board of Trustees' are elected by the membership of the Charity and appointed for a term of five years at the Annual General Meeting.

**Name of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity (Board of Trustees)**

<b>Trustees Name</b>
Rezaul Islam Chowdhury
Aslam Khan
Shaista Miah
Riyaz Marikar
Shebul Ahmed
Mohammad Shahjahan
Tipu Sultan

**Aims and Objects**

1. To Promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Westminster and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
2. To advance the education and training of the inhabitants of Westminster and the surrounding areas in health, literacy, numeracy and English language.
3. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.
4. To advance faith and social cohesion in South Westminster and its surrounding areas for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, interfaith events.

### **Furthermore**

The charity is the main point of contact for the Communities in South Westminster in the Borough of Westminster. Services are offered primarily in the area of social welfare, housing, health, employment and education. Westminster Bangladeshi Welfare Trust is an unincorporated body with a Board of Trustees (Management Committee), whose members are the Trustees of the Charity. The Board of Trustees meets regularly in the furtherance of the Charity's affairs.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is constituted by a constitution. It is governed by the regulation set out in the constitution and run by a voluntary 'Board of Trustees'. The charity's new committee members are elected every five years.

The Board of Trustees is normally briefed by the chairperson and the general secretary in order to familiarise themselves with the rules, regulation and responsibilities of the charity. The Board of Trustees had met and had meetings 6 times during the year to review the activities of the charity including the approval of the annual report and the accounts as well as budgets, capital expenditure for the Charity. The day-to-day work of the charity is overseen by the chairperson, general secretary and treasurers that are responsible to and report to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees are aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise. Therefore, strategies are in place to control these risks. Assessments have also been taken relating to fire and health and safety. The Board of Trustees are seriously looking into other risks areas such as operational, governance and compliance with law and regulations, health and safety measures. Managing this year was much better with everything getting normal and the organisation had a brilliant year with many activities taking place.

### **Achievements and Performance of the Trust**

The Board of Trustees have found this year to be much better and the organisation improving its services and getting more and more people involved. The Westminster Bangladeshi Welfare Trust is actively seeking to protect its financial security in order to continue to safeguard the ongoing development of the Trust and its projects and services that it offers to the local communities in south Westminster area. Below is a list of activities organised and delivered over the last 12 months:

- Sewing Classes
- Exercises Class
- Prayer Sessions
- Language Classes
- Badminton classes
- Carrom Board Game
- Healthy Winter Hot Meals
- Adult Engagement Classes
- Training/day outs for Staff and volunteers
- Community events such as Badminton and Carrom tournaments, Eid celebrations
- Community Summer Trips to South-End-On Sea and Chessington (World of Adventure)

- We have collaborated with BAME Health Forum and provided Winter Campaign – Phase 1 and 2. Flu and Covid vaccinations – Winter preparations.

### **Future plans, Developments and activities**

The Charity intends to maintain its initiatives in the provision of leading the Health & Well-being activities for example Exercise classes, Friday Prayers, Sewing classes, educational programs like children's classes, training, short and long terms courses, counseling and more. The Trust will work hard to run as many activities as possible for 2023-24 for the community. We want to continue and start the following activities in the months to come:

#### **Continue:**

- Resume sewing classes Meet and Eat sessions as the funding is extended.
- Prayer Sessions
- Language Classes
- Badminton
- Carrom Board Game
- Exercise Classes
- Training/day outs for Staff and volunteers
- Adult Engagement Classes
- Healthy Hot Meals
- Collaborating with BAME Health Forum in their upcoming Health Awareness campaigns along with the NHS.

#### **Start:**

- Health & Fitness for men and women
- Have more community day trips
- Establish After School Club for the provision of physical activities and educational learning sessions
- Walk-In services, Advice, information, guidance and signposting about health and social services.
- Short- and long-term course and trainings
- Adult Engagement Club
- Carrom Board Game
- Day/ training and day trips
- Youth development projects
- Arts and Crafts
- Digital programs for adults

The Trust will continue to address the needs of the community with emphasis on the elderly, families, children and young people. We have tried our best to provide the much needed and important activities coming out of the pandemic such as exercise classes and community engagement classes we will do more to keep healthy lifestyle projects for all. We will try help with the cost-of-living crisis which is currently effecting lives. The Trust will continue to actively work towards poverty alleviation through the welfare rights to

those who are housebound, families, Men and Women and those living in social isolation. Health, education and training are a major concern to many communities in South Westminster.

The Charity has a fund-raising strategy in place and will continue to seek funding from a range of charities and trusts, statutory and other public and other areas so that they can build on their skills and knowledge. The Trustees are indebted to all members and well-wishers for support to the Trust. We would extend a word of thanks to all individuals and other organisation/funders that have worked with and supported us this year.

### **Financial Review**

The Financial position of the charity is portrayed in the accompanying Annual Accounts.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales Requires the Trustees to prepare financial statement for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping account records, which discloses with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the charity act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserve Policy of the charity that is unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will endure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. WESTMINSTER BANGLADESHI WELFARE TURST will actively work to achieve this level of reserves.

### **Risk Factors**

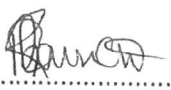
The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and the satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Independent Examiner

According to the provisions of the charities Act 1993, the trustees agree that an audit is not required for this financial year; however, due to the provisions of the same act an Independent Examiner is required. The Trustees will propose the re-appointment of Wahid & Co to carry out independent Examination of the accounts in 2023/24 at its next annual general meeting.

We declare that it is our capacity as charity trustee that:


The trustees have approved the above report at the Annual General Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2024 and we are authorised to sign it on their behalf.

  
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Chairman  
Rezaul Choudhury

  
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Treasurer  
Riyaz Marikar

  
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Assistant Treasure  
Mohammad Shahjahan

**Westminster Bangladeshi Welfare Trust**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The financial statements laid out in this report have prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities Commission issued in March 2005 and applicable accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees as the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and that you consider the audit requirements of Section 43 (2) of the Charities in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners to state that on the basis of procedures particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiners' Statement**

The examination of the accounts was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charities Commissioners. The examination includes:

- A review of the accounting records kept by the Charity.
- A comparison of the accounts presented with those records made available.
- It includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts.

Finally, making examinations from Trustees concerning any such matters relating to the accounts, the examination also includes examination of any such matters of evidence relevant to the account of disclosures in the financial statements. It includes assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required and adequately disclosed. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- To which in our opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### Opinion

In my opinion the financial statement as prepared give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 given that the incoming resources and their application in the year then ended have been properly prepared with general direction given by the charities Commissioners.



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Prepared by:

Wahid Ahmed & Co  
Chartered Management Accountants  
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**WESTMINSTER BANGLADESHI WELFARE TRUST**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

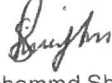
	2024 £		2023 £
<b>Income Resources</b>			
(Grant and donations)			
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
			<u>Total</u>
Westminster council	-	47,181	47,181
BAME Health Forum	1,300		1,300
Pimlico Millon (Quaker Social Action)		14,700	14,700
Friday Collections/donations	89,641		89,641
Award for All	-	-	-
			9,025
	90,941	61,881	152,822
			90,980

**Expenditures**

			23,955	22,584
Wages and salaries			276	-
Pensions			6,422	4,806
Project Based Food and Bev.			9,960	10,868
Subcontractor Cost			9,982	15,852
Rents & Rates			7,960	-
Summar Activities				822
Fire Security			7,937	2,168
Light & Heat				-
General administrative expenses:			393	272
Telephone and fax			217	778
Printing, postage and advert			12,400	7,610
Repairs and Equipments			906	629
Bank charges			1,196	1,452
Insurance			577	641
Depreciation			1,014	15
Cleaning			-	371
Other legal and professional				
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	-	-	83,195	68,868
<b>Net surplus or (deficit)</b>	90,941	61,881	69,627	22,112
Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2022/2023	-	-	74,904	52,792
Balance carried forward as at 31 March 2023/2024	-	-	144,531	74,904

  
Rezaul Islam Chowdhury  
Chairperson

  
Riyaz Marikar  
Treasurer

  
Mohammad Shahjahan  
Assistant Treasurer



**WESTMINISTER BANGLADESHI WELFARE TRUST****Balance Sheet****as at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	5,198	5,775
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		1,300	2,099
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>144,367</u>	<u>73,606</u>
		144,367	75,705
<b>Current liabilities</b>	5	<u>(7,153)</u>	<u>(6,576)</u>
		137,214	69,129
<b>Net Income or (deficit)</b>		<u>143,712</u>	<u>74,904</u>
<b>Capital and incoming funds</b>			
Opening balance		74,904	52,792
Net income or (deficit)		<u>69,625</u>	<u>22,112</u>
<b>Net funds</b>		<u>144,529</u>	<u>74,904</u>

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

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

We, the undersigned confirmed that we have provided all the records, information and explanations to Wahid Ahmed & Co for the preparation of the Accounts and these accounts are in accordance herewith.

Chairperson.....  
Rezaul Islam Chowdhury

Treasurer.....  
Riyaz Marikar

Assistant Treasurer.....  
Mohammad Shahjahan

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Turnover represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Westminster council

2 Operating profit

### 3 Tangible fixed assets

#### 4 Debtors

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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**WESTMINISTER BANGLADESHI WELFARE TRUST**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<u>7,153</u>	<u>6,576</u>
<b>6 Profit and loss account</b>	<b>2024</b>	
	<b>£</b>	
At 1 April 2023	74,904	
Profit for the year	69,625	
At 31 March 2024	<u>144,529</u>	