

# Wilaya Trust Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

## 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: Sh Talal Al-Azem

Financial manager: Mr Neamul Mohsin

Operations manager: Ms Caroline O'Connor

## Independent Examiner

Mr Mohammed Rahman, FCCA, 24 Woodcroft, Kennington, Oxford, OX1 5 NH

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010, with approval of two or more trustees.

The trustees meet 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 the Islamic faith 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 2023, 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 Prophetic traditions: weekly lessons in academic terms free of charge
- 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;

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

### Social Activities

Similarly in the year 2023, the Trust organised a range of social activities for the local Oxford community, including:

- Monthly Reminders: monthly social gatherings in which members of the local community sit in discussion with local resident scholars on topics suggested by the community.

- Twice monthly Gatherings of Remembrance: bimonthly community gathering for adults, teens and children to get together and remember, recite and reflect on the words of the Holy Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (may God's blessings and peace be upon him).
- 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 the raising of their children.
- Ramadan Reminders: held every evening throughout the month of Ramadan, 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 2023 saw an increase in income for the charity due to increased donations made during the holy month of Ramadan.

## 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 towards the Trust's charitable educational or social

activities. Receipts increased from £73,737 in 2022 to £ 80,157 in 2023, while payments decreased from £ 79,399 in 2022 to £70,346 in 2023.

## Reserves

The Trust held a balance of £13,125.37 as of December 31 2023.

## Investment policy and objectives

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

Approved **on January 10th 2025 and signed** on behalf of the charity's trustees by:



Mr Neamul Mohsin (Chair of the Trustees)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Wilaya Trust

No (if any)  
1137354

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2023


To

Period end date  
31/12/2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Income from Charitable activities	12,222	-	-	12,222	10,864
Donations	67,935	-	-	67,935	58,460
Other	-	-	-	-	413
Loan	-	-	-	-	4,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>80,157</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,157</b>	<b>73,737</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>80,157</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,157</b>	<b>73,737</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
- Hire of premises	6,009	-	-	6,009	2,964
- Teacher fees	52,062	-	-	52,062	61,275
- Equipment & Teaching material	12,275	-	-	12,275	11,159
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	4,000
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>70,346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,346</b>	<b>79,399</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>70,346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,346</b>	<b>79,399</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,811</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,811</b>	<b>- 5,662</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>8,977</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,125</b>	<b>3,315</b>

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	Bank	13,125	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	13,125	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Neamul Mohsin	02/02/2025	





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Wilaya Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31-December 2023

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 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

16-Nov-2024

Name:

Mohammed Abdul Rahman

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(if any):

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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