

LUTON TURKISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1136182

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-06-03

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY IN LUTON BY PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL CLASSES, FACILITIES AND RESOURCES.2) TO ADVANCE THE ISLAMIC FAITH IN BEDFORDSHIRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES (PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS) PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ABOUT THE ISLAMIC FAITH TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE RELIGION.3) TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF LUTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE, OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: SUPPLIMENTARY WEEKEND SCHOOLTurkish weekened school teaching Turkish lanuage Turkish Arts Turkish culutre teachingin adults mostly women esol english and turkish

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, 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, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LUTON
- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hertfordshire
- Luton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-24	£51,500	£47,500	-	-
2023-12-24	£59,081	£52,413	-	-
2022-12-24	£22,750	£19,500	-	-
2021-12-24	£23,450	£18,790	-	-
2020-12-24	£23,777	£19,550	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ilhami gunduz	Chair	2025-11-26
Atila Ustun		
IBRAHIM GURBUZ		
OMER CAGLAR		2012-12-25
abdulkadir bayrak		2019-12-26
ali bas		2025-11-26
isa gokce		2025-11-26
lokman guner		2025-11-26
selim bas		2019-12-25

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Luton Turkish Community Association (LTCA)

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. Introduction

The Trustees of the Luton Turkish Community Association (LTCA) are pleased to present their Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023. This report outlines the charity's activities, achievements, governance, and financial overview during the period. LTCA continues its mission to support, represent, and empower the Turkish and Turkish-speaking community in Luton and surrounding areas.

2. Objectives and Activities

LTCA exists to: - Promote social, cultural, educational, and recreational activities. - Support community cohesion and integration within Luton. - Offer services and programmes that uplift women, families, young people, and older members of the community.

In 2023, LTCA delivered a diverse programme of activities, with two major areas of focus: - **Education and empowerment programmes for women** - **The annual Luton Turkish Festival**

3. Main Achievements in 2023

3.1 Education for Women

In 2023, LTCA expanded its support for women through a structured programme aimed at education, empowerment, and social inclusion. Key achievements included: - **English language classes (ESOL):** Delivered weekly sessions to support women with limited English proficiency, helping improve confidence and daily living skills. - **Digital skills workshops:** Introduced classes teaching basic computer use, online safety, email communication, and accessing essential services. - **Health and wellbeing sessions:** Hosted seminars covering mental health awareness, healthy living, nutrition, and access to local health services. - **Women's empowerment workshops:** Provided training on communication, employment readiness, CV support, and access to further education. - **Cultural and social activities:** Organised women's group gatherings promoting community bonding, reducing isolation, and strengthening cultural identity.

These programmes had high engagement and contributed significantly to community cohesion and personal development.

3.2 Luton Turkish Festival 2023

LTCA proudly organised the **Luton Turkish Festival**, one of the largest cultural events for the Turkish-speaking community in Bedfordshire. Highlights included: - A vibrant cultural programme featuring traditional music, folk dance groups, art exhibitions, and regional cuisine. - Participation from local businesses, cultural organisations, and volunteers. - Activities for children and families, including arts and crafts, sports, and cultural storytelling. - A dedicated awareness area promoting local services, health organisations, employment support agencies, and educational institutions.

The festival successfully showcased Turkish culture to the wider community, strengthened local partnerships, and brought together thousands of attendees in a celebration of heritage and unity.

4. Governance and Management

LTCA is governed by a Board of Trustees responsible for strategic oversight, safeguarding, legal compliance, and financial stewardship. The Board met regularly throughout 2023 to review progress, approve budgets, and evaluate programme delivery. All trustees serve voluntarily.

The organisation continues to maintain strong safeguarding processes, following national guidelines to protect vulnerable adults and children. Policies covering data protection, equality and diversity, and health and safety were reviewed and updated in 2023.

5. Financial Review

LTCA maintained stable financial performance during the year. Income was generated through: - Grants and community funding - Donations and fundraising activities - Festival sponsorships and stallholder fees - Membership contributions and programme fees

Expenditure focused on community programmes, festival delivery, operational costs, and educational activities. The charity ended 2023 in a positive financial position, allowing continued reinvestment in services.

6. Plans for 2024

LTCA aims to build on the success of 2023 with: - Expanded women's education programmes, including vocational training pathways. - Development of youth-focused cultural and sports activities. - Strengthening partnerships with local councils, schools, and healthcare providers. - Planning an even larger and more inclusive Turkish Festival.

7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their statutory duty to have due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. The Board is responsible for ensuring proper financial records, safeguarding assets, and ensuring compliance with governing documents.

8. Approval of the Report

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on _ / _ / 2024.

Signed: Atilla Ustun

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Chair / Lead Trustee

Secretary / Trustee

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****Luton Turkish Community Association****
****Annual Report 2023 ****

****Chairperson's Introduction****

It is with great pride that we present the annual report for the Luton Turkish Community Association (LTCA) for the year 2024. Over the past year, we have continued to serve our community with dedication, expanding our educational, cultural, and artistic programs while strengthening partnerships with local councils and community organizations.

****Our Mission and Objectives****

LTCA is committed to enriching the lives of the Turkish and wider community in Luton by promoting education, cultural heritage, the arts, and social inclusion. Our objectives for 2024 focused on:

- Expanding educational opportunities for children and adults
- Promoting Turkish arts and cultural heritage
- Strengthening community ties through events and initiatives
- Collaborating with local authorities to support community-driven projects

****Key Achievements in 2024****

****Education and Learning****

- Successfully ran Turkish language classes for children and adults, increasing participation by 20% compared to last year.
- Hosted educational workshops on history, heritage, and personal development.
- Partnered with local schools to offer cultural awareness programs.

****Arts and Culture****

- Organized the annual Turkish Cultural Festival, attracting over 1,000 attendees.
- Supported local artists and performers through exhibitions, concerts, and theatrical performances.
- Launched a new folk dance and music program, engaging both youth and adults in traditional Turkish arts.

****Community Services****

- Provided welfare advice and support to families and individuals in need.
- Organized social gatherings to reduce isolation among elderly members of the community.
- Facilitated health and wellbeing workshops in collaboration with healthcare providers.

****Partnerships and Collaborations****

- Strengthened ties with Luton Borough Council to support local community projects.
- Worked closely with other ethnic and cultural associations to foster inclusivity and cohesion.
- Secured funding for new initiatives aimed at supporting young people and community development.

****Looking Ahead to 2025****

In the coming year, LTCA aims to:

- Expand our educational programs with additional language and vocational training courses.
- Develop further partnerships with local businesses to offer employment support services.
- Increase our outreach efforts to engage a wider audience in our cultural and community events.
- Secure additional funding to enhance our facilities and program offerings.

****Acknowledgments****

We extend our sincere gratitude to our members, volunteers, partners, and supporters who have contributed to our success this year. Your commitment and generosity have enabled LTCA to continue its vital work in the community. We look forward to another year of growth, service, and celebration of our shared heritage.

****Signed,****

Atilla ustun
Chairperson
Luton Turkish Community Association
Date: 02-01-2024