

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR
AS-SALAM TRUST**

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AS-SALAM TRUST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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AS-SALAM TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's primary objectives are centred around promoting the teachings and principles of Islam in line with the Ahlus-sunnah Wal Jamaa-ah school of thought. This involves providing facilities for worship and Islamic education.

Additionally, the charity strives to offer community learning programs through language and citizenship classes, advice sessions through various organisations such as Citizens advice, Utility advice, money & financial management advisors, seminars, and functions, contributing to the advancement of public education.

Another crucial objective is to extend assistance to alleviate food poverty in both the local and wider community.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The dedicated efforts of trustees and volunteers have significantly elevated the Charity's profile and garnered increased support for its community contributions and attendees of the prayer facilities which have been expanded to a second site for Friday prayers (Jumma) and evening prayers over Ramadhan (Taraweeh).

The Charity has persisted in providing essential food parcels every Wednesday throughout the year.

Visits to senior citizens and vulnerable individuals increased, with the distribution of free hampers, fostering friendly conversations and providing both essentials and treats. Collaborations with businesses and charities facilitated the distribution of warm clothing items to those in need, especially the elderly struggling during colder months.

The Peace Centre FoodBank plays a crucial role in transforming the lives of our community in several impactful ways:

1. **Alleviating Food Insecurity:** By providing access to nutritious food, the food bank helps individuals and families who struggle to afford basic necessities, ensuring they don't have to choose between food and other essential needs.
2. **Supporting Vulnerable Populations:** The food bank serves those in vulnerable situations, including low-income families, the elderly, and individuals facing emergencies. This support helps reduce stress and improves overall well-being.
3. **Promoting Community Solidarity:** The food bank fosters a sense of community by encouraging collaboration among local organizations, volunteers, and donors, creating a network of support that strengthens community ties.
4. **Empowering Individuals:** Beyond food provision, the food bank often offers resources such as nutrition education and financial management workshops, empowering individuals to make informed decisions and improve their circumstances.
5. **Reducing Stigma:** By normalizing the use of food banks and promoting understanding, the initiative helps reduce the stigma associated with food insecurity, encouraging more people to seek help when needed.
6. **Building Resilience:** The food bank helps families navigate difficult times, providing a safety net that allows them to regain stability and work toward long-term solutions.

99,827 meals were served - 54 families, 19 pensioners, 45 single people & 23 couples in need. This includes 184 children and 13 single parent families, of these 49 households are marked as "NRTPF" (no recourse to public funds) and surviving on savings and hand outs from family whilst awaiting processing. Once again these were distributed free of charge and served by dedicated volunteers.

Negotiations with the Leicester City Council are still underway to obtain permission for essential improvements and renovations to the Peace Centre site, used since 2013. These enhancements aim to better facilitate charitable activities and expand the Centre's capacity to support the community. We have made significant changes to the ablution area to facilitate the growing number of attendees and to update the aging fixtures.

The Autism Community Club continues to operate successfully at the Peace Centre, benefiting not only local residents but also attracting families from other areas. This has been a great way to get people with children who are on the spectrum. We have also facilitated for children and their families of all backgrounds, faith and no faith, who are affected by various disabilities.

Our madrasah was established to provide our children with a place to learn, grow and develop into exemplary individuals of the world. Our aim was to create an atmosphere in which our young students enjoy madrasah. We thank Allah ta'ala for blessing us with outstanding students, staff & volunteers at Madrasatus Salaam.

As with all charities, As-Salaam Trust relies on financial support to provide essential community services, many of which are offered free of charge. The commendable work of the Peace Centre FoodBank is recognised by the local community & from much further afield too, prompting generous contributions of time, and donations to meet the escalating demand for food in Leicestershire. The charity also utilizes various online donation platforms to facilitate contributions from individuals outside Leicester, making it more accessible for distant supporters to donate and support the cause.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Unrestricted General Reserves

The charity continues to raise sufficient free funds to cover ongoing projects keeping a small surplus to extend activities when required with minimal or no charge to the recipients. We continue to raise funds which will be utilised for the refurbishment of the premises once a reliable building contractor has been arranged however small renovations are being implemented as required.

Restricted Reserves (Property Fund)

Funds in the past years have been raised for the purchase of a property, although the charity has procured a long lease property, it will continue to hold funds should an opportunity arise in the future to purchase the leasehold or extend charitable activities at another site.

Restricted Reserves (Refurbishment Fund)

Funds have been raised for the refurbishment of current leasehold premises to get them modernised.

Restricted Reserves (FoodBank Fund)

Donations are received specifically for the FoodBank activities surpluses are carried forward to following periods to meet the regular planned quotas.

FUTURE PLANS

We aim to continue with providing the current & additional services for the benefit of the community. Our volunteer database is growing & this will enable us to grow as a charity to benefit the community at large.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The As-Salaam Trust is an unincorporated Charity, with a trust deed adopted on 20/12/2010 and registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 1140179 on 02/02/2011.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1140179

Principal address

The Peace Centre
Thurncourt Road
Leicester
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Trustees

Mr G M E Lockhat
Mrs A Lockhat
Mr A I Ravat
Mr M I Nawab

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr G M E Lockhat - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
AS-SALAM TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of As-Salam Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of As-Salam Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Nazir Malida

Watergates Ltd
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Date:

AS-SALAM TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/23 Total funds £	31/12/22 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		147,305	24,095	171,400	131,365
Charitable activities					
Religious facilities and social projects		2,000	39,552	41,552	21,852
Other trading activities	2	75,567	-	75,567	54,012
Investment income	3	-	855	855	103
Total		224,872	64,502	289,374	207,332
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Religious facilities and social projects		198,817	55,043	253,860	208,583
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		26,055	9,459	35,514	(1,251)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		101,302	162,215	263,517	264,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		127,357	171,674	299,031	263,517

The notes on page 0 form part of these financial statements

AS-SALAM TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31ST DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/12/23 Total funds £	31/12/22 Total funds £
	Notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	4,717	18,662	23,379	25,261
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	15,521	-	15,521	14,878
Cash at bank and in hand		123,017	159,770	282,787	235,318
		<u>138,538</u>	<u>159,770</u>	<u>298,308</u>	<u>250,196</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(15,898)	-	(15,898)	(3,831)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>122,640</u>	<u>159,770</u>	<u>282,410</u>	<u>246,365</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>127,357</u>	<u>178,432</u>	<u>305,789</u>	<u>271,626</u>
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	10	-	(6,758)	(6,758)	(8,109)
NET ASSETS		<u>127,357</u>	<u>171,674</u>	<u>299,031</u>	<u>263,517</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				127,357	101,302
Restricted funds				171,674	162,215
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>299,031</u>	<u>263,517</u>

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

.....
Mr G M E Lockhat - Trustee

The notes on page 0 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

HIRE PURCHASE AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Shop income	-	150
Madrasah fees	75,567	53,862
	<u>75,567</u>	<u>54,012</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	855	103
	<u>855</u>	<u>103</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Included within wages costs is £29,456 (2022: £26,593) and £17,022 (2022: £12,442) which relate to wages paid to Mr G M E Lockhat and Mrs A Lockhat who are trustees of the charity, for their services in the management of the centre and teaching services.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	18	14
Project worker	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	104,034	27,331	131,365
Charitable activities			
Religious facilities and social projects	-	21,852	21,852
Other trading activities	54,012	-	54,012
Investment income	-	103	103
	<u>54,012</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>54,012</u>
Total	<u>158,046</u>	<u>49,286</u>	<u>207,332</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Charitable activities			
Religious facilities and social projects	161,606	46,977	208,583
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,560)	2,309	(1,251)
Transfers between funds	(7,200)	7,200	-
Net movement in funds	(10,760)	9,509	(1,251)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	112,062	152,706	264,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	101,302	162,215	263,517

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st January 2023	39,958	5,600	9,000	54,558
Additions	-	4,309	-	4,309
At 31st December 2023	39,958	9,909	9,000	58,867
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st January 2023	21,320	4,377	3,600	29,297
Charge for year	3,576	815	1,800	6,191
At 31st December 2023	24,896	5,192	5,400	35,488
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st December 2023	15,062	4,717	3,600	23,379
At 31st December 2022	18,638	1,223	5,400	25,261

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,259	5,424
Other debtors	9,552	9,454
Prepayments and accrued income	710	-
	<u>15,521</u>	<u>14,878</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Taxation and social security	1,146	2,233
Other creditors	14,752	1,598
	<u>15,898</u>	<u>3,831</u>

10. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Deferred government grants	6,758	8,109

The charity received a security grant from the Home Office in 2019. Inline with the terms of the grant it was used for specific areas of the ongoing refurbishment. As the refurbishment costs were capitalised and amortised, the treatment of the grant will follow suit and be released to the statement of financial activities.

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	101,302	26,055	127,357
Restricted funds			
Property fund	64,245	3,900	68,145
Refurbishment	65,545	(30)	65,515
Collections for other organisations	1,691	20	1,711
Food Bank	30,734	5,569	36,303
	<u>162,215</u>	<u>9,459</u>	<u>171,674</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>263,517</u>	<u>35,514</u>	<u>299,031</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	224,872	(198,817)	26,055
Restricted funds			
Property fund	3,900	-	3,900
Refurbishment	3,547	(3,577)	(30)
Collections for other organisations	20	-	20
Food Bank	57,035	(51,466)	5,569
	<u>64,502</u>	<u>(55,043)</u>	<u>9,459</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>289,374</u></u>	<u><u>(253,860)</u></u>	<u><u>35,514</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	112,062	(3,560)	(7,200)	101,302
Restricted funds				
Property fund	62,157	2,088	-	64,245
Refurbishment	65,332	213	-	65,545
Collections for other organisations	1,691	-	-	1,691
Food Bank	23,526	8	7,200	30,734
	<u>152,706</u>	<u>2,309</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>162,215</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>264,768</u></u>	<u><u>(1,251)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>263,517</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	158,046	(161,606)	(3,560)
Restricted funds			
Property fund	2,088	-	2,088
Refurbishment	4,209	(3,996)	213
Food Bank	42,989	(42,981)	8
	<u>49,286</u>	<u>(46,977)</u>	<u>2,309</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>207,332</u>	<u>(208,583)</u>	<u>(1,251)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	112,062	22,495	(7,200)	127,357
Restricted funds				
Property fund	62,157	5,988	-	68,145
Refurbishment	65,332	183	-	65,515
Collections for other organisations	1,691	20	-	1,711
Food Bank	23,526	5,577	7,200	36,303
	<u>152,706</u>	<u>11,768</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>171,674</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>264,768</u>	<u>34,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,031</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	382,918	(360,423)	22,495
Restricted funds			
Property fund	5,988	-	5,988
Refurbishment	7,756	(7,573)	183
Collections for other organisations	20	-	20
Food Bank	100,024	(94,447)	5,577
	<u>113,788</u>	<u>(102,020)</u>	<u>11,768</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>496,706</u></u>	<u><u>(462,443)</u></u>	<u><u>34,263</u></u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023.