

Charity number: 1131380

Welsh Islamic Cultural Association Swansea

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Welsh Islamic Cultural Association Swansea (WICAS) is a well established UK registered charity organization. The mission statement of WICAS is to promote understanding of the religion of Islam and its true values, the harmony of local communities as well as promoting good health and well-being of all residents of Swansea and neighboring areas by providing prayer, meditation, recreation and social activities in premises and environments that are both comfortable and accessible to all.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The financial year 2023/24 has been transformative for the Welsh Islamic Cultural Association Swansea (WICAS). Following the successful opening of the newly renovated Sketty Mosque and Community Centre in March 2023, the focus has shifted to operational excellence and community engagement. This year has seen significant progress in several areas:

Significant activities

1. Community Engagement Initiatives:

WICAS hosted two Ramadan Iftars, four Eid prayers, and a diverse range of over 39 events, fostering spiritual growth and strengthening community unity.

The "Eid in the Park" 2023 event was a resounding success, attracting over 4,000 attendees and promoting interfaith harmony and outreach.

2. Educational Progress:

Iqra Academy experienced substantial growth, with enrolment increasing to over 130 students. The academy introduced Seerah classes tailored for teenagers, alongside its Islamic Studies and Quran programmes. This year also featured enhanced parent-teacher collaboration and recognition events, including a well-attended Award Ceremony with over 200 participants.

3. Youth and Elderly Programmes:

Sketty Youth Club thrived with its Lunch Club initiative, delivering over 8,000 meals and engaging 200 children in outdoor and educational activities. A GCSE and A-Level STEM support programme was also introduced in partnership with Iqra Academy.

The Sketty Tea Lounge has become a hub for the 50+ community, hosting weekly gatherings, serving over 1,468 meals, and organising interfaith and cultural events.

4. Social and Welfare Contributions:

WICAS has made notable strides in welfare initiatives, including tackling period poverty by providing sanitary products and developing the first-ever Muslim Funeral Guidelines for Swansea Council.

Partnerships with Swansea Bay Health Board enabled vaccination drives for children and elderly members of the community, showcasing WICAS's commitment to public health.

5. Operational and Strategic Success:

WICAS enhanced its governance by recruiting a new Imam and establishing protocols for funeral services in collaboration with local authorities.

A significant achievement was the acceptance of Morriston Cemetery for Muslim burials, accompanied by the establishment of official procedures with Swansea Council and other key stakeholders.

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Achievements against objectives

In alignment with WICAS's objectives, the organisation has made substantial progress in promoting understanding, community cohesion, and well-being:

1. Objective: Provide spaces for prayer, education, and social activities

This has been achieved with the renovation and opening of Sketty Mosque, which now offers state-of-the-art facilities, including dedicated prayer halls, Wudu areas, meeting rooms, and a multi-purpose hall.

The premises hosted regular prayer services, educational programmes, youth activities, and community events, benefiting thousands of attendees.

2. Objective: Deliver high-quality Islamic education and youth support

Iqra Academy transitioned to Sketty Mosque, broadening its reach and curriculum with new initiatives such as Seerah classes and STEM support. The academy continued to nurture over 130 students, supported by dedicated staff and volunteers.

3. Objective: Enhance community welfare and outreach

The successful organisation of over 30 community events, including interfaith visits, cultural celebrations, and the "Visit My Mosque" day, has strengthened inter-community dialogue.

Welfare initiatives, such as tackling period poverty and meal distribution programmes, have had a tangible impact on underrepresented groups.

4. Objective: Strengthen interfaith relations and partnerships

Collaborations with Race Council Cymru, Swansea Council, and other organisations have led to impactful initiatives, such as the Windrush anniversary celebration and vaccination drives.

WICAS is immensely proud of these achievements and remains committed to its mission of fostering spiritual growth, education, and unity within the Swansea community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, comprising Prof. Parvaiz Ali, Dr. Ahmed Salamat, and Dr. Shahzad Ather, Dr. Radwan Abdo Kaid Abdulla, Dr Mohamed Al-Ahmadi oversaw the strategic vision and safeguarding of major projects.

Management Committee Trustees

The Management Committee Trustees, elected in 2024, including Dr. Syed Farooq Shah, Dr. Akter Hussain, Dr. Khalil Khan, Mr. Riaz Hassan, Mr. Nasir Shahzad, Mr Naveed A-Amman Tasnim, Mr Mariwan Abdulkadeer, Mr. Ahmed Roberts, Dr Mahaboob Basha, Mrs Dua Abdulsattar Clark, Dr Mabrouka Abuhmida were responsible for all activities and operational management of WICAS.

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year-end are listed in the provided document.

This report provides an overview of WICAS's achievements and activities during the financial year 2023/24, with a focus on the operational management and ongoing projects following the successful opening of the renovated Mosque. The year saw the implementation of new systems to streamline operations, enhanced community engagement initiatives, and the continued growth of activities at Iqra Academy. The Trustees extend their gratitude to the community for their invaluable support and contributions.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity

Welsh Islamic Cultural Association Swansea

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Charity registration number	1131380
Principal address	Sketty Mosque Sketty Park Road Sketty Swansea SA2 9AS

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Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Dr Mustafa Mukhabir
(Appointed: 02 February 2014)
(Resigned: 01 June 2024)

Dr Shahzad Ather
Dr Syed Farooq Shah
Dr Khalil Khan
(Resigned: 19 May 2023)

Mr Nasir Shahzad
Prof Parvaiz Ali
Mr Riaz Hassan
Dr Saad Ismail
(Appointed: 12 May 2018)
(Resigned: 01 June 2024)

Mrs Adeelah Iqbal
(Resigned: 01 June 2023)

Mrs Gulnihar Begum
(Resigned: 25 May 2023)

Ms Aisha Rayhanna Amer
(Appointed: 12 October 2020)
(Resigned: 01 June 2024)

Dr Ahmed Salamat
Mr Ahmed Roberts
(Appointed: 10 May 2023)
(Resigned: 30 January 2024)

Mr Naveed-A-Amman Tasnim
(Appointed: 10 May 2023)

Dr Mahaboob Basha
(Appointed: 10 May 2023)

Mr Mariwan Abdulkadeer
(Appointed: 10 May 2023)

Dr Akter Hussain
(Resigned: 24 May 2023)

Dr Radwan Abdo Kaid Abdulla
(Appointed: 01 June 2024)

Dr Mohamed Al-Ahmadi
(Appointed: 01 June 2024)

Mrs Dua Abdulsattar Clark
(Appointed: 01 June 2024)


Dr Mabrouka Abuhmida
(Appointed: 01 June 2024)

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Independent examiner

Mibsons Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
51 Coopers Road
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B20 2JU

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


[Mr Nasir Shahzad \(Jan 30, 2025 16:12 GMT\)](#)

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Mr Nasir Shahzad

30 January 2025

Welsh Islamic Cultural Association Swansea
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by virtue of my membership of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Muhammad Shahid
FCCA
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Chartered Certified Accountants
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30 January 2025

Welsh Islamic Cultural Association Swansea
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	250,276	250,276	321,100
Charitable activities	3	-	23,204	23,204	4,930
Total		-	273,480	273,480	326,030
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4/5	-	(207,630)	(207,630)	(50,972)
Total		-	(207,630)	(207,630)	(50,972)
Net income/expenditure		-	65,850	65,850	275,058
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		48,105	1,251,985	1,300,090	1,025,032
Total funds carried forward		48,105	1,317,835	1,365,940	1,300,090

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	1,135,852	1,066,719
		1,135,852	1,066,719
Current assets			
Stocks	11	5,315	-
Debtors	12	1,100	3,761
Cash at bank and in hand		227,219	232,390
		233,634	236,151
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,546)	(2,780)
Net current assets		230,088	233,371
Total assets less current liabilities		1,365,940	1,300,090
Net assets		1,365,940	1,300,090
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	14	1,317,835	1,251,985
Unrestricted income funds	14	48,105	48,105
Total funds		1,365,940	1,300,090

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:


Mr Nasir Shahzad (Jan 30, 2025 16:12 GMT)

Mr Nasir Shahzad
Trustee

30 January 2025

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

WICAS meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity, and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are those which are to be used as per specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Land and Buildings	2% Per annum on cost
Fixtures and Fittings	20% Straight line

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Donations received	250,276	321,100
	250,276	321,100

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3. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted funds		
<i>Imam Employments</i>		
Income from charitable activities	-	3,000
<i>Iqra Institute</i>		
Income from charitable activities	-	1,930
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Income from charitable activities	23,204	-
	23,204	4,930

4. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Sketty Islamic Centre	-	34,914
Imam Employments	-	11,042
Iqra Institute	-	2,830
Charitable activities	206,460	1,016
Support costs	1,170	1,170
	207,630	50,972

5. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	2024	2023
	£	£
Activities undertaken directly		
Sketty Islamic Centre	-	35,994
Imam Employments	-	11,132
Iqra Institute	-	2,830
Charitable activities	207,630	1,016
	207,630	50,972

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6. Analysis of support costs

2024	2023
£	£
Governance costs	1,170
	1,170

7. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	26,534	22,101
Accountancy fees	1,170	1,170
	<u>27,704</u>	<u>23,271</u>

8. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2024 were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	34,002	11,042
	<u>34,002</u>	<u>11,042</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
Teachers and Prayer Leaders	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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9. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	-	321,100	321,100
Charitable activities	-	4,930	4,930
Total	-	326,030	326,030
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	(1,016)	(49,956)	(50,972)
Total	(1,016)	(49,956)	(50,972)
Net income/expenditure	(1,016)	276,074	275,058
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	49,121	975,911	1,025,032
Total funds carried forward	48,105	1,251,985	1,300,090

10. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
At 01 April 2023	1,098,555	15,638	1,114,193
Additions	87,190	8,477	95,667
At 31 March 2024	1,185,745	24,115	1,209,860
Depreciation			
At 01 April 2023	47,344	130	47,474
Charge for year	23,715	2,819	26,534
At 31 March 2024	71,059	2,949	74,008
Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	1,114,686	21,166	1,135,852
At 31 March 2023	1,051,211	15,508	1,066,719

11. Stocks and work in progress

	2024 £	2023 £
Payments on account	5,315	-
	5,315	-

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12. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	-	3,761
Other debtors	1,100	-
	<u>1,100</u>	<u>3,761</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,009	-
Other creditors	1,457	1,700
Accruals and deferred income	1,080	1,080
	<u>3,546</u>	<u>2,780</u>

14. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2023	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2024
	£	£	£
<i>General</i>			
General fund	48,105	-	48,105
	<u>48,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,105</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/04/2022	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2023
	£	£	£
<i>General</i>			
General fund	49,121	(1,016)	48,105
	<u>49,121</u>	<u>(1,016)</u>	<u>48,105</u>

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Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
General fund	1,251,985	273,480	(207,630)	1,317,835
	1,251,985	273,480	(207,630)	1,317,835

Restricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/04/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£
General fund	975,911	326,030	(49,956)	1,251,985
	975,911	326,030	(49,956)	1,251,985

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
Restricted funds			
General fund	1,135,852	230,088	1,365,940
	1,135,852	230,088	1,365,940

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General fund	271,258	(222,137)	49,121
Restricted funds			
General fund	795,461	455,508	1,250,969
	1,066,719	233,371	1,300,090

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