

AZADI TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1138663

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07247132
Registered	2010-10-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECT IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH, PARTICULARLY WITHIN (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF SPARKBROOK, BIRMINGHAM AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS

Activities: Within Sparkbrook, Birmingham and environs - Serving the local community, by providing health, education, advocacy and pastoral support especially to those disadvantaged by virtue of age, disability, destitution or by being members of an ethnic minority;- Provision of housing accommodation;- Relief of destitution- Provision of information about the Christian Faith.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SPARKBROOK, BIRMINGHAM AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS
- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£77,002	£76,791	-	-
2024-05-31	£60,294	£53,806	-	-
2023-05-31	£58,708	£59,514	-	-
2022-05-31	£69,012	£60,927	-	-
2021-05-31	£52,179	£49,963	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ELIZABETH ANNE HODGES	Chair	
BRIAN RICHARD DUCILLE		2017-10-12
EVELYN SMYLIE		
Irene Anne Johnson		2018-07-01
JOHNNY D JOHNSON BSC, MSC		
MARY CARROLL		2017-03-25
Megan Margaret Meister		2026-03-05
Michael Hodges M.SOC.SCI,		
Neil David Walker		2017-03-25
Stephen Christopher Thomas DeVries		2022-09-27

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Report of the Directors for the period ending 31st May 2025

The Directors of the charitable company, who are its trustees for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their report for the period to 31st May 2025

Company Information:

Company Name	AZADI TRUST
Company Registration Number	07247132
Charity Registration Number	1138663
Registered Office & Operational address	56 Grantham Rd. Sparkbrook Birmingham B11 1LX

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Michael Hodges	Irene Johnson
John Johnson	Evelyn Smylie
Neil Walker	

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Company Activities 2024-2025

The Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The Trust was founded as a Registered Charity in 1991 and reconstituted as a Charitable Company in 2010. Fifteen years on, its Aims and Objectives remain as follows:

“The Charitable Company’s Object is, for the benefit of the public, to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, particularly within (but not limited to) the neighbourhood of Sparkbrook, Birmingham and its surrounding areas, by, for example, (but not limited to):

- serving the local community, by providing health, education, advocacy and pastoral provision, especially to those disadvantaged by virtue of age, disability, destitution or by being members of an ethnic minority;
- the provision of housing accommodation;
- the relief of destitution by financial and material provision; and
- the provision of written, verbal or visual information about the Christian Faith.”

Azadi Trust: ‘A Vehicle for Partnership’

As well as direct provision of services, the Trust has always seen itself as a ‘vehicle’ for support and partnership with other local organisations operating within the same ethos and parameters: any individual or group wishing to operate a project compatible with the Trust’s Aims & Objectives can ‘come aboard the vehicle’ for as long as it suits them to do so. ‘Partnership’ with the Trust operates effectively at three levels:

Firstly, the Articles of Association of Azadi Trust allow for a full partnership arrangement with another organisation whereby that organisation itself becomes a ‘Member’ of the Trust, provides the Trust with additional Trustee(s) and contributes to the Trust’s pool of expertise and manpower. The Trust’s partnership with ‘Member Organisation’ ReachGlobal and its ‘joint enterprise’, the Open Door Friendship Centre (‘ODFC’) in Small Heath, has continued into its fourteenth year. The Trust would like to again express its gratitude to ReachGlobal supporters for faithful financial support and providing manpower over so many years. For over a year Steve DeVries has continued in the role of ReachGlobal’s nominated Trustee as well as currently managing the Centre.

At the next level, the Trust is able to provide a charitable umbrella for small local initiatives which negates the need for such projects to seek their own charitable status: the Trust can then also provide appropriate governance, insurance cover, meeting facilities, seeking grant funding and sometimes providing direct financial support - but leave the Project to otherwise manage itself. Within this second category the Trust continues to support the Hope Garden Project that is still led by one of our valued Trustees who has, again, continued to support the wider work of the Trust in various ways. In early 2024, the Trust adopted its fourth project, ‘Ladies’ Day’ (now ‘Azadi Women’), more on that later.

Finally, at the third level, the Trust seeks to support other local projects which nevertheless remain separate entities. This support can take many forms, but usually this would include offering advice from a governance perspective, or offering smaller organisations or recognised charitable or government projects a place to meet, offering a chance to share mutual experience and resources.

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'Pastoral and Financial Provision'

A major part of the work of the Trust - Trustees, secondees and volunteers alike - is supporting both present and past residents of Azadi House pastorally as well as supporting a large number of individual contacts of its other Projects. Such pastoral support is wide-ranging and can range from purely emotional support to practical support and material provision. The latter also often includes direct financial support and applicants to the Trust's Welfare Fund from within and outside the Projects are considered seriously where they have no recourse to statutory or charitable funds elsewhere, or inordinate delay would result from such applications. The Trust is also partnered with ACTS 435, a national Christian charity which 'crowdfunds' people with urgent needs. During the last year, donations to Azadi's Welfare Fund have continued to steadily reach us, allowing us to continue to support many of those in the greatest need....often in what may appear to be almost impossible situations. We will continue to be eternally grateful to those individuals (and occasionally organisations) that offer support or financial provision for the Welfare Fund to exist.

In respect of fulfilling its aim of 'pastoral provision', the Trust has continued to receive funding from Willats Trust towards the cost of our Pastoral worker, who continues to volunteer with the Friendship Centre, and to provide pastoral support across the Trust's projects.

'Provision of information about the Christian Faith.'

Azadi Trust also, as part of its Aims and Objectives, provides materials to inform its local community about the Christian faith. The Trust is also supported by various individuals and organisations helping us and them to acquire and partner in the distribution of such literature and audio-visual materials in the languages common in our area of south-east Birmingham.

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Azadi Trust

The past year has been one of ups and downs for the Trust

The ministry of the Trust continues to grow, reaching out to a varied and ethnically diverse mixture of clientele through our various projects in and around South East Birmingham.

Our Pastoral worker has continued to be a support to projects engaging in a variety of activities including counselling, form filling, advice work, as well as beginning the process of leave to remain for one client of the Trust.

The Trustees are continuing to update our Policies & Procedures taking into account responses that may arise from situations which occur due to the breath of the work we undertake, as well as the everchanging requirements of government regulation and the social-care landscape.

Our continued use of more up-to-date cloud-based accounting software has meant that the day-to-day recording and management has become significantly easier, meaning our Administrator in particular is able to focus on more pressing issues around the Trust.

Due to changes in law and banking practices, we were required to submit a lot of information to the bank used by the Trust which we hope will afford smoother interactions with the bank going forward.

We have also been informed of various identity verification requirements for the Directors or Trustees of the Charity by Companies House. As a Limited Company these new anti-fraud checks are a sad reminder of the unethical and unscrupulous times in which we live.

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While we fully understand the need for tighter fraud prevention measures in the world we are in, we cannot help but be baffled at the seeming complexity to 'get verified' which (along with the new banking requirements) has caused some perplexity to both the Trustees and our Administrator alike.

We continue to be grateful for the organisations and individuals who support our vision and work within the community through donations of time, finance or practical assistance.

Without this support, we would be unable to continue our work reaching those who often times have 'fallen through the gaps' in the system and often have no-where else to turn.

Trust Projects:

Azadi House:

The origin of the Trust's operation is 'Azadi House', located in the Sparkbrook area of South Birmingham, which is predominantly populated by ethnic minorities, particularly South Asians. Sparkbrook Ward is within the top 10% areas of deprivation in the country.

The House gained its HMO licensing for accommodating four residents this past year. It also operates as the base for Azadi Ladies Group, which formerly used to meet at the local church premises, but has relocated for an increase in potential for community engagements.

The House therefore has a dual function: housing adults at risk and also fostering outreach into the local community through the friendships by the local Christian presence with the women in the community - over decades of service meeting these women's social needs.

The design of the House allows for a separate function room formerly known as the Workshop to be used for the Azadi Ladies group in their weekly meetings. In both these functions we believe the House provides a vital Christian witness in the area.

Up until Christmas this year we housed a full complement of four residents, with a guest room being used occasionally by a fifth young gentleman who continues to require a stable base on a regular basis, to maintain contact with his family near Birmingham.

In terms of the house fabric the side garage requires a replacement roof depending on the availability of finance.

This coming year we shall be applying to qualify for exempt housing benefit, in recognition of all the support we give to the residents as they live in community together.

We currently have one residential vacancy to be filled in the House.

Hope Garden:

Hope Garden continues to 'grow' in relationships built between diverse members and stronger bonds as we weed ,sow and plant together

Our harvests include raspberries, runner beans, courgettes, strawberries, herbs and kale and we have enjoyed the flowers of tulips and nasturtiums to name but two.

We have maintained a weekly meeting ,mostly outdoors and can often be found collecting litter around Christ Church and recycling when possible.

We had an outing to the WasteAge exhibition at MAC Birmingham in February which gave us food for thought and ideas for upcycling - we made owls from scrap wood and insect hotels from empty cans.

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We celebrated Christmas 2024 at Moseley Hive with games and hot food and decorated the hall with our homemade stars.

Open Door Friendship Community Centre:

The Centre's main purpose is to provide a safe and welcoming space where the needs of the local community can be met in a loving way that breaks down barriers and builds bridges of friendship between people from different faiths, backgrounds and cultures, through which the love of Christ can be encountered. During this year, the Friendship Centre continued to serve the communities of Small Heath and Bordesley Green five days a week with a variety of classes, groups, opportunities for advice, and drop-in opportunities for those seeking a place welcoming place to have tea, biscuits, and good conversation. We follow the school schedule of Birmingham and most of our activities take breaks during the school holidays.

The Centre offered six English classes which were taught by volunteers, and it hosted a ladies English class taught by Birmingham Adult Education Services (BAES). Our four ladies classes included conversational English, Literacy, and two levels of more formal English classes that include reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Our two men's classes are conversation based with one happening during the day and the other during the evening to meet the needs of those with different schedules. All of the ladies classes were at maximum attendance and our men's English class during the day grew during the year.

In addition to English classes, the Centre also offered sewing and computer classes which were teaching basic skills. The sewing class was specifically designed for ladies and taught basic skills through creation of different class projects. The computer class was open to everyone and taught basic understanding of computers and internet safety. It also taught the basics on how to use email, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. During the computer class, there was also the opportunity to get help in searching for a job.

There were two additional opportunities for ladies to gather: a weekly coffee morning and weekly stay n play for mothers with young children.

The Centre offered two afterschool clubs: one for primary students and one for secondary students. The club for primary students had games, crafts, snacks, story, discussion, and homework help. As an extension of this club, the Centre ran a morning activity for primary school students every day during the first week of the summer holidays. This club averaged 12-15 students each week. Secondary students were given a drop in opportunity for playing games and help with homework.

Alongside staff with GAIN (a branch of Citizen's Advice) and Birmingham's Community Network Support Team, the Centre opportunities for the community to receive free advice and help filling out forms. Twice a week, the Centre assisted people seeking to make doctors' appointments, accessing their journal with the DWP, understanding their bills with their utility companies or the Birmingham City Council.

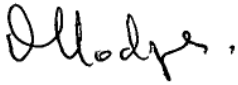
The Centre regularly interacted with close to 140 people each week through classes, activities, and clubs. Some people showed up for several classes and activities each week. On average, more than 15 people/families were helped each week through our advice and form filling opportunities. While most of those people only needed our help with a single issues, many people have returned to get assistance several times because we were seen as a place where they could get help.

Azadi Women

Originally called 'Ladies Day at Christ Church', this weekly group for women, has met since about 2013. In January 2024, Azadi Trust assumed responsibility as the 'umbrella' charity for the group and in January 2025, following a dispute with Christ Church, the group relocated to Azadi House and 'rebranded itself as 'Azadi Women'. It occupies the 'Workshop', an annexe to the main House allowing the Group a self-contained unit with its own entrance: it has the disadvantage of not having the physical space it once had, but the advantage of its own dedicated 'safe space' and a feeling of having 'its own place' which feeds into its identity. On a

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typical Thursday, the Group numbers up to 15 women, mainly local to Sparkbrook, of mixed but mainly Asian ethnicities. It continues to be led by three women who have a heart for the area and the project, activities include chair exercises, storytelling, craft, and a light lunch. Financially, 'Azadi Women' survives for its activities comfortably on the donations of well-wishers, though grant income has been sought, and will continue to be, for larger costs.



M. Hodges (Trustee)
16 February 2026

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Financial Summary

The Trust's accounts are detailed on pages 10 to 14. During the accounting period 1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025 the Trust made a profit of £211 (after allowing for a depreciation provision of £1,291). This compares with the previous period's profit of £6,488.

In 2024-25 the Trust's core income for the general fund has been rent receipts from the Azadi House tenancies, plus general and earmarked donations, which together ensure that 'regular' income exceeds Trust general expenditure. The Trust has a policy of setting aside £1,000 per annum as a reserve to provide for unforeseen essential expenditures and at the close of the year retained bank and cash reserves of £27,731. This policy is being reviewed in 2025-26 with a view to over a 3 year period 31 May 2029 increasing the provision to 3 months normal expenditure commitments. This bank and cash balance together with a £5,000 rent security deposit provides financial cover for restricted fund balances for the following specific projects:

The Trust's summary profit and loss and statement of assets and liabilities for the period 1 June 2024 – 31st May 2025 are detailed in the table below. Also provided for comparison is the previous accounting period of the charitable company.

	1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025 (£)	1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 (£)
Income	77,002	60,294
Expenditure	76,791	53,806
Net Profit/(Loss)	211	6,488
Bank and Cash	27,731	26,230
Fixed Assets	333,621	334,912
Rent security deposit	5,000	5,000
Debtors	-	-
Stock	-	-
Mortgages/Loans	-	-
Net Assets	366,352	366,142

As a small (charitable) company with a turnover in excess of £25,000 the Trust's accounts are subject to an external Independent Examination by a UK CCAB qualified professional as matter of good governance and a commitment to transparent accountability to the Trust's donors.

Charitable and Political Donations

During the year 2024-2025 the Trust made charitable donations to 1 local community organisations with similar objectives totalling £449 (2023-24 - £400). The Trust has a specific policy of not making donations to political organisations.

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Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The directors are required by Company and Charity Law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the period ended 31st May 2025. The directors also confirm that applicable Accounting Standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practise (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005), and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.

This Directors Report was approved by the Trust Directors on 16 February 2026



Michael Hodges (Trustee/Director)

Date 16 February 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	1 June 2024 to 31st May 2025 Total	1 June 2023 to 31st May 2024 Total
	Note	General £	Building £	Funds £	£	£
Income						
Donations – regular		1,910	-	-	1,910	2,100
Donations / Grants – occasional		24,851	-	-	24,851	3,344
Donations – welfare		-	-	5,070	5,070	2,260
Donations – Azadi House repairs		-	-	-	-	2,300
Donations – Residents social / life events		-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Reclaim		1,595	-	-	1,595	0
Rent and Housing Benefit		23,534	-	-	23,534	23,608
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	14,120	14,120	19,232
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	212	212	7,250
Ladies Day Project	6	-	-	5,500	5,500	-
Interest & other miscellaneous		210	-	-	210	200
Total Income		52,100	-	24,902	77,002	60,294
Expenditure						
Azadi House:	4					
Utilities, Council Tax, and Insurance		9,434	-	-	9,434	9,642
Resident social / remembrance events		30	-	-	30	153
Mortgage interest	4	-	-	-	-	548
Maintenance, repairs, Cleaning		682	-	-	682	1,552
Household equipment and furnishings		1,922	-	-	1,922	1,213
General household items		-	-	-	-	530
		698	-	-	698	953
Sub total		12,766	-	-	12,766	14,591
Welfare support payments		-	-	1,768	1,768	2,509
Ministry media purchases		55	-	-	55	90
Support to external ministries		449	-	-	449	400
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	3,121	3,121	3,344
Ladies Day Project	6	-	-	5,241	5,241	-
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	17,778	17,778	16,055
Printing, Stationery, Communications, IT Administrator		1,426	-	-	1,426	3,090
		12,363	-	-	12,363	9,165
Pastoral Care		15,725	-	-	15,725	-
Governance, Safeguarding, Fundraising, Training		4,563	-	-	4,563	2,675
Bank charges		246	-	-	246	250
Depreciation of assets		1,291	-	-	1,291	1,637
Total Expenditure		48,884	-	27,908	76,792	53,806
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		3,216	-	(3,006)	210	(806)
Transfer between funds		(0)	0	-	-	-
House Revaluation/addition		-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances brought forward		26,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654
Fund balances carried forward		29,284	330,000	7,068	366,352	366,142

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All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities. The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2025


<u>Company Number 07247132</u>		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	31st May	31st May
	Note	General	Building	funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Freehold Property	1,4		330,000	-	330,000	330,000
Tangible assets	1,5	3,621			3,621	4,912
		3,621	330,000	-	333,621	334,912
Current Assets						
Rent security deposit		-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debtors		0		0	-	-
Stock		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		25,663	-	2,068	27,731	26,230
		29,284	-	7,068	36,352	31,230
Current Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		29,284	-	7,068	36,352	31,230
Total assets less current liabilities		29,284	330,000	7,068	366,352	366,142
Long Term Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets less Liabilities		29,284	330,000	7,068	366,352	366,142
Funds:						
Unrestricted funds	1-3	29,284	-	-	29,284	26,068
Building fund	1, 4	-	330,000	-	330,000	330,000
Restricted funds	1, 6	-	-	7,068	7,068	10,074
Total Funds		29,284	330,000	7,068	366,352	366,142

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION S475 COMPANIES ACT 2006

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st May 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the directors on 16 February 2026 and were signed on their behalf by:



M Hodges

16 February 2026

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Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31st May 2025

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, on a receipts and payments basis and in compliance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below. The directors have made use of the concession available for small charities within the SORP and have chosen to use resource classifications appropriate to the charity's circumstances and activities.

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except where otherwise stated.

Donations and Income

Donations and Income are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash payment basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Fixed Assets - Freehold Property

The freehold property is not depreciated on the grounds that they are maintained regularly to a high standard and, in the opinion of the board the estimated residual value is so high and the anticipated useful life is so long that any depreciation is unlikely to be material in the context of the accounts. The property is included at approximate market value in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

Depreciation is charged on the following assets:

Fixtures & Fittings	25% reducing balance
Tools & Other Equipment	20% reducing balance
Computer & Electrical	25% reducing balance

From 2023/24 onwards the Trust will not capitalise equipment purchases with a value less than £500. All tangible fixed assets with a written down value of £100 or less are written down to zero.

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the charitable company is to distribute reserves in accordance with the objects of the charitable company whilst ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover cash flow requirements relating to committed expenditure.

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Funds

The charitable company holds general funds that are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company. The building fund represents the value of the asset less the mortgage.

2 Directors Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was paid or payable for the period to any Director or to any person or persons known or connected with any of them. No reimbursement of personal expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Directors in respect of the period.

3 Taxation

The charitable company is a registered charitable company and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and any surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charitable company's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The charitable company is not registered for VAT and accordingly, all their expenditure is recorded inclusive of VAT incurred.

4 Building Fund

Azadi Trust is the freehold owner of 56 Grantham Rd, Sparkbrook which is the registered and operational address of the charitable company. Azadi House provides permanent accommodation for up to five single men and a meeting room for community use. The property was re-valued in November 2022 by Robert Aston & Co. Ltd, 87, Alcester Rd. Moseley, Birmingham B13 8EB at £330,000. The historical cost of the property on 21st March 1997 was £60,000.

Azadi Trust repaid its mortgage secured on 56 Grantham Road in 2023-24 with no outstanding value at 31st May 2025.

A summary of the building fund and its movements are as follows:

	31st May 2025	31st May 2024
	£	£
Opening value of Building Fund	330,000	330,000
Net income / expenditure	-	-
Revaluation / Additions	-	-
Transfer from General fund:		
Capital repayment of the mortgage	-	-
Transfer to General fund:		
Re-mortgage proceeds net of asset enhancement	-	-
Closing value of Building Fund	330,000	330,000

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5 Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Tools & Other Equipment	Computer & Electrical	Total
Cost					
At 1 st June 2024	330,000	5,275	440	12,570	348,285
Additions / Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31st May 2025	330,000	5,275	440	12,570	348,285
Depreciation					
At 1 st June 2024	-	5,275	440	7,658	13,373
Charge for the year	-	-	-	1,291	1,291
As at 31st May 2025	-	5,275	440	8,949	14,664
<u>Net book value</u>					
At 1 st June 2024	330,000	-	-	4,912	334,912
As at 31st May 2025	330,000	-	-	3,621	333,621

6 Restricted funds

	1st June 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st May 2025
Hope Garden Project	5,924	212	(3,121)	-	3,015
Friendship Centre	4,017	14,120	(17,778)	-	359
The GLUE Project	133	-	-	-	133
Welfare Project	-	5,070	(1,768)	-	3,302
Ladies Day Project	-	5,500	(5,241)	-	259
Total	10,074	24,902	(27,908)		7,068

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Summary of Unrestricted and Restricted Project Income

Project	1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025 (£)	1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 (£)
Friendship Centre (Restricted)		
Individual Donations	-	200
Grace Community Church	600	600
City Church, Birmingham	720	720
William Cadbury Trust	500	-
Lapworth Community Church	-	260
Awards For All	4,800	5,452
ReachGlobal (United States)	7,000	12,000
Hope Garden Project (Restricted)		
Individual Donations	60	600
Olton Friary	152	-
Father O'Mahoney Trust	-	1,000
Westhill Endowment	-	4,150
Sparkhill Trust	-	750
Asda Foundation	-	750
Azadi Trust (Unrestricted)		
Individual Donations	2,379	7,255
E A McLeod	600	-
Willats Trust	12,500	0
New Life Baptist Church, Kings Heath, Birmingham	82	79
The Grimmitt Trust (project assignment tbc)	2,000	-
29 th of May 1961 Foundation	-	2,000
Awards for All	10,200	
Ladies Day Project (Restricted)		
Awards for All	5,000	-
William Cabury Trust	500	-
Welfare Project (Restricted)		
Individual Donations	2,770	N/A
ACTS 435	300	N/A
Congregation of the Passion	2,000	N/A

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Azadi Trust

Charity No. 1138663. Company No. 07247132

I report on the accounts for the 12 months to 31 May 2025 which are set out in the annual report on pages 1 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

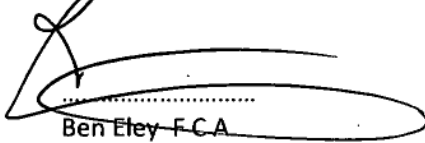
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Ben Eley F.C.A.
Date : 16 February 2026

Barnett Ravenscroft Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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Report of the Directors for the period ending 31st May 2024

The Directors of the charitable company, who are its trustees for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their report for the period to 31st May 2024

Company Information:

Company Name	AZADI TRUST
Company Registration Number	07247132
Charity Registration Number	1138663
Registered Office & Operational address	56 Grantham Rd. Sparkbrook Birmingham B11 1LX

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Company Activities 2023-2024

The Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The Trust was founded as a Registered Charity in 1991 and reconstituted as a Charitable Company in 2010. Fourteen years on, its Aims and Objectives remain as follows:

“The Charitable Company’s Object is, for the benefit of the public, to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, particularly within (but not limited to) the neighbourhood of Sparkbrook, Birmingham and its surrounding areas, by, for example, (but not limited to):

- serving the local community, by providing health, education, advocacy and pastoral provision, especially to those disadvantaged by virtue of age, disability, destitution or by being members of an ethnic minority;
- the provision of housing accommodation;
- the relief of destitution by financial and material provision; and
- the provision of written, verbal or visual information about the Christian Faith.”

The ‘Modus Operandi’ of the Trust: ‘A Vehicle for Partnership’

As well as direct provision of services, the Trust has always seen itself as a ‘vehicle’ for support and partnership with other local organisations operating within the same ethos and parameters: any individual or group wishing to operate a project compatible with the Trust’s Aims & Objectives can ‘come aboard the vehicle’ for as long as it suits them to do so. ‘Partnership’ with the Trust operates effectively at three levels:

Firstly, the Articles of Association of Azadi Trust allow for a full partnership arrangement with another organisation whereby that organisation itself becomes a ‘Member’ of the Trust, provides the Trust with additional Trustee(s) and contributes to the Trust’s pool of expertise and manpower. The Trust’s partnership with ‘Member Organisation’ ReachGlobal and its ‘joint enterprise’, the Open Door Friendship Centre (‘ODFC’) in Small Heath, has continued into its fourteenth year. The Trust would like to again express its gratitude to ReachGlobal supporters for faithful financial support and providing manpower over so many years. For over a year Steve DeVries has continued in the role of ReachGlobal’s nominated Trustee as well as currently managing the Centre.

At the next level, the Trust is able to provide a charitable umbrella for small local initiatives which negates the need for such projects to seek their own charitable status: the Trust can then also provide appropriate governance, insurance cover, meeting facilities, seeking grant funding and sometimes providing direct financial support - but leave the Project to otherwise manage itself. Within this second category the Trust continues to support the Hope Garden Project led by Mary Carroll who is also a valued Trustee and has, again, supported the wider work of the Trust in various ways. In early 2024, the Trust adopted its fourth project, ‘Ladies’ Day’, of which more later.

Finally, at the third level, the Trust seeks to support other local projects which nevertheless remain separate entities: in recent years, for instance, the Trust has reestablished its historical relationship with Christ Church, Sparkbrook, which originally sponsored the purchase of Azadi House in 1997 and periodically in the past has used Trust resources as a ‘vehicle’ for several small scale projects and groups. In the recent past the Trust has provided administrative and governance support to local projects, and this support continues to be available if required. During the summer of 2023, the Trust’s Assistant Coordinator Tim Macleod supported the trustees of the Asian Friendship Centre in London’s East End in the process of obtaining charitable status. The Trust remains indebted to Tim for keeping our own governance in good order.

'Provision of Housing Accommodation'

The origin of the Trust's operation is 'Azadi House', located in the Sparkbrook area of south Birmingham, which is predominantly populated by ethnic minorities, particularly South Asians. Sparkbrook Ward is within the top 10% areas of deprivation in the country. The House, having been partly used for the Trust's community activities in the past, is now effectively a residential home, and continues to provide secure tenancies for up to four single men, some of whom have been residents for many years. The House also has a small extra 'guest room' which can be used to accommodate friends or relatives of the residents or for short-term, temporary accommodation for others; there is also has a small meeting room, separated from the main body of the House: called 'The Workshop', it is available for external users as well as Trust meetings.

During the current financial year we have been blessed with a 'full house' – four permanent residents. We did in fact have a fifth temporary one, a guy who was on the verge of homelessness, but he had to leave following an 'incident'. The guest room has also been used on a regular basis by a young gentleman who is trying to maintain contact with his family near Birmingham.

In terms of the House fabric, nothing major has taken place this year except that the main lounge has been thoroughly redecorated, the first stage in what hopefully will be a rolling programme dependent on finance and/or voluntary help. We are continuing to seek external funding for particular non-urgent improvements.

In June 2023 the City Council issued a notice requiring us, along with all other Houses in Multiple Occupancy, to obtain an appropriate licence. The process is long and involved as is ongoing.

Perhaps the best news of the year was that we were able to finally pay off our mortgage with the help of a couple of substantial donations. This has meant that, despite massive increases in fuel costs, over £500 per month has been freed up to bolster wider Trust funds and (e.g.) support the payment of salaries.

'Serving the Local Community – especially the Disadvantaged'

The **Open Door Friendship Centre** operates as a community hub in Small Heath and Bordesley Green, within a Ward amongst the 10% most deprived in the UK. The Centre offers classes like ESOL (English Speaking for Other Languages), Sewing and Baking. Staff seek to share their faith through practical action as well as providing a base for professional advice work and a place where members of the community can come and socialise in a safe and non-judgemental environment.

Around the end of this financial year we will be coming to the end of a six year period when the Centre will have been managed by Tim Steele, who has been seconded to Azadi Trust by OM (Operation Mobilisation): Tim's 'reign' has been characterised by his thoroughness and conscientiousness in carrying through a difficult job description and has successfully developed the timetable for the Centre until the programme now occupies a five-day week. Tim's wife, Jess, will remain active at the centre, while Tim takes up a role as a trainee teacher at a local secondary school. Overall responsibility for managing the Centre now transfers to our Trustee, Steve DeVries, pending the possible secondment of a returning missionary couple in the Autumn. The Trust remains very grateful for the support of numerous volunteers of different kinds: some of these are secondees from Christian organisations, some are church members, and some are local residents.

The Friendship Centre's programme is designed to meet local people at their point of need: hence there is a major emphasis on English language improvement – both conversational and formally taught. The classes are mainly pointed at women, though there continues to be a small group for men. There is also a strong emphasis on advice work, which the Trust's own volunteers provide two mornings a week with additional support from City Council workers. The Centre's work with children has expanded recently to include a 'stay and play' on Wednesdays and an afterschool club for local children on a Thursday. Other activities have included baking, sewing and computer classes.

Hope Garden Project, based in Sparkbrook close to Azadi House, offers therapeutic support to destitute failed

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asylum seekers and other isolated individuals through the medium of gardening and various social activities. Mary Carroll, the Project's leader, writes:

“Weekly sessions continued to be held through all seasons growing crops such as lettuce, raspberries, spinach, leeks, strawberries runner beans and onions, We also enjoyed tulips clematis roses and herbs We embarked on our large wall art of Sparkbrook , inspired by Dave Furler of Furlerart on Instagram which first involved members sketching their environs locally and then collating everyones work, first in outline, then adding colours. Everyone took at least a small part and some really stuck with the task to completion – it took several months but they were proud of their handiwork and the weatherproof paint has resisted the weathers attempts to erase it!

Other memorable sessions were learning about Bokashi composting and some members said they would continue this at home and were given starter containers to take away. We also learned about Hapazoming – a Japanese art using mallets, leaves and flower petals which was enjoyed by all and subsequently made into bunting.

In August 2023 we had a minibus outing to Snowhill Manor, a National Trust site near Broadway Although the site was hilly we managed to loan an electric buggy for a disabled participant and the weather was perfect for our visit. Special fun was dressing up in historic costumes for an impromptu photo session. We ended the day with a cup of tea stop in picturesque Broadway village on the way home.

In contrast to the sunny weather at Snowhill, we visited the Diwali Light Show in Brueton Park in November 2023 – a very dark night with few lights on the path from Solihull Town Centre. Some of us got a little lost and it turned into quite an adventure. But we were not brave enough to return by same route and walked back by Warwick Rd. However the evening was fun (and memorable) - we had nachos and hot dogs (which some were surprised to find contained no dog meat just sausage!) In December 2023 Christmas was celebrated as guests of Fatima House – it was a cold day but the welcome was warm and we had traditional foods and played games involving creativity – hat making then Pass The Parcel. There was even a tree made from toilet rolls which guests were able to take home

So it was a year of activity and freedom following the ‘Covid years’ enjoyed by many. One of our volunteers, Teresa, had to return to her home country for health reasons and was greatly missed by everyone but we have continued to be supported by Columbans, Azadi Trustees and Pauline and Ian Swancott on outings using Scout minibus. Members continue to support each other outside the group and we were happy to announce the arrival of a baby in Yassers family and share in his joy”.

Ladies’ Day at Christ Church, Sparkbrook, is a weekly group open to any woman in the immediate area or beyond. The group has been functioning for over twelve years but, having lost direct connection to the Christ Church membership and needing an umbrella to operate under, has been a project of the Trust since January 2024. Ladies’ Day offers spiritual conversation, craft activities, chair exercises and lunch, but most of all provides a close friendship group for the ladies. Our thanks go to Andrea Korsgen and her small team whose committment over the years has been exemplary.

‘Pastoral and Financial Provision’

A major part of the work of the Trust - Trustees, secondees and volunteers alike - is supporting both present and past residents of Azadi House pastorally as well as supporting a large number of individual contacts of its other Projects. Such pastoral support is wide-ranging and can range from purely emotional support to practical support and material provision. The latter also often includes direct financial support and applicants to the Trust’s Welfare Fund from within and outside the Projects are considered seriously where they have no recourse to statutory or charitable funds elsewhere, or inordinate delay would result from such applications. The Trust is also partnered with ACTS 435, a national Christian charity which ‘crowdfunds’ people with urgent needs. During the last year, donations to Azadi’s Welfare Fund have reached record levels: this has meant requests for help from the Fund have largely been met in full.

In respect of fulfilling its aim of ‘pastoral provision’, the Trust is pleased to announce that funding from Willats Trust has been agreed which will enable Ben Bookless, a qualified counsellor and erstwhile volunteer with the Friendship Centre, to provide full-time pastoral support across all the Trust’s projects. It is anticipated that Ben will be able to start work in July 2024.

‘Provision of information about the Christian Faith.’

Azadi Trust also, as part of its Aims and Objectives, provides materials to inform its local community about the Christian faith. The Trust, is also supported by Shiloh House Distribution, a local wholesale agent for Christian literature, and together we continue to acquire and distribute such literature and audio-visual materials in the languages common in our area of south-east Birmingham.

M. Hodges (Trustee)
23rd February 2025

Financial Summary

The Trust's accounts are detailed on pages 10 to 14. During the accounting period 1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 the Trust made a profit of £6,488 (after allowing for a depreciation provision of £1,637). This compares with the previous period's loss of £806.

In 2023-24 the Trust's core income for the general fund has been rent receipts from the Azadi House tenancies, plus general and earmarked donations, which together ensure that 'regular' income exceeds Trust general expenditure. The Trust has a policy of setting aside £1,000 per annum as a reserve to provide for unforeseen essential expenditures and at the close of the year retained bank and cash reserves of £26,230. This balance together with a £5,000 rent security deposit provides financial cover for restricted fund balances for the following specific projects:

- The Open Door Friendship Centre in Small Heath, Birmingham [£4,017]
- The Hope Garden project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham [£5,924]
- The GLUE project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham (project not active) [£133]

The Trust's summary profit and loss and statement of assets and liabilities for the period 1 June 2023 – 31st May 2024 are detailed in the table below. Also provided for comparison is the previous accounting period of the charitable company.

	1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 (£)	1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023 (£)
Income	60,294	58,708
Expenditure	53,806	59,514
Net Profit/(Loss)	6,488	(806)
Bank and Cash	26,230	19,336
Fixed Assets	334,912	336,549
Rent security deposit	5,000	5,000
Debtors	-	6,677
Stock	-	-
Mortgages/Loans	-	(7,908)
Net Assets	366,142	359,654

As a small (charitable) company with a turnover in excess of £25,000 the Trust's accounts are subject to an external Independent Examination by a UK CCAB qualified professional as matter of good governance and a commitment to transparent accountability to the Trust's donors.

Charitable and Political Donations

During the year 2023-2024 the Trust made charitable donations to 1 local community organisations with similar objectives totalling £400 (2022-23 - £475). The Trust has a specific policy of not making donations to political organisations.

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Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The directors are required by Company and Charity Law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the period ended 31st May 2024. The directors also confirm that applicable Accounting Standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005), and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.

This Directors Report was approved by the Trust Directors on 23 February 2025.

Michael Hodges (Trustee/Director)

Date 23 February 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st June 2023 to 31st May 2024 (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	2024	2023
	Note	General	Building	Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations – regular		2,100	-	-	2,100	2,869
Donations / Grants – occasional		3,344	-	-	3,344	7,827
Donations – welfare		2,260	-	-	2,260	2,220
Donations – Azadi House mortgage/ repairs		2,300	-	-	2,300	-
Donations – Azadi House social/retreats/ loss		-	-	-	-	2,594
Gift Aid Reclaim		0	-	-	0	2,177
Rent and Housing Benefit		23,608	-	-	23,608	17,039
Friendship Centre	6		-	19,232	19,232	19,932
Hope Garden Project	6		-	7,250	7,250	4,050
Glue Project	6		-	-	-	-
Interest & other miscellaneous		200	-	-	200	-
Total Income		33,812	-	26,482	60,294	58,708
Expenditure						
Azadi House:	4					
Utilities, Council Tax, and Insurance		9,642	-	-	9,642	9,728
Resident social / remembrance events		153	-	-	153	2,782
Mortgage interest	4	548	-	-	548	408
Maintenance, repairs, Cleaning		1,552	-	-	1,552	2,156
		1,213	-	-	1,213	2,219
Household equipment and furnishings		530	-	-	530	362
General household items		953	-	-	953	729
Sub total		14,591	-	-	14,591	18,384
Welfare support payments		2,509	-	-	2,509	1,509
Ministry media purchases		90	-	-	90	178
Support to external ministries		400	-	-	400	475
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	3,344	3,344	4,975
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	16,055	16,055	21,170
Printing, Stationery, Communications, IT Administration		3,090	-	-	3,090	771
		9,165	-	-	9,165	8,691
Governance, Safeguarding, Fundraising, Training		2,675	-	-	2,675	1,842
Bank charges		250	-	-	250	256
Depreciation of assets		1,637	-	-	1,637	1,263
Total Expenditure		34,407	-	19,399	53,806	59,514
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		(595)	-	7,083	6,488	(806)
Transfer between funds		(7,908)	7,908	-	-	-
House Revaluation/addition			-	-	-	-
Fund balances brought forward		34,571	322,092	2,991	359,654	360,460
Fund balances carried forward		28,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities. The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2024

Company Number 07247132		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	31st May	31st May
	Note	General	Building	funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Freehold Property	1,4		330,000	-	330,000	330,000
Tangible assets	1,5	4,912			4,912	6,549
		4,912	330,000	-	334,912	336,549
Current Assets						
Rent security deposit		-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debtors		-	-	-	-	6,677
Stock		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		21,156	-	5,074	26,230	19,336
		21,156	-	10,074	31,230	31,013
Current Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-	-	-	-	(7,908)
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		21,156	-	10,074	31,230	23,105
Total assets less current liabilities		26,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654
Long Term Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets less Liabilities		26,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654
Funds:						
Unrestricted funds	1,3	26,068	-	-	26,068	34,571
Building fund	1, 4	-	330,000	-	330,000	322,092
Restricted funds	1, 6	-	-	10,074	10,074	2,991
Total Funds		26,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION S475 COMPANIES ACT 2006

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st May 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the directors on 23 February 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

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Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31st May 2024

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, on a receipts and payments basis and in compliance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the statement of Recommended Practise (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below. The directors have made use of the concession available for small charities within the SORP and have chosen to use resource classifications appropriate to the charity's circumstances and activities.

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except where otherwise stated.

Donations and Income

Donations and Income are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash payment basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Fixed Assets - Freehold Property

The freehold property is not depreciated on the grounds that they are maintained regularly to a high standard and, in the opinion of the board the estimated residual value is so high and the anticipated useful life is so long that any depreciation is unlikely to be material in the context of the accounts. The property is included at approximate market value in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

Depreciation is charged on the following assets:

Fixtures & Fittings	25% reducing balance
Tools & Other Equipment	20% reducing balance
Computer & Electrical	25% reducing balance

From 2023/24 onwards the Trust will not capitalise equipment purchases with a value less than £500. All tangible fixed assets with a written down value of £100 or less are written down to zero.

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the charitable company is to distribute reserves in accordance with the objects of the charitable company whilst ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover cash flow requirements relating to committed expenditure.

Funds

The charitable company holds general funds that are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company. The building fund represents the value of the asset less the mortgage.

2 Directors Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was paid or payable for the period to any Director or to any person or persons known or connected with any of them. No reimbursement of personal expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Directors in respect of the period.

3 Taxation

The charitable company is a registered charitable company and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and any surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charitable company's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The charitable company is not registered for VAT and accordingly, all their expenditure is recorded inclusive of VAT incurred.

4 Building Fund

Azadi Trust is the freehold owner of 56 Grantham Rd, Sparkbrook which is the registered and operational address of the charitable company. Azadi House provides permanent accommodation for up to five single men and a meeting room for community use. The property was re-valued in November 2022 by Robert Aston & Co. Ltd, 87, Alcester Rd. Moseley, Birmingham B13 8EB at £330,000. The historical cost of the property on 21st March 1997 was £60,000.

Azadi Trust has repaid its mortgage secured on 56 Grantham Road with no outstanding value at 31st May 2024.

A summary of the building fund and its movements are as follows:

	31st May 2024	31st May 2023
	£	£
Opening value of Building Fund	322,092	320,223
Net income / expenditure	-	-
Revaluation / Additions	-	-
Transfer from General fund:		
Capital repayment of the mortgage	7,908	1,869
Transfer to General fund:		
Re-mortgage proceeds net of asset enhancement	-	-
Closing value of Building Fund	330,000	322,092

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5 Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Tools & Other Equipment	Computer & Electrical	Total
Cost					
At 1 st June 2023	330,000	5,275	440	12,570	348,285
Additions / Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31st May 2024	330,000	5,275	440	12,570	348,285
Depreciation					
At 1 st June 2023	-	5,275	440	6,021	11,736
Charge for the year	-	-	-	1,637	1,637
As at 31st May 2024	-	5,275	440	7,658	13,373
<u>Net book value</u>					
At 1 st June 2023	330,000	-	-	6,549	336,549
As at 31st May 2024	330,000	-	-	4,912	334,912

6 Restricted funds

	1st June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st May 2024
Hope Garden Project	2,018	7,250	3,344	-	5,924
Friendship Centre	840	19,232	16,055	-	4,017
The GLUE Project	133			-	133
Total	2,991	30,982	19,399		10,074

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Summary of Restricted Project Income

Project	1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 (£)	1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023 (£)
Friendship Centre		
Individual Donations	200	110
Grace Community Church	600	-
City Church, Birmingham	720	720
Lapworth Community Church	260	260
Briarwood Church (United States)	-	2,342
Awards For All	5,452	4,500
ReachGlobal (United States)	12,000	12,000
Hope Garden Project		
Individual Donations	600	50
Sisters of St. Joseph		4,000
FatherO'Mahoney Trust	1,000	-
Westhill Endowment	4,150	-
Sparkhill Trust	750	-
Asda Foundation	750	-
Azadi Trust		
Individual Donations	7,255	8,593
Grace Community Church	0	300
New Life Baptist Church, Kings Heath, Birmingham	79	153
Cheltenham Ladies College		145
Harry Payne Trust		4,000
ACTS435		300
29 th of May 1961 Foundation	2,000	2,019

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Azadi Trust

Charity No. 1138663. Company No. 07247132

I report on the accounts for the 12 months to 31 May 2024 which are set out in the annual report on pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Ben Eley F C A
Date 23 February 2025

Barnett Ravenscroft Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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Report of the Directors for the period ending 31st May 2023

The Directors of the charitable company, who are its trustees for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their report for the period to 31st May 2023

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Charity Registration Number	1138663
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Company Activities 2022-2023

The Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The Trust was founded as a Registered Charity in 1991 and reconstituted as a Charitable Company in 2010. Thirteen years on, its Aims and Objectives remain as follows:

“The Charitable Company’s Object is, for the benefit of the public, to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, particularly within (but not limited to) the neighbourhood of Sparkbrook, Birmingham and its surrounding areas, by, for example, (but not limited to):

- serving the local community, by providing health, education, advocacy and pastoral provision, especially to those disadvantaged by virtue of age, disability, destitution or by being members of an ethnic minority;
- the provision of housing accommodation;
- the relief of destitution by financial and material provision; and
- the provision of written, verbal or visual information about the Christian Faith.”

The ‘Modus Operandi’ of the Trust: ‘A Vehicle for Partnership’

As well as direct provision of services, the Trust has always seen itself as a ‘vehicle’ for support and partnership with other local organisations operating within the same ethos and parameters: any individual or group wishing to operate a project compatible with the Trust’s Aims & Objectives can ‘come aboard the vehicle’ for as long as it suits them to do so. ‘Partnership’ with the Trust operates effectively at three levels:

Firstly, the Articles of Association of Azadi Trust allow for a full partnership arrangement with another organisation whereby that organisation itself becomes a ‘Member’ of the Trust, provides the Trust with additional Trustee(s) and contributes to the Trust’s pool of expertise and manpower. The Trust’s partnership with ‘Member Organisation’ ReachGlobal and its ‘joint enterprise’, the Open Door Friendship Centre (‘ODFC’) in Small Heath, has continued into its thirteenth year. The Trust would like to again express its gratitude to ReachGlobal supporters for faithful financial support and providing manpower over so many years. In the last year Steve de Vries, recently arrived from the States, has taken on the role of ReachGlobal’s nominated Trustee as well as volunteering at the Centre. We would also wish to thank David Brogan, Steve’s predecessor, for several years in the role of nominated Trustee and being particularly supportive of Azadi House.

At the next level, the Trust is able to provide a charitable umbrella for small local initiatives which negates the need for such projects to seek their own charitable status: the Trust can then also provide appropriate governance, insurance cover, meeting facilities, and sometimes financial support but leave the Project to otherwise manage itself. Within this second category the Trust continues to support the Hope Garden Project led by Mary Carroll who is also a valued Trustee and has, again, supported the wider work of the Trust in various ways.

Finally, at the third level, the Trust seeks to support other local projects which nevertheless remain separate entities: in recent years, for instance, the Trust has reestablished its historical relationship with Christ Church, Sparkbrook, which originally sponsored the purchase of Azadi House in 1997 and periodically in the past has used Trust resources as a ‘vehicle’ for several small scale projects and groups. In the last year the Trust has continued to financially support a weekly gathering of local women at Christ Church, called ‘Ladies’ Day’.

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In the past the Trust's Assistant Coordinator Tim Macleod, has provided administrative and governance support to other local projects, and this support continues to be available if required. During the latter part of this reporting year, we have had the privilege of supporting another Asian Friendship Centre, working in the heart of the East End of London, as they seek charitable status.

'Provision of Housing Accommodation'

The Trust's operation originated with '**Azadi House**', which in the last year celebrated its 25th anniversary. Azadi House is located in the Sparkbrook area of south Birmingham, which is predominantly populated by ethnic minorities, particularly South Asians. Sparkbrook Ward is within the top 10% areas of deprivation in the country. The House, having been partly used for the Trust's community activities in the past, is now effectively a residential home, and continues to provide secure tenancies for up to four single men, some of whom have been residents for several years – and one in fact for over 25 years! By contrast one of our most recent residents told us that Azadi House was the first home he had ever really had. Azadi House is not 'Supported Housing' in the formal sense but practical and emotional support is available on a 24/7, informal basis from trustees and others. The residents also 'organically' give support to each other on a daily basis.

Despite the diversity of ethnicity and background within the household, the shared facilities and spaces (two kitchens, two lounges and a meeting room) allow for 'relaxed interaction': 'relaxed interaction' has, reliable rumour has it, included playing cricket in the kitchen! The spaces in the House also allow opportunities to invite friends from outside to share meals and activities: thus we had a 'gathering' for the new King's coronation and more recently a BBQ party for our oldest resident's 60th birthday. We normally have at least one outing together each year and this year we managed a trip to Walsall Arboretum.

In addition to the residents' rooms Azadi House also has a small extra 'guest room' (which can be used to accommodate friends or relatives of the residents or for short-term, temporary accommodation for others) and a small meeting room, separated from the main body of the House: called 'The Workshop', it caters for external users as well as Trust meetings, but has been little used since the onset of the COVID epidemic.

In terms of house finances, we have had a good year: we can accommodate a legal maximum of four tenants and are grateful that, since November 2022, we have had our full quota, which means that all the usual household bills have been met with some left over. Some of the surplus needs to be set aside for fabric improvements, for which we are also seeking grant help – some can also be ploughed back into the Trust to support its wider activities. We had a bit of a shock in April when EDF hit us with a £10,000 fuel bill, but with the help of an EDF lady called Grace, we managed to get this reversed and were in fact £88 in credit towards the end of the financial year! We have in fact not yet been hit too hard by increasing fuel bills owing to our new, more efficient gas boiler and self-imposed economies by the residents.

'Serving the Local Community – especially the Disadvantaged'

The **Open Door Friendship Centre ('ODFC')** operates as a community hub in Small Heath and Bordesley Green, within a Ward amongst the 10% most deprived in the UK. The Centre offers classes like ESOL (English Speaking for Other Languages), sewing, baking and computing. Staff seek to share their Christian faith through practical action while the Centre provides a base for professional advice work and a place where members of the community can come and socialise in a safe and non-judgemental environment.

ODFC has been managed by Tim and Jess Steele for the last five years: the Steeles have been seconded to Azadi Trust by OM (Operation Mobilisation). They are supported by numerous short and long-term volunteers, in particular two full-time secondees from GEM (Greater Europe Mission) - McKayla Agnew and Gail Cheng, whose presence has contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Centre and has contributed to the work gradually being expanded into five days of the week. Below Tim Steele shares some of the highlights of the past year at the Centre:

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“Over this past year we have experienced God’s goodness and faithfulness in the work of the Open Door Friendship Centre. He has provided wisdom as we help people in the midst of many life challenges they are going through. We have helped people get housing, suitable benefits, emergency food supplies, support through domestic abuse and lots more besides. The Lord has provided for the needs of the Centre down to the finance to keep paying the rent which has remained mercifully low”. This year the Centre has also benefitted from a major grant from Near Neighbours to provide new computers and a substantial donation from Briarwood Church, Alabama, for ongoing support with running costs.

McKayla Agnew writes: “Life at the Centre has been full of uplifting and deep conversations. Numerous friendships have been built and sustained, as we seek to serve and share in a culturally appropriate and gentle way. One of my favourite things from this past year is all the wonderful conversations that I have been able to have with the women who come in. As I have heard their stories of moving from their home country to Birmingham and listened to some of these ladies describe their daily struggles, I have had the opportunity to pray with a few of them and encourage them with Scriptures that give wisdom and hope”.

Matt Stromberg, who is a volunteer from ReachGlobal, leads the weekly ‘kids club’, and describes what happens: “We play active games like football, less active games like table games, and in-between games like parachute games. We also do some homework help. And we tell a story from Scripture followed by a good, open-ended discussion in which we can hear from each other. I know many appreciate that is a fun and safe environment that allows kids to be off the streets, but with having fun with other children. It also allows children from different backgrounds to get to know each other and be friends to each other. Recently in a discussion from a Scripture story, we discussed what it means to be a good neighbour. One student said that being a good neighbour was seen in our discussion group! He said people from five different people groups, who had fought wars against each other, were now being friends by playing football, telling stories, and talking to each other”.

Hope Garden Project is based in Sparkbrook close to Azadi House: the Project are the main ‘shareholders’ in a Community Garden attached to Christ Church, Sparkbrook. Mary Carroll, who has led the Project for many years, describes the aims of the Project as follows:

“Offering a safe and inclusive space for all those who attend, Hope Garden has become an invaluable support and lifeline offering a place for people to build friendships and develop new skills and opportunities, while respecting each other’s beliefs. Our aim is to offer a non-judgemental environment where everyone who comes to the Garden regardless of culture or background can enjoy friendly discussion and escape the stress of life through gardening and fellowship”.

A summary of this year’s activities follows:

“Over the past twelve months we have been part of that ‘manifold witness’ to creation in all its forms. We have sown seeds of carrot, basil, chives and nasturtium, tended plants such as kale, potato, courgette, lettuce, rocket, runner beans, beetroot, strawberry, clematis, viola, and marigolds - and harvested (as always!) raspberries. Week in week out we have met to share good times and bad news and received the support of each other on our life journey. Just like us, some plants thrive well, others less so and need more attention! We have enjoyed a few games together – adults can get warm on a cold day with a balloon - and indoor quizzes too, to keep our brains active.

Our latest ongoing venture is an artistic one creating a large wall art of Sparkbrook on a wall in the garden inspired by an artwork I saw being completed (and purchased) in Dawlish in April by a man named Dave Furler.

In September, we joined the Fill The Skies demonstration in Kings Heath which involved sending orange heart shaped messages to the Prime Minister to ask government to think again on the plan to send asylum seekers to Rwanda. October saw us hold a successful free Family Day at Christ Church, Sparkbrook, with over 25 children and their families doing activities such as planting and upcycling – what some of our members could make from a bottlecap was amazing!

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March 2023 saw us set off with 25 people to Cheddar YHA for 2 days in snowy weather for fellowship and sightseeing. We made it to the beach at Weston Super Mare, walked down through Cheddar Gorge, even visited the Cheese Factory there and called in at Wells Cathedral on our return route despite the snow. But highlights for me were eating together, singing together and walking and talking around the reservoir. To quote one participant: 'Everything was perfect'.

In May we 'celebrated' the King's coronation informally in the garden – we love an excuse for a party! And then we had our own BBQ, this year at Fatima House with our new found friends from the Cheddar outing, and this day was made all the more joyous by the arrival of both an old member and her child and a current member introducing his family to us who only recently arrived in UK but for whom he has waited many years."

'Pastoral and Financial Provision'

A major part of the work of the Trust - Trustees, secondees and volunteers alike - is supporting both present and past residents of Azadi House pastorally as well as supporting a large number of individual contacts of its other Projects. Such pastoral support is wide-ranging and can range from purely emotional support to practical support and material provision. During the last year Ben Bookless, a qualified counsellor who is seconded from OM to ODFC for just one day a week at present, has been engaging with Azadi House residents and Hope Garden volunteers with a view to expanding his pastoral role in the coming year: the Trust is seeking financial support to Ben to enable him to work a further 3-4 days with us.

'Financial Provision' includes direct financial support from the Trust's Welfare Fund from within and outside the Projects and applications are considered seriously where there is no recourse to statutory or charitable funds elsewhere, or inordinate delay would be involved. The Trust is also partnered with ACTS 435, a national Christian charity which 'crowdfunds' people with urgent needs. During the last year donations to Azadi's Welfare Fund have remained steady: demands on the Fund have diminished since the end of the COVID pandemic but remain substantial.

'Provision of information about the Christian Faith.'

Azadi Trust also, as part of its Aims and Objectives, provides materials to inform its local community about the Christian faith and has a Literature Fund to further these purposes. The Trust is also supported by Shiloh House Distribution, a local wholesale agent for Christian literature, and together we continue to acquire and distribute such literature and audio-visual materials in the languages common in our area of south-east Birmingham.

M. Hodges (Trustee)
December 2023

Financial Summary

The Trust's accounts are detailed on pages 10 to 14. During the accounting period 1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023 the Trust made a loss of £806 (after allowing for a depreciation provision of £1,263). This compares with the previous period's profit of £8,032.

In 2022-23 the Trust's core income for the general fund has been rent receipts from the Azadi House tenancies, plus general and earmarked donations, which together ensure that 'regular' income exceeds Trust general expenditure. The Trust has a policy of setting aside £1,000 per annum as a reserve to provide for unforeseen essential expenditures and at the close of the year retained bank and cash reserves of £19,336. This balance together with a £5,000 rent security deposit provides financial cover for restricted fund balances for the following specific projects:

- The Open Door Friendship Centre in Small Heath, Birmingham [£840]
- The Hope Garden project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham [£2,018]
- The GLUE project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham (project not active) [£133]

The Trust's summary profit and loss and statement of assets and liabilities for the period 1 June 2022 – 31st May 2023 are detailed in the table below. Also provided for comparison is the previous accounting period of the charitable company.

	1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023 (£)	1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022 (£)
Income	58,708	69,012
Expenditure	59,514	60,980
Net Profit/(Loss)	(806)	8,032
Bank and Cash	19,336	30,185
Fixed Assets	336,549	335,052
Rent security deposit	5,000	5,000
Debtors	6,677	-
Stock	-	-
Mortgages/Loans	(7,908)	(9,777)
Net Assets	359,654	360,460

As a small (charitable) company with a turnover in excess of £25,000 the Trust's accounts are subject to an external Independent Examination by a UK CCAB qualified professional as matter of good governance and a commitment to transparent accountability to the Trust's donors.

Charitable and Political Donations

During the year 2022-2023 the Trust made charitable donations to 1 local community organisations with similar objectives totalling £475 (2021-22 - £170). The Trust has a specific policy of not making donations to political organisations.

Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The directors are required by Company and Charity Law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the period ended 31st May 2023. The directors also confirm that applicable Accounting Standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practise (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005), and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.

This Directors Report was approved by the Trust Directors on December 2023.

Michael Hodges (Trustee/Director)

Date

December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	1 June 2022 to 31st May 2023 Total	1 June 2021 to 31st May 2022 Total
	Note	General £	Building £	Funds £	£	£
Income						
Donations – regular		2,869	-	-	2,869	2,945
Donations / Grants – occasional		7,827	-	-	7,827	19,420
Donations – welfare		2,220	-	-	2,220	4,590
Donations – Azadi House repairs		-	-	-	-	-
Donations – Azadi House social / retreats / loss		2,594	-	-	2,594	2,833
Gift Aid Reclaim		2,177	-	-	2,177	1,521
Rent and Housing Benefit		17,039	-	-	17,039	14,476
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	19,932	19,932	19,619
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	4,050	4,050	3,548
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Interest & other miscellaneous		-	-	-	-	60
Total Income		34,726	-	23,982	58,708	69,012
Expenditure						
Azadi House:	4					
Utilities, Council Tax, and Insurance		9,728	-	-	9,728	9,127
Resident social / remembrance events		2,782	-	-	2,782	2,891
Mortgage interest	4	408	-	-	408	435
Maintenance, repairs,		2,156	-	-	2,156	4,701
Cleaning and gardening		2,219	-	-	2,219	4,364
Household equipment and furnishings		362	-	-	362	860
General household items		729	-	-	729	297
Sub total		18,384	-	-	18,384	22,675
Welfare support payments		1,509	-	-	1,509	3,462
Ministry media purchases		178	-	-	178	235
Support to external ministries		475	-	-	475	170
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	4,975	4,975	1,626
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	21,170	21,170	18,667
Printing, Stationery, Communications		771	-	-	771	1,026
Administration		8,691	-	-	8,691	7,892
Governance, Safeguarding, Fundraising		1,842	-	-	1,842	3,577
Bank charges		256	-	-	256	248
Depreciation of assets		1,263	-	-	1,263	1,402
Total Expenditure		33,369	-	26,145	59,514	60,980
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		1,357	-	(2,163)	(806)	8,032
Transfer between funds		(1,869)	1,869	-	-	-
House Revaluation/addition		-	-	-	-	31,874
Fund balances brought forward		35,083	320,223	5,154	360,460	320,554
Fund balances carried forward		34,571	322,092	2,991	359,654	360,460

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All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities. The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2023

Company Number 07247132		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	31st May	31st May
	Note	General	Building	funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Freehold Property	1,4		330,000	-	330,000	330,000
Tangible assets	1,5	6,549			6,549	5,052
		6,549	330,000	-	336,549	335,052
Current Assets						
Rent security deposit		-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debtors		2,177		4,500	6,677	-
Stock		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		25,845	-	(6,509)	19,336	30,185
		28,022	-	2,991	31,013	35,185
Current Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-	(7,908)	-	(7,908)	(3,143)
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		28,022	(7,908)	2,991	23,105	32,042
Total assets less current liabilities		34,571	322,092	2,991	359,654	367,094
Long Term Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	4	-	-	-	-	(6,634)
Total Assets less Liabilities		34,571	322,092	2,991	359,654	360,460
Funds:						
Unrestricted funds	1-3	34,571	-	-	34,571	35,083
Building fund	1, 4	-	322,092	-	322,092	320,223
Restricted funds	1, 6	-	-	2,991	2,991	5,154
Total Funds		34,571	322,092	2,991	359,654	360,460

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION S475 COMPANIES ACT 2006

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st May 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the directors on XX December 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:

Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31st May 2023

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, on a receipts and payments basis and in compliance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below. The directors have made use of the concession available for small charities within the SORP and have chosen to use resource classifications appropriate to the charity's circumstances and activities.

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except where otherwise stated.

Donations and Income

Donations and Income are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash payment basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Fixed Assets - Freehold Property

The freehold property is not depreciated on the grounds that they are maintained regularly to a high standard and, in the opinion of the board the estimated residual value is so high and the anticipated useful life is so long that any depreciation is unlikely to be material in the context of the accounts. The property is included at approximate market value in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

Depreciation is charged on the following assets:

Fixtures & Fittings	25% reducing balance
Tools & Other Equipment	20% reducing balance
Computer & Electrical	25% reducing balance

From 2017/18 onwards the Trust will not capitalise equipment purchases with a value less than £200. All tangible fixed assets with a written down value of £100 or less are written down to zero.

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the charitable company is to distribute reserves in accordance with the objects of the charitable company whilst ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover cash flow requirements relating to committed expenditure.

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Funds

The charitable company holds general funds that are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company. The building fund represents the value of the asset less the mortgage.

2 Directors Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was paid or payable for the period to any Director or to any person or persons known or connected with any of them. No reimbursement of personal expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Directors in respect of the period.

3 Taxation

The charitable company is a registered charitable company and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and any surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charitable company's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The charitable company is not registered for VAT and accordingly, all their expenditure is recorded inclusive of VAT incurred.

4 Building Fund

Azadi Trust is the freehold owner of 56 Grantham Rd, Sparkbrook which is the registered and operational address of the charitable company. Azadi House provides permanent accommodation for up to five single men and a meeting room for community use. The property was re-valued in November 2022 by Robert Aston & Co. Ltd, 87, Alcester Rd. Moseley, Birmingham B13 8EB at £330,000. The historical cost of the property on 21st March 1997 was £60,000.

Azadi Trust has a mortgage secured on 56 Grantham Road with an outstanding value at 31st May 2023 of £7,908. Due to improved occupancy and higher rental income continuing into 2023/24 it is expected that the full outstanding mortgage loan will be repaid before 31st May 2024.

A summary of the building fund and its movements are as follows:

	31st May 2023	31st May 2022
	£	£
Opening value of Building Fund	320,223	285,206
Net income / expenditure	-	-
Revaluation / Additions	-	31,874
Transfer from General fund:		
Capital repayment of the mortgage	1,869	3,143
Transfer to General fund:		
Re-mortgage proceeds net of asset enhancement	-	
Closing value of Building Fund	322,092	320,223

5 Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Tools & Other Equipment	Computer & Electrical	Total
Cost					
At 1 st June 2022	330,000	5,275	440	9,810	345,525
Additions / Revaluation	-	-	-	2,760	2,760
As at 31st May 2023	330,000	5,275	440	12,570	348,285
Depreciation					
At 1 st June 2022	-	5,275	440	4,758	10,473
Charge for the year	-	-	-	1,263	1,263
As at 31st May 2023	-	5,275	440	6,021	11,736
Net book value					
At 1 st June 2022	330,000	-	-	5,052	335,052
As at 31st May 2023	330,000	-	-	6,549	336,549

6 Restricted funds

	1st June 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st May 2023
Hope Garden Project	2,943	4,050	4,975	-	2,018
Friendship Centre	2,078	19,932	21,170	-	840
The GLUE Project	133	-	-	-	133
Total	5,154	23,982	26,145		2,991

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Summary of Restricted Project Income

Project	1 June 2021 – 31 May 2023 (£)	1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022 (£)
Friendship Centre		
Individual Donations	110	25
Near Neighbours	-	4,428
The Lees Chapel, Kingswood, Solihull	-	250
City Church, Birmingham	720	720
Lapworth Community Church	260	-
Briarwood Church (United States)	2,342	2,196
Awards For All	4,500	-
ReachGlobal (United States)	12,000	12,000
Hope Garden Project		
Individual Donations	50	-
Sisters of St. Joseph	4,000	-
Alkpit Foundation	-	250
Westhill Endowment	-	1,298
Central England Co-operative Limited	-	1,500
Asda Foundation	-	500
The GLUE Project		
	-	-
Azadi Trust		
Individual Donations	8,593	12,168
Grace Community Church	300	-
New Life Baptist Church, Kings Heath, Birmingham	153	-
Cheltenham Ladies College	145	-
Harry Payne Trust	4,000	-
National Lottery Fund		9,330
The Rowlands Trust		2,000
ACTS435	300	600
29 th of May 1961 Foundation	2,019	2,000
The Grimmit Trust		1,500
WM Cadbury Trust		750
WE Dunn Trust		1,500

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Azadi Trust

Charity No. 1138663. Company No. 07247132

I report on the accounts for the 12 months to 31 May 2023 which are set out in the annual report on pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Dixie F C A
Date December 2023

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Report of the Directors for the period ending 31st May 2022

The Directors of the charitable company, who are its trustees for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their report for the period to 31st May 2022

Company Information:

Company Name	AZADI TRUST
Company Registration Number	07247132
Charity Registration Number	1138663
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Elizabeth Hodges	Michael Hodges
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Company Activities 2021-2022

The Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The Trust was founded as a Registered Charity in 1991 and reconstituted as a Charitable Company in 2010. Twelve years on, its Aims and Objectives remain as follows:

“The Charitable Company’s Object is, for the benefit of the public, to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, particularly within (but not limited to) the neighbourhood of Sparkbrook, Birmingham and its surrounding areas, by, for example, (but not limited to):

- serving the local community, by providing health, education, advocacy and pastoral provision, especially to those disadvantaged by virtue of age, disability, destitution or by being members of an ethnic minority;
- the provision of housing accommodation;
- the relief of destitution by financial and material provision; and
- the provision of written, verbal or visual information about the Christian Faith.”

The ‘Modus Operandi’ of the Trust: ‘A Vehicle for Partnership’

As well as direct provision of services, the Trust has always seen itself as a ‘vehicle’ for support and partnership with other local organisations operating within the same ethos and parameters: any individual or group wishing to operate a project compatible with the Trust’s Aims & Objectives can ‘come aboard the vehicle’ for as long as it suits them to do so. ‘Partnership’ with the Trust operates effectively at three levels:

Firstly, the Articles of Association of Azadi Trust allow for a full partnership arrangement with another organisation whereby that organisation itself becomes a ‘Member’ of the Trust, provides the Trust with additional Trustee(s) and contributes to the Trust’s pool of expertise and manpower. The Trust’s partnership with ‘Member Organisation’ ReachGlobal and its ‘joint enterprise’, the Open Door Friendship Centre (‘ODFC’) in Small Heath, has continued into its twelfth year. The Trust is continually grateful to ReachGlobal supporters for faithful financial support and manpower over these years, and is grateful to David Brogan for being ReachGlobal’s nominated Trustee over the past year and being so actively supportive.

At the next level, the Trust is able to provide a charitable umbrella for small local initiatives which negates the need for such projects to seek their own charitable status: the Trust can then also provide appropriate governance, insurance cover, meeting facilities, and sometimes financial support but leave the Project to otherwise manage itself. Within this second category the Trust continues to support the Hope Garden Project led by Mary Carroll who is also a valued Trustee and has, again, supported the wider work of the Trust in various ways.

Finally, at the third level, the Trust seeks to support other local projects which nevertheless remain separate entities: in recent years, for instance, the Trust has reestablished its historical relationship with Christ Church, Sparkbrook, which originally sponsored the purchase of Azadi House in 1997 and periodically in the past has used Trust resources as a ‘vehicle’ for several small scale projects and groups. In the last year the Trust has continued to financially support a weekly gathering of local women at Christ Church, called ‘Ladies’ Day’.

In the past the Trust’s Assistant Coordinator Tim Macleod, has provided administrative and governance support to other local projects, and this support continues to be available if required.

‘Provision of Housing Accommodation’

The origin of the Trust’s operation is ‘Azadi House’, located in the Sparkbrook area of south Birmingham, which is predominantly populated by ethnic minorities, particularly South Asians. Sparkbrook Ward is within the top 10% areas of deprivation in the country. The House, having been partly used for the Trust’s community activities in the past, is now effectively a residential home, and continues to provide secure tenancies for up to four single men, some of whom have been residents for many years. The House also has a small extra ‘guest room’ which can be used to accommodate friends or relatives of the residents or for short-term, temporary accommodation for others and a small meeting room, separated from the main body of the House: called ‘The Workshop’, it caters for external users as well as Trust meetings.

In the summer of 2021 we were justifiably optimistic about the future of the House: a series of important renovations had been completed earlier in the year and a new plan had been drawn up to (hopefully) keep the finances of the House on an even keel. We were joined by a new resident in August and, with Covid restrictions lifting, were able to enjoy our first residents’ outing for two years (to the Black Country Living Museum).

Fast forward six months and things had changed dramatically: one of our longstanding residents died suddenly, and about the same time the House also lost another long-term resident, who moved to be closer to his son. What might be called a ‘sad stillness’ descended. For several months we only had two residents and the financial balance again came under threat. In addition to this, the City Council refused permission to grant us full status as a House in Multiple Occupancy, limiting our maximum legal capacity to just four residents.

Now, writing in August 2022, things are again ‘looking up’. In May we were joined by a young man with connections to the local church, who came to us on an emergency basis but who has now settled in well and has proved very supportive to the other residents. In late April we held a successful workparty and in July we enjoyed a BBQ in the House garden, celebrating our oldest resident’s birthday: these were the first such events since the onset of Covid.

Financially the House is again on an even keel: we are grateful to Stewardship for their support and understanding with our mortgage repayments through the Covid crisis and the recent drop in rental income. With some grant aid we have been able to continue to work through our ‘wish-list’ of essential renovations, with a substantial upgrade of our electrics being achieved this Spring: decoration of parts of the House interior are now a priority.

‘Serving the Local Community – especially the Disadvantaged’

The **Open Door Friendship Centre** operates as a community hub in Small Heath and Bordesley Green, within a Ward amongst the 10% most deprived in the UK. The Centre offers classes like ESOL (English Speaking for Other Languages), Sewing and Baking. Staff seek to share their faith through practical action as well as providing a base for professional advice work and a place where members of the community can come and socialise in a safe and non-judgemental environment.

We are grateful to Tim and Jess Steele, who have been seconded to Azadi Trust by OM (Operation Mobilisation), for their perseverance in their managing of and envisioning for the Centre. We are additionally grateful for the return, post-COVID, of McKayla Agnew, who has been seconded to the Centre by GEM (Greater Europe Mission). Below, Tim Steele shares some of the highlights of the past year at the Centre.

“January 2022 saw the opportunity to move out of Covid 19 restrictions and go back to a fuller schedule. We were blessed with a number of volunteers coming back or getting involved for the first time, including two who were able to be here three or four days a week. This hadn’t happened for some time and allowed us to offer ladies’ ESOL (English Speaking for Other Languages) classes every day of

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the week (including one online) which quickly grew and gained popularity with local women.

Craft, baking, sewing and computer all made a come-back, with varying success. On the whole sewing was popular with a new local teacher involved. That has been a blessing after a couple of years trying to find someone who could come voluntarily or for a small reimbursement for their time.

Computer, craft and baking were less well attended, but still an opportunity to connect on a deeper level than in the ESOL. There have been some opportunities for our volunteers to visit the ladies they have got to know through classes, and visitors have come in most days we are open.

The men's ESOL class started back on two days of the week and had some good patches with three or four students, but who lacked continuity over the months. As for the drop-in for tea and chat, whilst it picked up somewhat, we haven't had the regulars stopping by as much as in the past. This was partly because Tim was the only male volunteer on certain days and often helps with advice.

In the advice sessions we have had someone connected to Birmingham City Council for a few hours a week. This has helped as other advice workers have been less available or have stopped.

Through the advice there have continued to be openings to share God's Word, pray or simply be an encouragement and listening ear to our visitors. With the growing economic crisis, many have been able to receive access to grants or guidance from us.

Our after school club grew to the extent which we felt we could run a second one. The kids enjoyed a mix of activities as well as the Bible stories we shared and, perhaps less so, the homework help their parents were keen on! Sadly after starting on another day, the numbers in both groups dropped, and through the football coaching sessions we made a number of new contacts in the area who are interested to visit the Friendship Centre again. "

Hope Garden Project, based in Sparkbrook close to Azadi House, offers therapeutic support to destitute failed asylum seekers and other isolated individuals through the medium of gardening and various social activities. Mary Carroll, who has led the Project for many years, writes:

"Hope Garden, like so many organisations emerging from the pandemic and facing an increasingly uncertain world of war, climate change and rising costs is taking stock, looking back and looking forward. Asking questions- how can we be more sustainable? How can we best support the physical and mental health of our members?

This year in our small space we have produced many edible crops e.g. kale, beans, lettuce, raspberries, which our members have taken home. We have also reached out to the community with our 'free' plant stand and we hope to do more of this. But we never underestimate small differences made.

Outings during the year have also been a source of joy - a boat trip at the Roundhouse in September gave a new view of Birmingham from the canal. Then in October we stayed "local" at Walsall Arboretum and discovered what a jewel on our doorstep this is.

January saw us, in very poor weather, having an amazing walk at Cannon Hill Park - what fun and laughter we would have missed if we had cancelled !! We followed a scavenger hunt -type activity and even found a model of the Elan Valley tucked away - who knew? .

Spirits were then uplifted by a visit to Cotswold Lavender fields in July. This provided many photo opportunities in glorious sunshine. We have also joined Fatima House, a local residential facility for destitute asylum-seekers, to join them on outings to the Black Country Museum and Warwick Castle during the summer.

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Memorable moments this year were dancing and eating at the Ebenezer Mission Hall Jubilee BBQ and taking part in the Sparkhill Shelter mosaic. Both these events helped us feel caught up in the feeling of celebration in Birmingham this year. Our Fatima connections enabled members to take advantage of free tickets to the rehearsal of the Birmingham 2022 Opening Ceremony.

Outings as always are wonderful highlights but we still believe it's the week in/week out working together, stories shared, new words learnt, problems halved that makes the garden special. The support this year from Columban staff has once again been tireless - we are blessed. But we also appreciate the support received from our small army of volunteers, without whom all the activities Hope Garden does would not be possible."

'Pastoral and Financial Provision'

A major part of the work of the Trust - Trustees, secondees and volunteers alike - is supporting both present and past residents of Azadi House pastorally as well as supporting a large number of individual contacts of its other Projects. Such pastoral support is wide-ranging and can range from purely emotional support to practical support and material provision. The latter also often includes direct financial support and applicants to the Trust's Welfare Fund from within and outside the Projects are considered seriously where they have no recourse to statutory or charitable funds elsewhere, or inordinate delay would result from such applications. The Trust is also partnered with ACTS 435, a national Christian charity which 'crowdfunds' people with urgent needs. During the last year, partly because of concerns raised by the Pandemic, donations to Azadi's Welfare Fund remained substantial as has the support from ACTS 435. Demands on the Fund have also greatly increased but thus far most requests for help have been honoured.

'Provision of information about the Christian Faith.'

Azadi Trust also, as part of its Aims and Objectives, provides materials to inform its local community about the Christian faith. The Trust, is also supported by Shiloh House Distribution, a local wholesale agent for Christian literature, and together we continue to acquire and distribute such literature and audio-visual materials in the languages common in our area of south-east Birmingham.

M. Hodges (Trustee)
16th February 2023

Financial Summary

The Trust's accounts are detailed on pages 9 to 14. During the accounting period 1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022 the Trust made a profit of £8,030 (after allowing for a depreciation provision of £1,402). This compares with the previous period's profit of £2,216.

In 2020-21 the Trust's core income for the general fund has been rent receipts from the Azadi House tenancies, plus general and earmarked donations, which together ensure that 'regular' income exceeds Trust general expenditure. The Trust has a policy of setting aside £1,000 per annum as a reserve to provide for unforeseen essential expenditures and at the close of the year retained bank and cash reserves of £30,185. This balance together with a £5,000 rent security deposit provides financial cover for restricted fund balances for the following specific projects:

- The Open Door Friendship Centre in Small Heath, Birmingham [£2,078]
- The Hope Garden project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham [£2,943]
- The GLUE project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham (project not active) [£133]

The Trust's summary profit and loss and statement of assets and liabilities for the period 1 June 2020 – 31st May 2021 are detailed in the table below. Also provided for comparison is the previous accounting period of the charitable company.

	1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022 (£)	1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021 (£)
Income	69,012	52,179
Expenditure	60,927	49,963
Net Profit/(Loss)	8,030	2,216
Bank and Cash	30,185	25,000
Fixed Assets	335,052	303,474
Rent security deposit	5,000	5,000
Stock	-	-
Mortgages/Loans	(9,777)	(12,920)
Net Assets	360,460	320,554

As a small (charitable) company with a turnover in excess of £25,000 the Trust's accounts are subject to an external Independent Examination by a UK CCAB qualified professional as matter of good governance and a commitment to transparent accountability to the Trust's donors.

Charitable and Political Donations

During the year 2021-2022 the Trust made charitable donations to 2 local community organisations with similar objectives totalling £170 (2019-20 - £197). The Trust has a specific policy of not making donations to political organisations.

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Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The directors are required by Company and Charity Law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the period ended 31st May 2022. The directors also confirm that applicable Accounting Standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practise (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005), and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.

This Directors Report was approved by the Trust Directors on XXth February 2023.

Michael Hodges (Trustee/Director)

Date XX February 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2022
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	1 June 2021 to 31st May 2022 Total	1 June 2020 to 31st May 2021 Total
	Note	General £	Building £	Funds £	£	£
Income						
Donations – regular		2,945	-	-	2,945	3,710
Donations / Grants – occasional		19,420	-	-	19,420	6,043
Donations – welfare		4,590	-	-	4,590	4,658
Donations – Azadi House repairs		-	-	-	-	1,200
Donations – Azadi House social / retreats / loss		2,833	-	-	2,833	352
Covid-19 Grants		-	-	-	-	352
Gift Aid Reclaim		1,521	-	-	1,521	2,544
Rent and Housing Benefit		14,476	-	-	14,476	13,164
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	19,619	19,619	20,394
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	3,548	3,548	109
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Interest & other miscellaneous		60	-	-	60	5
Total Income		45,845	-	23,167	69,012	52,179
Expenditure						
Azadi House:	4					
Utilities, Council Tax, and Insurance		9,127	-	-	9,127	8,691
Resident social / remembrance events		2,891	-	-	2,891	93
Mortgage interest	4	435	-	-	435	521
Maintenance, repairs,		4,701	-	-	4,701	1,573
Cleaning and gardening		4,364	-	-	4,364	3,815
Household equipment and furnishings		861	-	-	861	340
General household items		297	-	-	297	472
Sub total		22,676	-	-	22,676	15,505
Welfare support payments		3,462	-	-	3,462	2,803
Ministry media purchases		236	-	-	236	151
Support to external ministries		170	-	-	170	197
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	1,626	1,626	-
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	18,667	18,667	20,048
Printing, Stationery, Communications		1,026	-	-	1,026	1,567
Administration		7,892	-	-	7,892	8,421
Governance, Safeguarding, Fundraising		3,577	-	-	3,577	507
Bank charges		248	-	-	248	232
Depreciation of assets		1,402	-	-	1,402	532
Total Expenditure		40,689	-	20,293	60,982	49,963
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		5,156	-	2,874	8,030	2,216
Transfer between funds		(3,143)	3,143	-	-	-
House Revaluation/addition		-	31,874	-	31,874	-
Fund balances brought forward		33,068	285,206	2,280	320,554	318,338
Fund balances carried forward		35,081	320,223	5,154	360,458	320,554

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All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities. The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2022

<u>Company Number 07247132</u>		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	31st May 2022	31st May 2021
	Note	General	Building			
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Freehold Property	1,4		330,000	-	330,000	298,126
Tangible assets	1,5	5,052			5,052	5,348
		5,052	330,000	-	335,052	303,474
Current Assets						
Rent security deposit		-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Stock		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		30,031	-	154	30,185	25,000
		30,031	-	5,154	35,185	30,000
Current Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-	(3,143)	-	(3,143)	(2,216)
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		30,031	(3,143)	5,154	32,042	39,199
Total assets less current liabilities		34,897	326,857	5,154	367,094	330,779
Long Term Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	4	-	(6,634)	-	(6,634)	(10,704)
Total Assets less Liabilities		35,083	320,223	5,154	360,460	320,554
Funds:						
Unrestricted funds	1-3	35,083	-	-	34,897	33,068
Building fund	1, 4	-	320,223	-	320,223	285,206
Restricted funds	1, 6	-	-	5,154	5,154	2,280
Total Funds		35,083	320,223	5,154	360,460	320,554

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION S475 COMPANIES ACT 2006

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st May 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the directors on XXXX and signed on their behalf by:

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Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31st May 2021

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, on a receipts and payments basis and in compliance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the statement of Recommended Practise (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below. The directors have made use of the concession available for small charities within the SORP and have chosen to use resource classifications appropriate to the charity's circumstances and activities.

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except where otherwise stated.

Donations and Income

Donations and Income are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash payment basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Fixed Assets - Freehold Property

The freehold property is not depreciated on the grounds that they are maintained regularly to a high standard and, in the opinion of the board the estimated residual value is so high and the anticipated useful life is so long that any depreciation is unlikely to be material in the context of the accounts. The property is included at approximate market value in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

Depreciation is charged on the following assets:

Fixtures & Fittings	25% reducing balance
Tools & Other Equipment	20% reducing balance
Computer & Electrical	25% reducing balance

From 2017/18 onwards the Trust will not capitalise equipment purchases with a value less than £200. All tangible fixed assets with a written down value of £100 or less are written down to zero.

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the charitable company is to distribute reserves in accordance with the objects of the charitable company whilst ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover cash flow requirements relating to committed expenditure.

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Funds

The charitable company holds general funds that are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company. The building fund represents the value of the asset less the mortgage.

2 Directors Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was paid or payable for the period to any Director or to any person or persons known or connected with any of them. No reimbursement of personal expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Directors in respect of the period.

3 Taxation

The charitable company is a registered charitable company and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and any surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charitable company's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The charitable company is not registered for VAT and accordingly, all their expenditure is recorded inclusive of VAT incurred.

4 Building Fund

Azadi Trust is the freehold owner of 56 Grantham Rd, Sparkbrook which is the registered and operational address of the charitable company. Azadi House provides permanent accommodation for up to five single men and a meeting room for community use. The property was re-valued in February 2021 by Robert Aston & Co. Ltd, 87, Alcester Rd. Moseley, Birmingham B13 8EB at £290,000. The historical cost of the property on 21st March 1997 was £60,000.

Azadi Trust has a mortgage secured on 56 Grantham Road with an outstanding value at 31st May 2022 of £9,777. This mortgage loan has a remaining term of approximately 2 1/2 years term which will be completed in December 2025.

A summary of the building fund and its movements are as follows:

	31st May 2022	31st May 2021
	£	£
Opening value of Building Fund	285,206	274,864
Net income / expenditure	-	-
Revaluation / Additions	31,874	8,126
Transfer from General fund:		
Capital repayment of the mortgage	3,143	2,216
Transfer to General fund:		
Re-mortgage proceeds net of asset enhancement	-	
Closing value of Building Fund	320,223	285,206

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5 Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Tools & Other Equipment	Computer & Electrical	Total
Cost					
At 1 st June 2021	298,126	5,275	440	8,704	312,545
Additions / Revaluation	31,874	-	-	1,106	32,980
As at 31st May 2022	330,000	5,275	440	9,810	345,525
Depreciation					
At 1 st June 2021	-	5,275	440	3,356	9,071
Charge for the year	-	-	-	1,402	1,402
As at 31st May 2022	-	5,275	440	4,758	10,473
<u>Net book value</u>					
At 1 st June 2021	298,126	-	-	5,348	303,474
As at 31st May 2022	330,000	-	-	5,052	335,052

6 Restricted funds

	1st June 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st May 2022
Hope Garden Project	1,021	3,548	1,626	-	2,943
Friendship Centre	1,126	19,619	18,667	-	2,078
The GLUE Project	133	-	-	-	133
Total	2,280	23,167	20,293		5,154

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Summary of Restricted Project Income

Project	1 June 2021 – 31 May 2022 (£)	1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021 (£)
Friendship Centre	-	-
Individual Donations	25	140
Near Neighbours	4,428	-
The Lees Chapel, Kingswood, Solihull	250	250
City Church, Birmingham	720	720
Briarwood Church (United States)	2,196	6,284
ReachGlobal (United States)	12,000	13,000
Hope Garden Project		
Waitrose	-	109
Alkpit Foundation	250	-
Westhill Endowment	1,298	1,298
Central England Co-operative Limited	1,500	-
Asda Foundation	500	-
The GLUE Project		
Azadi Trust		
Individual Donations	12,168	12,143
National Lottery Fund	9,330	-
The Rowlands Trust	2,000	-
ACTS435	600	970
29 th of May 1961 Foundation	2,000	-
The Grimmit Trust	1,500	-
WM Cadbury Trust	750	-
WE Dunn Trust	1,500	-

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Azadi Trust

Charity No. 1138663. Company No. 07247132

I report on the accounts for the 12 months to 31 May 2022 which are set out in the annual report on pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Dixie F C A
Date XX March 2023

Dixie Associates
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Report of the Directors for the period ending 31st May 2021

The Directors of the charitable company, who are its trustees for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their report for the period to 31st May 2021

Company Information:

Company Name	AZADI TRUST
Company Registration Number	07247132
Charity Registration Number	1138663
Registered Office & Operational address	56 Grantham Rd. Sparkbrook Birmingham B11 1LX

Directors and Trustees:

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Company Activities 2020-2021

The Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The Trust was founded as a Registered Charity in 1991 and reconstituted as a Charitable Company in 2010. Eleven years on, its Aims and Objectives remain as follows:

“The Charitable Company’s Object is, for the benefit of the public, to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, particularly within (but not limited to) the neighbourhood of Sparkbrook, Birmingham and its surrounding areas, by, for example, (but not limited to):

- serving the local community, by providing health, education, advocacy and pastoral provision, especially to those disadvantaged by virtue of age, disability, destitution or by being members of an ethnic minority;
- the provision of housing accommodation;
- the relief of destitution by financial and material provision; and
- the provision of written, verbal or visual information about the Christian Faith.”

The ‘Modus Operandi’ of the Trust: ‘A Vehicle for Partnership’

As well as direct provision of services, the Trust has always seen itself as a ‘vehicle’ for support and partnership with other local organisations operating within the same ethos and parameters: any individual or group wishing to operate a project compatible with the Trust’s Aims & Objectives can ‘come aboard the vehicle’ for as long as it suits them to do so. ‘Partnership’ with the Trust operates effectively at three levels:

Firstly, the Articles of Association of Azadi Trust allow for a full partnership arrangement with another organisation whereby that organisation itself becomes a ‘Member’ of the Trust, provides the Trust with additional Trustee(s) and contributes to the Trust’s pool of expertise and manpower. The Trust’s partnership with ‘Member Organisation’ ReachGlobal and its ‘joint enterprise’, the Open Door Friendship Centre (‘ODFC’) in Small Heath, has continued into its eleventh year. The Trust is indebted to ReachGlobal supporters for faithful financial support and manpower over these years. We are also grateful to Tim & Jess Steele, who have been seconded to Azadi Trust by OM, for their perseverance in their managing of and envisioning for the Centre. Please see below for Tim’s summary of the past year at ODFC.

At the next level, the Trust is able to provide a charitable umbrella for small local initiatives which negates the need for such projects to seek their own charitable status: the Trust can then also provide appropriate governance, insurance cover, meeting facilities, and sometimes financial support but leave the Project to otherwise manage itself. Within this second category the Trust continues to support the Hope Garden Project led by Mary Carroll who is also now a Trustee and has, again, supported the wider work of the Trust in various ways.

Finally, at the third level, the Trust seeks to support other local projects which nevertheless remain separate entities: in recent years, for instance, the Trust has reestablished its historical relationship with Christ Church, Sparkbrook, which originally sponsored the purchase of Azadi House in 1997 and periodically in the past has used Trust resources as a ‘vehicle’ for several small scale projects and groups. In the last year the Trust has continued to sponsor a weekly gathering of local women at Christ Church, called ‘Ladies’ Day’.

In the past the Trust’s Assistant Coordinator Tim Macleod, has provided administrative and governance support to other local projects, and this support continues to be available if required.

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'Provision of Housing Accommodation'

The origin of the Trust's operation is **'Azadi House'**, located in the Sparkbrook area of south Birmingham, which is predominantly populated by ethnic minorities, particularly South Asians. The House, having been partly used for the Trust's community activities in the past, is now effectively a residential home, and continues to provide secure tenancies for up to five single men, some of whom have been residents for many years. The House also has a small extra 'guest room' which can be used to accommodate friends or relatives of the residents or for short-term, temporary accommodation for others.

A year ago, the future of Azadi House was somewhat in the balance in that it only had three residents with no immediate prospect of any suitable new ones: the existing residents, two of whom were 'vulnerable', were also having a hard time living with Covid restrictions. Only having three residents also meant that the house was running at a loss, and we were faced with the need to carry out major renovations without the apparent means to do so, and parts of the House were seriously in need of redecoration. However, we were able to complete the major part of the renovations courtesy of an unexpected HM Government grant and generous donations from some individuals, while an erstwhile friend of Azadi House contributed many man-hours and finance to upgrade some of the décor. A new finance plan and one new resident has meant that the House finances have been on a much more even keel recently.

For the future: recent legislation means that Azadi House has now become effectively a 'House in Multiple Occupancy', and we have started the process of seeking planning permission and then the formal licencing which has to be completed before we can take in more than four residents: this process is time-consuming and expensive, but hopefully will be completed in 2022. One of our existing residents will be moving on in late 2021, so we are praying for a 'new guy' who will come in and be a positive addition to the House community and also to the wider Sparkbrook community.

'Serving the Local Community – especially the Disadvantaged'

In respect of the work of the **'Open Door Friendship Centre'** over the last year, Tim Steele writes:

"Open Door Friendship Centre seeks to be a welcoming place for local people of all faiths to meet and have their needs met. It provides a base for outreach and service to the local communities of Small Heath and Bordesley Green, as well as the opportunity to foster friendships between people of diverse backgrounds. Examples of regular activities include: teaching English, sewing and computing; providing social advice; and attending drop-in times.

Over the last year, there have inevitably been a lot of adaptations because of the pandemic, and volunteer availability in particular has been affected. Covid has also restricted English classes to online only until fairly recently. With the women's classes restarting, it is good to see more interest being generated in other activities that are going on here. One thing that has continued throughout, however, is giving advice and form-filling. In this respect we have helped people in all manner of things: appealing bailiffs, finding special school places, assisting people find housing, DWP appeals and paying parking fines, and much more. We stayed open throughout the summer of 2020 with a once a week holiday club for local children and a day long football camp for local teenagers. There have been a number of volunteers temporarily involved in these activities and also some new volunteers committing to one day for the next year or two. There is still ongoing need for volunteers to help with the men's drop-in, job club, ladies' baking and sewing, as well as two after school clubs for children and young people.

This years' accounts show that ODFC continues to have a steady regular income from several sources. There have been no excessive demands on expenditure. The Government Small Business Grant received in the early part of 2020 has enabled us to create a reserve fund and provide additional financial support for the Centre manager.

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Hope Garden Project, based in Sparkbrook close to Azadi House, offers therapeutic support to destitute failed asylum seekers and other isolated individuals through the medium of gardening and various social activities. Mary Carroll writes:

“For most of us it has been a ‘year like no other’ so no surprise that the Garden group saw many changes during the lockdown year!

Initially, when we were prevented from meeting, we took deliveries of compost and seeds round to our members for Growing At Home and they delighted us with pictures of their efforts on WhatsApp . We also implemented ‘Walking In The Park’, as the summer of 2020 progressed, and undertook socially distanced walks together in Cannon Hill , Handsworth and Farm Park.

Over the winter we continued to make deliveries including ‘Christmas In A Bag’ to every member. This brought great delight as it even included a mini tree that could be planted out or kept in a pot. We also tried out group WhatsApp calls to keep everyone connected which sparked a lot of laughter as we got to grips (or not!) with the technology And the spring saw us back ‘in the park’ this time around Kings Heath - both Highbury and then Kings Heath Park with their varied delights .

As April came, the access issues at our original site had become difficult and for our disabled members, unsustainable. We have therefore moved to a nearby underused community space called The Peace Garden where we have since enjoyed harvest aplenty . We have also enjoyed a day out by train to Worcester to see the elephants around the town and picnic by the river, and more recently a boat tour on a heritage boat to see Birmingham from the canals.

Members have continued to share the ups and downs of their lives – some receiving refugee status this year but others needing ongoing support as they experience set backs , illness and challenges.

The Hope Garden Project continues to attract significant external funding from a variety of charities and the Trust expresses its gratitude to the several charities listed as donors elsewhere in this report.

‘Pastoral and Financial Provision’

A major part of the work of the Trust - Trustees, secondees and volunteers alike - is supporting both present and past residents of Azadi House pastorally as well as supporting a large number of individual contacts of its other Projects. Such pastoral support is wide-ranging and can range from purely emotional support to practical support and material provision. The latter also often includes direct financial support and applicants to the Trust’s Welfare Fund from within and outside the Projects are considered seriously where they have no recourse to statutory or charitable funds elsewhere, or inordinate delay would result from such applications. The Trust is also partnered with ACTS 435, a national Christian charity which ‘crowdfunds’ people with urgent needs. During the last year, partly because of concerns raised by the Pandemic, donations to Azadi’s Welfare Fund remained substantial as has the support from ACTS 435. Demands on the Fund have also greatly increased but thus far most requests for help have been honoured, with nearly £3000 distributed in grants over this financial year.

‘Provision of information about the Christian Faith.’

Azadi Trust also, as part of its Aims and Objectives, provides materials to inform its local community about the Christian faith. The Trust, is also supported by Shiloh House Distribution, a local wholesale agent for Christian literature, and together we continue to acquire and distribute such literature in the languages common in our area of south-east Birmingham.

M. Hodges
21st February 2022

Financial Summary

The Trust's accounts are detailed on pages 9 to 14. During the accounting period 1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021 the Trust made a profit of £2,216 (after allowing for a depreciation provision of £532). This compares with the previous period's profit of £17,037. It should be noted however that the current periods loss figure reflects one-off expenditure related to prior year Covid-19 business support grants of £20,000 relating to the Open Door Friendship Centre and Azadi House respectively.

In 2020-21 the Trust's core income for the general fund has been rent receipts from the Azadi House tenancies, plus general and earmarked donations, which together ensure that 'regular' income exceeds Trust general expenditure. The Trust has a policy of setting aside £1,000 per annum as a reserve to provide for unforeseen essential expenditures and at the close of the year retained cash reserves of £25,000 bolstered by those Covid-19 business support grants received in May 2020. This balance together with a £5,000 rent security deposit provides financial cover for restricted fund balances for the following specific projects:

- The Open Door Friendship Centre in Small Heath, Birmingham [£1,126]
- The Hope Garden project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham [£1,021]
- The GLUE project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham (now dormant) [£133]

The Trust's summary profit and loss and statement of assets and liabilities for the period 1 June 2020 – 31st May 2021 are detailed in the table below. Also provided for comparison is the previous accounting period of the charitable company.

	1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021 (£)	1 June 2019 – 31 May 2020 (£)
Income	52,179	62,974
Expenditure	49,963	45,937
Net Profit/(Loss)	2,216	17,037
Bank and Cash	25,000	36,894
Fixed Assets	303,474	291,580
Rent security deposit	5,000	5,000
Stock	-	-
Mortgages/Loans	(12,920)	(15,136)
Net Assets	320,554	318,338

As a small (charitable) company with a turnover in excess of £25,000 the Trust's accounts are subject to an external Independent Examination by a UK CCAB qualified professional as matter of good governance and a commitment to transparent accountability to the Trust's donors.

Charitable and Political Donations

During the year 2020-2021 the Trust made charitable donations to 3 organisations or individuals with similar objectives totalling £197 (2019-20 - £270). The Trust has a specific policy of not making donations to political organisations.

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Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The directors are required by Company and Charity Law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the period ended 31st May 2021. The directors also confirm that applicable Accounting Standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practise (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005), and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.

This Directors Report was approved by the Trust Directors on 26th March 2022.

Michael Hodges (Trustee/Director)

Date 26th March 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	1 June 2020 to 31st May 2021 Total	1 June 2019 to 31st May 2020 Total
	Note	General £	Building £	Funds £	£	£
Income						
Donations – regular		3,710	-	-	3,710	3,590
Donations / Grants – occasional		6,043	-	-	6,043	3,649
Donations – welfare		4,658	-	-	4,658	3,180
Donations – Azadi House repairs		1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Donations – Azadi House social / retreats		352	-	-	352	-
Covid-19 Business Support Grant		-	-	-	-	20,000
Gift Aid Reclaim		2,544	-	-	2,544	2,244
Rent and Housing Benefit		13,164	-	-	13,164	14,368
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	20,394	20,394	15,563
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	109	109	380
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Room hire		-	-	-	-	-
Interest & other miscellaneous		5	-	-	5	-
Total Income		31,676	-	20,503	52,179	62,974
Expenditure						
Azadi House:	4					
Utilities, Council Tax, and Insurance		8,691	-	-	8,691	8,286
Resident social events		93	-	-	93	169
Mortgage interest	4	521	-	-	521	614
Maintenance, repairs, Cleaning and gardening		1,573	-	-	1,573	2,342
Household equipment and furnishings		340	-	-	340	-
General household items		472	-	-	472	515
Sub total		15,505	-	-	15,505	11,926
Welfare support payments		2,803	-	-	2,803	1,336
Ministry media purchases		151	-	-	151	-
Support to external ministries		197	-	-	197	270
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	-	-	2,645
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	20,048	20,048	19,379
Printing, Stationery, Communications		1,567	-	-	1,567	344
Administration		8,421	-	-	8,421	8,951
Governance, Safeguarding, Fundraising		507	-	-	507	425
Bank charges		232	-	-	232	221
Depreciation of assets		532	-	-	532	440
Total Expenditure		29,915	-	20,048	49,963	45,937
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		1,761	-	455	2,216	17,037
Transfer between funds		(2,216)	2,216	-	-	-
House Revaluation/addition		(8,126)	8,126	-	-	35,000
Fund balances brought forward		41,649	274,864	1,825	318,338	266,301
Fund balances carried forward		33,068	285,206	2,280	320,554	318,338

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All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities. The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2021

<u>Company Number 07247132</u>		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	31st May 2021	31st May 2020
	Note	General	Building			
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Freehold Property	1,4		298,126	-	298,126	290,000
Tangible assets	1,5	5,348			5,348	1,580
		5,348	298,126	-	303,474	291,580
Current Assets						
Rent security deposit		-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Stock		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		27,720	-	(2,720)	25,000	36,894
		27,720	-	2,280	30,000	41,894
Current Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-	(2,216)	-	(2,216)	(2,695)
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		27,720	(2,216)	2,280	27,784	39,199
Total assets less current liabilities		32,068	295,910	2,280	331,258	330,779
Long Term Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	4	-	(10,704)	-	(10,704)	(12,441)
Total Assets less Liabilities		33,068	285,206	2,280	320,554	318,338
Funds:						
Unrestricted funds	1-3	33,068	-	-	33,068	41,649
Building fund	1, 4	-	285,206	-	285,206	274,864
Restricted funds	1, 6	-	-	2,280	2,280	1,825
Total Funds		33,068	285,206	2,280	320,554	318,338

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION S475 COMPANIES ACT 2006

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st May 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the directors on 29th March 2022 and were signed on their behalf by:

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Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31st May 2021

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, on a receipts and payments basis and in compliance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the statement of Recommended Practise (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below. The directors have made use of the concession available for small charities within the SORP and have chosen to use resource classifications appropriate to the charity's circumstances and activities.

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except where otherwise stated.

Donations and Income

Donations and Income are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

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Fixed Assets - Freehold Property

The freehold property is not depreciated on the grounds that they are maintained regularly to a high standard and, in the opinion of the board the estimated residual value is so high and the anticipated useful life is so long that any depreciation is unlikely to be material in the context of the accounts. The property is included at approximate market value in the balance sheet.

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The charitable company holds general funds that are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company. The building fund represents the value of the asset less the mortgage.

2 Directors Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was paid or payable for the period to any Director or to any person or persons known or connected with any of them. No reimbursement of personal expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Directors in respect of the period.

3 Taxation

The charitable company is a registered charitable company and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and any surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charitable company's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The charitable company is not registered for VAT and accordingly, all their expenditure is recorded inclusive of VAT incurred.

4 Building Fund

Azadi Trust is the freehold owner of 56 Grantham Rd, Sparkbrook which is the registered and operational address of the charitable company. Azadi House provides permanent accommodation for up to five single men and a meeting room for community use. The property was re-valued in February 2021 by Robert Aston & Co. Ltd, 87, Alcester Rd. Moseley, Birmingham B13 8EB at £290,000. The historical cost of the property on 21st March 1997 was £60,000.

Azadi Trust has a mortgage secured on 56 Grantham Road with an outstanding value at 31st May 2021 of £12,919. This mortgage loan has a remaining term of approximately 3 1/2 years term which will be completed in December 2025.

A summary of the building fund and its movements are as follows:

	31st May 2021	31st May 2020
	£	£
Opening value of Building Fund	274,864	237,169
Net income / expenditure	-	-
Revaluation / Additions	8,126	35,000
Transfer from General fund:		
Capital repayment of the mortgage	2,216	2,695
Transfer to General fund:		
Re-mortgage proceeds net of asset enhancement	-	
Closing value of Building Fund	285,206	274,864

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5 Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Tools & Other Equipment	Computer & Electrical	Total
Cost					
At 1 st June 2020	290,000	5,275	440	4,404	300,119
Additions / Revaluation	8,126	-	-	4,300	12,426
As at 31st May 2021	298,126	5,275	440	8,704	312,545
Depreciation					
At 1 st June 2020	-	5,156	440	2,943	8,539
Charge for the year	-	119	-	413	532
As at 31st May 2021	-	5,275	440	3,356	9,071
<u>Net book value</u>					
At 1 st June 2020	290,000	119	0	1,461	291,580
As at 31st May 2021	298,126	-	-	5,348	303,474

6 Restricted funds

	1st June 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st May 2021
Hope Garden Project	912	109	-	-	1,021
Friendship Centre	780	20,394	20,048	-	1,126
The GLUE Project	133	-	-	-	133
Total	1,825	20,503	20,048	-	2,280

Summary of Restricted Project Income

Project	1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021 (£)	1 June 2019 – 31 May 2020 (£)
Friendship Centre	-	-
Individual Donations	140	563
St. Mary Church, Crossway Green, Worcestershire	-	1,500
The Lees Chapel, Kingswood, Solihull	250	250
City Church, Birmingham	720	720
Briarwood Church (United States)	6,284	-
ReachGlobal (United States)	13,000	12,000
Hope Garden Project		
Waitrose, etc	109	380
The GLUE Project		
Azadi Trust		
Individual Donations	12,143	9,078
Westhill Endowment	1,298	-
Alfred Haynes Trust	-	1,000
ACTS435	970	340
Birmingham City Council – Covid-19	-	20,000

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Azadi Trust

Charity No. 1138663. Company No. 07247132

I report on the accounts for the 12 months to 31 May 2020 which are set out in the annual report on pages 1 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Dixie F C A
Date 26th March 2022

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