



# Trustees' Annual Report

1 Jun 2022 - 31 Jul 2023

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## WellWishers

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 Jul 2023

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 July 2023 and confirm it complies with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

#### Reference and Administrative Information

**Charity Name** WellWishers

**Charity Registration Number** 1152057

**Registered Office** 296 Deane Church Lane,  
Bolton  
BL3 4EU

#### Board of Trustees

Ilyasahmed Hasan Patel  
Muhammed Suhail Patel  
Abdurrahman Patel  
Talha Patel  
Omarfarooq Patel  
Muhammed Sameer Patel  
Ammar Patel

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing Document

WellWishers is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 16 May 2013 under charity number 1152057. It is governed by a deed of trust last updated on 15 May 2013.

### Organisational Structure and Management

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet together as a body on a relatively regular basis, where possible, and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the charity and its activities. The trustees are assigned tasks during these meetings and there is regular communication during the intervening periods, through the use of messaging and task management tools, to ensure tasks are completed in a timely fashion.

## Objectives and Activities

### Aims

To advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public through, but not limited to, the following means:

- the provision of sacred space for worship and holding prayer services and lectures
- contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and adults

### Strategies and Activities

To achieve its aims, the charity:

- aims to hold events in relation to issues that need addressing
- offers a graphical approach using interactive tools and visual aids to ease learning and understanding
- provides resources, tools and downloads
- contributes towards a better society by promoting social cohesion
- works towards providing relief to the poorest and most vulnerable

## How the Activities deliver Public Benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims and objectives. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, contribute to the spiritual and moral education of the Muslims who have participated in the activities, whether directly or indirectly.

### Online Activity

The Internet is the greatest exposure the charity has to the wider world. Two of the trustees - who have a background in IT - continue to maintain the charity's websites<sup>1</sup> that are being accessed and benefited from on a daily basis.

<b>Website</b>	The wellwishers.org.uk website, maintained by the trustees, continues to be used as a hub and repository for all the activities carried out by the charity. The website continues to be visited by thousands of users from across the globe.
<b>Tools</b>	Users of the website continued to benefit from existing tools
<b>Support</b>	Trustees provided support to, and responded to queries of, users who contacted the charity via the contact form on the website

### Events

One of the key objectives of the charity is to holds events in relation to issues that need addressing and in contributing to the spiritual and moral education of children and adults. Using its own projector and screen and to ease learning and understanding, interactive tools and visual aids in the form of *PowerPoint* slides were used. The material disseminated at each event, where applicable, was also uploaded to the website for the benefit of both participants and the wider public.

Here is a list detailing the various events that were held over the year, all of which were presented by the trustees of the charity:-

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<sup>1</sup>wellwishers.org.uk and Quranic.info

<b>Jurisprudence of Zakāh</b>	An event was held at a Mosque over two days to cover the main rulings pertaining to <i>Zakāh</i> . This included discussion on the importance of <i>Zakāh</i> , when it is payable, how it is payable, how much is payable, who is eligible to receive <i>Zakāh</i> , and a <i>Zakāh</i> calculator demonstration. This was followed with a Question and Answer session to give attendees the opportunity to have their queries clarified. Around 250 people participated and benefited from this event.
<b>Vaping: The Facts</b>	An event was held at a Mosque in Bolton to deal with the ever-growing problem of vaping in the community, especially among the youth. The facts were presented from both an Islamic and medical perspective by two of the trustees, one an Islamic scholar and the other a practising GP. Around 200 participants benefited in total.
<b>Common Tajweed Mistakes</b>	An event was held at a couple of Mosques in Bolton covering the importance of <i>Tajweed</i> <sup>2</sup> , basic rules and corrections of common mistakes. Approximately 100 people benefited in total.
<b>Inheritance</b>	An event was held at a Mosque in Bolton over two days detailing the importance of inheritance and of writing a will, how to distribute wealth after death and how to deal with debts; and the necessary preparation an individual should make before death. Around 500 people benefited in total.

Events were promoted via social media, and the talks were livestreamed on YouTube, meaning many more people were also able to listen to them online. The talks were also transmitted via radio signal and MasjidLive so they could be listened to via receiver transmission.

## Expenditure

One of the purposes of the charity is to cater for the poor and needy, in conjunction with fulfilling the obligation of *Zakāh* for Muslims. Three key types of donations were made that needed to be spent within the year of receipt: *Sadaqah Wājibah*, *Zakāh* and *Sadaqah Nāfilah*<sup>3</sup>.

In addition to this, donations were spent towards projects that the charity deemed worthy, as detailed below.

<b>Zakāh</b>	<p>Zakāh is one of the key requirements that every Muslim must discharge, provided they meet its conditions. A total of £12,076 was spent towards this, via the following projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 40 food packs for Somalians affected by the drought there (£3,800)</li><li>2. Emergency aid for Yemen (£1000)</li><li>3. Emergency aid to support those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria (£4,526)</li><li>4. Support for the impoverished in Afghanistan (£1,000)</li><li>5. Supporting 70 orphans in Albania (£1,750)</li></ol>
<b>Admin Costs</b>	A total of £725 was spent, the bulk of which was towards project costs incurred by partner charities, and some to cover accountancy fees.

Efforts are still underway to research opportunities to distribute to the poor directly.

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<sup>2</sup>The rules and etiquette of reciting the *Qur-ān* in the manner it was revealed.

<sup>3</sup>*Sadaqah Nāfilah*, or *Lillāh*, is voluntary charity.

## Accountability and Administration

The charity was set up to benefit the wider public and, as such, the trustees hold a strict view with regards expenditure of any donated funds to ensure they are spent on the right causes and that no unnecessary spending occurs. Some of the ways the trustees have managed this, and accountability in general, are discussed hereunder.

<b>Monthly Meetings</b>	The trustees endeavour to hold regular meetings in which past, present and oncoming tasks are discussed, as well as any new developments. Trustees are encouraged to come up with innovative ways to benefit the wider public. Suggestions of what to include in the Agenda of each meeting are solicited prior to the meetings and minutes recorded of discussions made during them. Ad hoc meetings are held when necessary.
<b>Expenses</b>	All running costs of the charity, such as development and hosting of the website, holding events and travel costs, and purchasing items and equipment, are managed by the trustees out of their own pockets; no expenses are claimed.
<b>100% Donation Policy</b>	The charity adheres to a strict 100% donation policy. To achieve this, money from gift aid is spent towards project costs in order to ensure all the charity money is spent on the campaigns for which it is solicited without a penny being deducted, even for administrating projects.
<b>Dual Signatures</b>	Any payments that are made from the bank account require a dual signature (from two trustees) to ensure there is verification of any expenditure and to avoid any irregularities.

## Plans for Future Periods

The following are some of the plans that the trustees have discussed for the future:

1. add another tool, such as an inheritance calculator, to the website for the benefit of the wider public
2. start delivering presentations online to benefit more people, overcome venue restrictions and for longer-term viability
3. invest in better server provision for the websites and consider having an online donation campaign targeting this to solicit funds
4. consider running a local or national campaign that would provide benefit to the public, and collect funds to realise it. The following ideas have been considered thus far:
  - a) Locate an underdeveloped country, form an alliance with local charities on the ground and start a campaign to collect donations for causes there
  - b) Donate to a local cause, e.g. the local hospice
5. continue to look for a property in which prayer services and lectures, as well as the education of both children and adults, can take place

## Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Abdurrahman Patel (Trustee)  
26 May 2024



**Charity registration number: 1152057**

**Wellwishers Trust**

(Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO))

**Report and Accounts**

**30 June 2023**

# **Wellwishers Trust**

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**Wellwishers Trust**  
**Charity Information**  
**for the period ended 30 June 2023**

**Address**

296 Deane Church Lane  
BOLTON  
Gtr Manchester  
BL3 4EU

**Charity registration number: 1152057**

**Trustees**

Muhammed Suhail Patel  
Abdurrahman Patel  
Ilyasahmed Hasan Patel  
Dr Talha Patel  
Omar Farooq Patel  
Muhammed Sameer Patel  
Ammar Patel

**Appointed independent examiner**

M A Ibrahim (FCCA)

**Accountants**

M.A.I (Accountants) Limited  
7 St Andrews Street  
Blackburn  
Lancashire  
BB1 8AE

**Bankers**

Barklays Bank UK PLC  
1 - 5 Market St,  
BOLTON  
BL1 1BU

## **Wellwishers Trust**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wellwishers Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wellwishers Trust (the Trust) for the period ended 30 June 2023.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any 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 out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

The appointed independent examiner of the trust:

M A Ibrahim (FCCA) for and on behalf of  
M.A.I (Accountants) Limited  
7 St Andrews Street  
Blackburn  
Lancashire  
BB1 8AE

Date: 29/05/2024

**Wellwishers Trust**  
**Statement of financial activities**  
**for the period ended 30 June 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income</b>	<b>3</b>					
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies		45	6,716	-	6,761	17,081
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>					
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities		725	12,076	-	12,801	6,374
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>		<u>(680)</u>	<u>(5,360)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,040)</u>	<u>10,707</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		8,806	12,411	-	21,217	10,510
Net incoming resources for the year		(680)	(5,360)	-	(6,040)	10,707
Transfer between Funds		(20)	20	-	(0)	0
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>8,106</u>	<u>7,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,177</u>	<u>21,217</u>

**Wellwishers Trust**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**At 30 June 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>						
Cash at bank and in hand		8,256	7,071	-	15,327	21,367
		8,256	7,071	-	15,327	21,367
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>						
Trade creditors and accruals	6	150	-	-	150	150
<b>Net current assets</b>		8,106	7,071	-	15,177	21,217
<b>Net assets</b>		8,106	7,071	-	15,177	21,217
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>						
	7					
Unrestricted funds		8,106	-	-	8,106	8,806
Restricted income funds		-	7,071	-	7,071	12,411
<b>Total funds</b>		8,106	7,071	-	15,177	21,217

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Muhammed Suhail Patel  
Trustee

Date: 29/05/2024

**Wellwishers Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the period ended 30 June 2023**

**Basis of preparation**

**1 *Basis of accounting***

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 and charities SORP (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019, published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales.

The charity is a public benefit entity.

**2 *Accounting Policies***

***Income***

Income from charitable activities and voluntary donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

***Expenditure***

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis.

***Unrestricted funds***

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

***Restricted funds***

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor(s) or with their authority (e.g. in a public appeal) or created through legal process, but still within the wider objects of the charity. Restricted funds may be restricted income funds, which are spent at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of some particular aspect(s) of the objects of the charity, or they may be endowment funds, where the assets are required to be invested, or retained for actual use, rather than spent.

**Wellwishers Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the period ended 30 June 2023**

3 Analysis of income	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted	Endowment funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Prior year £
		income funds £			
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Donations	45	6,716	-	6,761	17,081
<b>Total</b>	45	6,716	-	6,761	17,081
<b>Total income</b>	45	6,716	-	6,761	17,081

4 Analysis of expenditure	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted	Endowment funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Prior year £
		income funds £			
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
Grants & Donations	575	12,076	-	12,651	6,215
Accountancy fees	150	-	-	150	150
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	9
<b>Total</b>	725	12,076	-	12,801	6,374
<b>Total expenditure</b>	725	12,076	-	12,801	6,374

**5 Grants made to institutions**

<b>Name of institutions</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>£</b>
Ummah Welfare Trust	Somalia drought appeal	3,800.00
Ummah Welfare Trust	Turkey earthquake appeal	4,526.00
Ummah Welfare Trust	Other Zakaah projects	2,000.00
Muslim Welfare Institute	Albania Appeal	1,750.00
Ummah Welfare Trust	Admin cost support	575.00
		<u>12,651</u>



**Wellwishers Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the period ended 30 June 2023**

<b>6 Creditors</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Analysis of creditors:		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	150	150
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

**7 Analysis of fund assets and liabilities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted income funds £</b>	<b>Endowment funds £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Current assets	8,256	7,071	-	15,327
Current liabilities	(150)	-	-	(150)
	<u>8,106</u>	<u>7,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,177</u>

**8 Details of certain items of expenditure**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees for examination of the accounts		
Independent examiner's fees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**9 Transactions with trustees and related parties.**

There were no benefits, expenses or remuneration paid to the Trustees or persons connected to them.

<b>10 Employees</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Average number of employees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.