

Wilaya Trust Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Wilaya Trust

Charity registration number: 1137354

Registered address: 9 William Street, Marston, Oxford, OX3 0ES, UK

Board of Trustees

Dr Muhammad Isa Waley

Dr Muhammad Afifi Al-Akiti

Mr Neamul Mohsin

Executive Committee

Director: Dr Talal Al-Azem

Financial manager: Mr Neamul Mohsin

Operations manager: Ms Caroline O'Connor

Independent Examiner

Mr Sohail Bhatti, FCCA, 96 Eynsham Road, Oxford, OX2 9BX

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank, Plc 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP

Structure, governance, and management

Governing document

The Wilaya Trust is constituted as a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission on 18 July 2010, under charity number 1137354. It is governed by a deed of trust last amended on 24 December 2016.

Organisational structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees appoint a Director and grant him/her the powers to appoint an executive committee that will serve in fulfilling the objectives and obligations of the charity, as laid out in the declaration of trust ratified on the 18th day of July 2010, with approval of two or more trustees.

The trustees meet together as a body annually, and as required for extra regular sessions. The executive committee meets regularly to execute the objectives of the trust and oversee aspects of the charity's work. Sub-committees are currently established for finance and for the day-to-day management of educational and social activities. The Director, who also serves as Secretary to the Trustees, chairs the executive committee

meetings and both sub-committees, and reports back to the trustees in the annual and extra-regular meetings. The day-to-day management of particular activities are delegated to staff and volunteers.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees but in so doing the trustees seek the views and recommendations of the executive committee and other shareholders. In selecting new trustees, the Trust seeks to identify individuals who are recognised in the field of community-based education for their dedication to and expert knowledge in the objectives of the Trust, as laid out in the declaration of trust.

Risk management

The executive committee and trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have identified the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening, and the measures taken to manage them. No risk matrix has been produced, as the Trust does not own any properties or significant assets. Appropriate Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups as part of the Trust's activities.

Objectives and activities

Objectives

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

To advance the education of the public in particular but not exclusively in the subjects of religion, philosophy, ethics, spirituality, civic responsibility and skills of critical thinking;

To advance education and training with a view to cultivating personal development and social responsibility, through the arrangement of apprenticeships, particularly but not exclusively in craftsmanship, agriculture and animal husbandry;

To advance the Islamic faith, with emphasis on its relation to the above two objects, through religious instruction and devotional services.

Activities and achievements

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both the Muslim and wider communities of Oxford, Oxfordshire and Southeast England.

Educational Activities

In the year of 2021, the Trust organised a range of courses in the following subjects:

- **Courses in Islamic revelation:** weekly lessons in academic terms free of charge;
- **Courses in the essential tenets / practices of Islam:** weekly lessons in academic terms at a subsidised fee
- **Courses in Islamic biographical literature:** weekly lessons in academic terms at a subsidised fee
- **Courses in Arabic language:** introductory course at a subsidised fee;
- **A Qur'anic memorisation programme:** this programme provided a number of classes throughout Oxford for children, by CRB-checked and qualified instructors;
- **A Qur'anic recitation (tajwid) programme:** an introductory programme on the science of reciting the Qur'an;

- **Ethics and spirituality:** courses were held on Monday, Thursday, and Sundays for the study of ethics and spirituality in accordance with the Islamic tradition;

The above classes were hosted either online, in-person (using rented facilities within Oxford), or both.

Social Activities

Similarly in the year 2021, the Trust organised a range of social activities for the local Oxford community, including:

- **Fortnightly Dialogues:** bi-weekly social gatherings in which members of the local community sit in discussion with local resident scholars on topics suggested by the community;
- **Finding Faith:** regular meetings and events to support new Muslims in Oxford, providing support, advice, and a simple learning programme necessary for a healthy understanding and realisation of Islam. We also organise special events for the development of community and companionship, encouraging positive integration into our greater Muslim community.
- **Date Palm Tree:** weekly gatherings at a community centre, providing a positive ethos for mothers to meet and support one another in raising of their children.
- **Ramadan Reminders:** held every evening throughout the month of Ramadan in an Oxford community centre, delivering a half-hour spiritual reminder and led by qualified local Muslim scholars.
- **Seasonal Social Events:** typically one social event every quarter for a broader cross-section of target audience, organised around a notable date within the Islamic Calendar.

Achievements and Performance

Performance is reviewed by the trustees at each of their meetings. The financial year 2021 saw notable growth in Wilaya's income from both donations and paid courses. This was in part on account of Wilaya's transition to an online presence with a greater teacher base which commenced in 2020, as well as an ongoing, COVID-induced demand for online education from a broader audience both within and outside of Wilaya's core target area of Oxfordshire and SE England.

Financial Review

The trustees review the financial status of the charity at their meetings.

Principal funding sources

The charity's only source of income is donations provided by the public, and any fees paid for the Trust's charitable educational or social activities. Receipts grew from £61,602 in 2020 to £83,539 in 2021, while payments grew from £53,376 in 2020 to £83,757 in 2021. The key increase in payments is owed to the increased time which Wilaya commissioned from its teachers to deliver a greater roster of education programmes during 2021.

Reserves and reserves policy

The Trust held a balance of £8,977 as of December 31, 2021. The Executive Committee, headed by the Finance Manager, are preparing a reserves policy to be implemented in the coming two years.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. Our cash reserves are held in a deposit account.

Approved on 30 October 2022 and signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N Mohsin', written in a cursive style.

Mr Neamul Mohsin
(Chair of the Trustees)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Wilaya Trust	No (if any) 1137354
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Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income from Charitable activities	10,275	-	-	10,275	8,685
Donations	65,908	5,200	-	71,108	48,009
Other	265	-	-	265	373
Giftaid	1,891	-	-	1,891	4,535
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	78,339	5,200	-	83,539	61,602
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,339	5,200	-	83,539	61,602
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities:	-	-	-	-	-
- Hire of premises	1,215	-	-	1,215	4,534
- Teacher fees	62,862	2,650	-	65,512	42,647
- Equipment & Teaching material	8,230	-	-	8,230	5,332
- Grants	6,000	2,800	-	8,800	-
Governance	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	863
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	78,307	5,450	-	83,757	53,376
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	78,307	5,450	-	83,757	53,376
Net of receipts/(payments)	32	- 250	-	- 218	8,226
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,227	968	-	9,195	969
Cash funds this year end	8,259	718	-	8,977	9,195

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		8,977	718	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,977	718	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Neamul Mohsin	21/10/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Wilaya Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1137354

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

21 October 2022

Name:

Sohail Bhatti

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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