

## CORPORATE DETAILS

- **Registered Name:** Becontree Heath Islamic Society (Dagenham Central Masjid) Ltd
- **Working Names:** Dagenham Central Masjid
- **Company Number:** 06771843
- **Charity Number:** 1131215
- **Trustees (Directors):**
  - Bilal Ahmed, Managing Director - CEO
  - Mohammed Faruk Ahmed, Director - Treasurer
  - Mr. Paul Francis Simms, Legal Matter Director
- **Company Secretary:** Ms. Sofina Ahmed
- **Director Registered Office:** 83 Warrington Road RM8 3JL
- **Main Bankers:** Lloyds TSB Bank PLC, Romford Branch, Po Box 1000 BX1 1LT
  - Sort Code: 30-97-13
  - Account Number: 33701460
- **Legal Adviser:** Robert Meakin, Keystone Law Solicitors, 48 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1JF.

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2023

### OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the Becontree Heath Islamic Society (BHIS) are to:

1. **Advance the Islamic faith** by maintaining and managing a community centre and masjid in Barking and Dagenham.
2. **Advance education** and provide facilities for social welfare and recreation.
3. **Promote other charitable purposes** as determined by the trustees.

In line with these objectives, BHIS delivers a variety of services and activities to benefit the public.

### ACTIVITIES

- **Daily Prayers:** BHIS is open to the public daily, hosting congregations of 400-500 people for prayers.
- **Educational Services:** BHIS operates a Madrasah for children and supplementary education for adults during the week and weekends.
- **Community Engagement:** BHIS works with other organisations in Barking and Dagenham, emphasising interfaith cooperation. A highlight of 2023 was a virtual interfaith Iftar during Ramadan.

- **Visitor Centre:** Regular monthly visits from adult groups and schools, helping to foster understanding and combat Islamophobia.
- **Facility Hire:** BHIS offers facilities for Nikah, meetings, and conferences.
- **Fundraising:** £83,110 was raised through donations and initiatives in 2023, with continuing community support.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

BHIS benefits from a strong volunteer base, contributing services such as stewarding for prayers and events. Volunteer contributions are estimated to be worth £52,000 per year.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

- **Prayer Services:** The Masjid is open daily, accommodating around 690,000 visitors annually, with weekly averages of 14,000 and Friday peaks of 700-950. The Friday sermon is delivered in English and other community languages.
- **Ramadan and Eid:** In Ramadan 2023, BHIS hosted over 45,000 attendees for prayers, provided meals for breaking fast, and held five congregational prayers on Eid.
- **Educational Programs:** The Madrasah operates with 70 students aged 7-14, offering essential Islamic education. Staff are DBS-checked, and a governing committee oversees the program.
- **Social Welfare and Advice:** BHIS Imams offer religious advice on marriage, family matters, and Islamic finance, with an average of 12 daily contacts. Legal advice is also provided by volunteer barristers and solicitors.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- **Women's Groups:** BHIS supports over five female user groups for different communities.
- **Interfaith Work:** BHIS actively participates in local interfaith forums and works with organisations to combat Islamophobia and promote community cohesion.
- **Anti-Racism Initiatives:** BHIS supports campaigns against racism and Islamophobia, collaborating with local anti-hate groups and supporting movements like Black Lives Matter.

### **PREMISES AND SECURITY**



- **Security Measures:** BHIS conducts regular risk assessments and provides 24/7 security for the premises, with an increased presence during high-traffic events like Ramadan and Eid.
- **Governance and Expansion:** BHIS is reviewing staffing and planning a first-floor extension to increase capacity. Administrative facilities are also being redeveloped.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

- **Income Sources:** BHIS raised £83,110 through donations, fees, and fundraising activities in 2023.
- **Reserves Policy:** As of December 31, 2023, BHIS held reserves of £14,600. A new reserve policy was introduced in 2021 to ensure the charity can meet operational costs.
- **Interest-Free Loans:** BHIS has interest-free loans (Qard Hasanah) totalling £165,900, which are vital for operations, including the purchase of premises at 798 Green Lane. The loans are repayable within 90 days upon request.

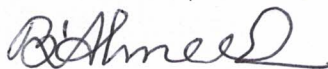
## RISKS AND GOING CONCERN

- **Reputation and Financial Recovery:** BHIS continues to recover from financial misconduct by trespassers who unlawfully occupied the premises from 2015 to 2020. Legal action is ongoing to recover losses.
- **Going Concern:** Despite challenges, the trustees consider BHIS financially stable, supported by regular donations and the ability to raise funds through appeals.

## GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Legal Responsibilities:** Trustees are responsible for preparing financial statements in accordance with UK law and accounting standards. The financial statements for 2023 were approved on August 31, 2023, by:

Bilal Ahmed | Director/Trustee



Mohammed Faruk Ahmed | Director/Trustee



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**Annual Accounts for the year 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023**

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	83,110
Madrasah Fees	14,336
Grant Received	0
Other Donations (including Qurbani)	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>97,446</b>

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<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages	25,663
Light & Heat	6,986
Telephone	1,650
Maintenance & Repairs	19,610
Grant Spent	0
Madrasah Expenses	9,820
Interest-Free Loan Refund	0
Professional Fees	7,654
Activities	6,276
Volunteer Cost	0
Rent & Rates	2,866
Transport and Volunteer Expenses	2,995
Other Expenses	10,348
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>93,868</b>

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**Surplus (Deficit) for the Year:**

**Total Income:** £97,446

**Total Expenditure:** £93,868

**Surplus for the Year:** £3,578

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

Assets	£
Building	367,821
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8,676
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>376,497</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Interest-Free Loan (Creditors - Amounts falling due after one year)	£165,900
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>£165,900</b>

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**Net Assets:**  
**£376,497**

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**Represented by:**  
**Retained Surplus: £376,497**

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**Directors/Trustees:**  
Mr. Bilal Ahmed  
Mr. Mohammed Faruk Ahmed  
Miss Sofina Ahmed

**Secretary:**  
Miss Sofina Ahmed

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**Bankers:**  
Lloyds Bank  
Market Place Branch  
Romford RM1

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and applicable law.