

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

<b>SECTION A</b>	<b>Reference and Administration details</b>
<b>Charity Name</b>	Noor Ministries Charity
<b>Charity's Principal Address</b>	West Lodge Wadworth Hall Lane Wadworth Doncaster DN11 9BH
<b>Names of charity trustees</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>
Mark Heaton Sue Clifton Gillian Wantling Richard Davis Stephen Emmott	Chair Treasurer
<b>SECTION B</b>	<b>Structure, governance and management</b>
Type of governing document	Trust Deed (16 June 2011)
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trust selection methods	Appointment by Trust Board
<b>SECTION C</b>	<b>Objectives and activities</b>
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	To provide grants which will support facilities for Christian education at Noor Ministries School, Okara District, Punjab Province, Pakistan.  To relieve the poverty of young people and enable them to participate in educational activities that they could not otherwise afford
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit ...	In accordance with the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission, the Trustees have sought to maximise the amount of support directed towards Noor Ministries' Life Transforming Centre schools which offer Christian education to children from poor families in Okara District, Pakistan.  To raise awareness of the work of Noor Ministries in Pakistan.  To facilitate the raising of funds and the transfer of donations to Noor Ministries in Pakistan.
<b>SECTION D</b>	<b>Achievements and Performance</b>
	The year 2020-2021 has been dominated by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the work of the schools in Pakistan and the impact on fund-raising in the UK. We are grateful to all those who have given so generously in order to maintain the educational, social and mission work of the schools and respond to the urgent needs created by the pandemic.  The effects of a lockdown in the schools' catchment area were particularly serious for those families who were dependent upon daily wages and who had no means of storing or

	<p>preserving food. In response, the school management organised the distribution of emergency food packages and later cash support to over 400 families or individuals. While people queued for relief, school staff spoke to them about the work of the school and shared Bible stories and gospel messages.</p> <p>Thankfully, the school staff remained largely free from illness due to the virus, but they were affected emotionally, socially and financially.</p> <p>School work for senior students was carried out online, while for younger pupils school staff visited on a daily basis to deliver and collect schoolwork and encourage the parents to support their children's ongoing education. Staff training was carried out online and lessons in literacy were given to female support staff.</p> <p>An appeal to UK supporters raised over £23,000 for relief work during the early stages of the lockdown in Pakistan, May-June 2020.</p> <p>Due to the restrictions required by the pandemic a visit to the UK by the Principal, Sajida Iqbal, was not possible in 2020. These visits have previously been very successful in raising awareness and finance for the schools. Instead, in August 2020 the Principal produced a video which proved popular in raising awareness of the ongoing work of the schools. With the shortfall in donations this year, the Pakistan board of trustees set a budget to pay essential staff salaries and utility bills but reduce all other spending, including building work.</p> <p>During the Pakistan lockdown, some school leavers who were unable to go on to college returned to help the staff in the school.</p> <p>Outreach work in the villages near the schools was possible later in the summer of 2020 and holiday Bible clubs were held in 15 villages. Similarly, Bible study courses for staff proved very effective.</p> <p>One of the main challenges facing the Pakistan school management was a new registration process for NGOs. This entailed submitting many copies of multiple documents to several Pakistan Government departments and the UK Charity supported the recruitment of an administrative assistant in Pakistan to help carry out this work. Following successful registration with the Department of Philanthropy, application was made to the Department of Economic Affairs. There are several other departments which also require documentation to be submitted and approved.</p> <p>During the year the Treasurer has successfully dealt with a number of difficulties relating to the transfer of funding.</p>
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	<p>However, a freeze on the school's banking arrangements in Pakistan has been imposed, pending the school completing the process of registration with the government. This has created some serious cash flow problems as the school has not been able to access their bank account and finance transferred by the UK charity.</p> <p>The school owns a property in Lahore and in a further complication for school finances has had serious difficulties and delays in ousting a troublesome tenant.</p> <p>The UK Trust Board has met virtually during the UK lockdown and a planned expansion of the Trust Board has not gone ahead this year.</p> <p>During the year, new options for donating to the charity were offered. In September a donation facility on Facebook was created at no charge to the charity. This pays gifts directly into the charity's bank account when donations reach a certain threshold. The charity was also added as an option for supporters to donate via Amazon Smile, though the sums are currently very small.</p> <p>Again the Noor Ministries (UK) Charity Trust Board wishes to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and hard work of the Principal, Sajida Iqbal, the schools' staff and the Noor Trust Board in Pakistan, particularly as this has been a difficult year. We also and again thank all our donors for their continuing generosity. We are so grateful for their continued faithfulness and support.</p>
<b>SECTION E</b>	<b>Financial Review</b>
	<p>Through the year donations of £148,983 were made to the UK charity, which is approximately £3,800 less than last year. However, an additional £14,688 was raised in Gift Aid payments, resulting in only a slight fall in income of £638.</p> <p>Transfers of £120,000 were made to the school's bank account in Pakistan, though this became inaccessible pending approval of the school's registration with various Pakistan Government departments. The UK charity decided to retain funds in its own bank account until the situation is resolved, resulting in a bank balance of £55,711. Some individual gifts for urgent and essential costs have been possible.</p> <p>In line with our duty of care to ensure UK funding is used appropriately, designated spending is agreed in advance with the school Principal and a copy of the Noor (Pakistan) charity budget was obtained. Funding this year has primarily been used in Pakistan to pay essential utility bills, staff wages and school transport costs. However, special mention must be made of the gifts amounting to approximately £23,000 for funding pandemic lockdown relief work by the schools.</p>

	<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves.</p> <p>The charity exists to facilitate the transfer of funds from the UK to Noor Ministries in Pakistan. There are no paid employees in the charity and Income and Expenditure is monitored closely to ensure reserves are at an acceptable level.</p> <p>Details of any funds materially in deficit.</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
<b>SECTION G</b>	<b>Declaration</b>
	<p>Signed on behalf of the Noor Ministries Trustees</p> <p>Mark Heaton</p> <p>Chairman</p>

**NOOR MINISTRIES – REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1143470**

**Financial Statement for the Period 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

**INCOME**

Donations received	148,983.57
Gift Aid repayments	14,688.50
	<b><u>163,672.07</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Bank Charges	84.00
Communication Equipment	1000.00
University Fees	500.00
Shipping	62.00
	<u>1,646.00</u>

**Surplus before transfer of funds      162,026.07**

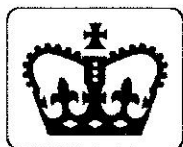
Transfer of Funds	120,000.00
Bank Charges	210.00

**Excess of Income during the year      41,816.07**

**REPRESENTED BY :**

Bank Balance at 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	13,895.29
Excess of Income during Year	41,816.07

**Bank Balance as at 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021      55,711.36**



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**NOOR MINISTRIES**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2021**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1143470**

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

**Signed:**

*T Cutts*

**Date:**

*19 MAY 2021*

**Name:**

**THOMAS CUTTS**

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

**N/A**

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

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

