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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 AUGUST 2024
FOR
OJAALA WELFARE FOUNDATION

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OJAALA WELFARE FOUNDATION

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 AUGUST 2024**

Trustees	Mrs N B Riaz (Director & Trustee) S R H Shah (Director) G D Shah (Director & Trustee) N Sarwar (Trustee)
Registered office	27-29 Chapel street Brierfield Nelson Lancashire BB9 5SH
Registered company number	08656153 (England and Wales)
Registered charity number	1154697
Independent examiner	Xeinadin Ground Floor Citygate Longridge Road Preston PR2 5BQ

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 AUGUST 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 August 2024. 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 objects of the organisation as set out in the constitution are as follows:

1. Relief of poverty
2. Advancement of education
3. Advancement of religion
4. Helping the needy and poor including widows and orphans
5. Aiding where natural disasters have occurred

When planning activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Strategies

We want to make our educational project to be accessible and a catalyst to a new future with bright options as a passport out of poverty. We ensure that they receive the appropriate English language teaching and that the successful children are helped into places at higher, further and post graduate education.

All classes, open days and seminars are widely advertised and we welcome the participation of all neighbours (both Muslims and non-Muslims) in our educational initiatives and workshops where we share our values, culture, traditions and our faith with wider society. We also hold an open week each year when we invite congregations from all the local places of worship to visit us and learn more about our work. An important part of our faith is charitable giving we are pleased to receive Zakat, Fitrana, qurbani, Mawlid and sadaqa donations for the sole purpose of the relief of need, overcome financial hardship and provide future social progression opportunities to younger generations especially those who have insufficient income or savings to cover their basic essential needs for shelter, food, clothing or who are destitute with no means of support.

We are mindful that all staff, students, volunteers and partners are upright people that are law abiding good citizens and that we be smartly vigilant to protect them from crime, corruption, hatred, extremism and terrorism.

Grantmaking

The charity through various campaigns and appeals receives money from the generosity of caring donors. The charity awards these monies to partner education facilities in which we allocate and budget funds to help overcome some short term financial problems of parents thus enabling pupils' education to continue. We also administer the receipt and distribution of zakat, fitrana, qurbani, sadaqa, Mawlid and Ghiyarveen shareef donations.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource in our work and are involved in most of our community activities. We encourage all members of our community to be involved in voluntary activities to share their skills with others. All volunteers working with projects involving children or elderly people are CRB checked or vetted with verified professional references provided for each.

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Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

We directly benefit through our main project that is educational:

- 60 hostel resident children and their families
- and 250+ local area children

Daily

- A safe and organised space is provided for cultural and religious needs of the local community serving them at times of need, celebrations, festivities, births, marriages and deaths.
- The pastoral needs, spiritual surgeries and devotional guidance is provided for by an appointed qualified learned respected Imam.
- Daily worship five times a day is organised and the daily prayer services are lead to a timetable.
- Children receive a structured moral, spiritual, cultural and religious education.
- All the children attend a mainstream school for education where all the teaching resources for the school and students are provided for by the charity.
- After school all residential children are provided lunch daily.
- Organised games activities are provided every day at playtime with a range of different sports that include football, basketball, cricket and hockey etc.
- In the evening the residential children have tutors provided to them to help them with revision for one hour each day.
- Some popular skills development classes are provided including I.T, Tailoring.
- Every two weeks the hostel children are sent home for a weekend the home-trip funded by the charity.
- We have a monthly review of the residential and local children's progress after which is decided on what area we need to work together on their development.
- The Children with the best progress are recognised and rewarded.
- All children are offered from Nursery all the way up to university studies (degree, masters and phd etc) if any of the children choose to pursue these pathways.
- Children are provided training about the modern methods of farming, growing seasonal vegetables which can help them to do agribusiness in future.

Bi-annually

Every six months the children are taken on trips to local theme parks, zoo, tourist destinations like Lahore, Islamabad, Mirpur and other relevant places for either study visits and leisure.

Annually

- Annually we hold a Reports Day in which parents of the children are invited and updated on their child's progress.
- Children with achievements, good progress and successful results provided with awards certificates. Medals, trophies.
- During red-letter festivity seasons and at the end of the educational year we arrange for guest respected public speakers different professionals are invited to speak to the children to motivate, envision, inspire and provide positive role models to boost their potentials.
- We collect used clothes and shoes from the local community and cargo them to Pakistan where we distribute them to the deserving families. This year we had sent over 5,000 kilogram with of shoes and clothes to Pakistan and helped needy people in many areas e.g. Gujrat, Sialkot, Mandi Bahawaldin, Multan and Sindh.
- we have providing safe housing to people who are either homeless or living in extremely poor houses. This year we helped 50 families, which consist of atleast 300 people with safe housing.

In the learning centre the resident Children are provided with all their basic needs including but not limited to:

- Free accommodation, food, cloths, study material
- onsite access to computer lab, library
- Free mentoring.
- Solar panel and backup generators for 24x7 supply of energy.
- Highly qualified teachers, tutors and learning assistants for children with special needs.
- For security we have 24/7 CCTV cameras and security guards to ensure safety.

Community Hall:

Hall and rooms: Our hall and meeting rooms are available for use by local groups and organisations.

Homework club and IT classes: At weekends and during school holidays a supervised homework club is supported and supervised by volunteer tutors, and over 35 children regularly attend the club. In addition we have a small IT suite and hold classes on a weekly basis for those who want to learn more about computers.

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Prayers: The community prayer area is open all day for daily and Friday prayers. During the week we have over 350 people who regularly attend daily prayers and over 400 who regularly attend Friday & Eid prayers.

Festivals: The place of worship prepares food during Ramadan for those attending our place of worship who wish to break their fast together. Eid was also celebrated at the Mosque with a family day and communal meal. We also celebrate Saints' days and offer a monthly service of thanksgiving celebrating the birth of our religious and spiritual figurehead Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him.

Funeral facilities: The Mosque provides a complete funeral service in line with the teachings of Islam. We relieve the deceased's bereaved relatives of the burden of organising burials. We also hold special classes to teach people how to proceed with Islamic burial procedures.

Civil marriage and Nikkah: The Imams office provides Muslim couples with an appropriate location for both their civil marriage and Nikkah (Islamic marriage). About 15 couples were married at the Mosque in the year.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The charity's main source of income are seasonal donations, regular donors and sponsors. Giving at Friday prayers are declining due given the economic conditions currently affecting our local community this level of voluntary giving is both generous and encouraging.

The collection and distribution of Zakat, Fitrana, Qurbani, Sadaqa, Mawlid and Ghiyarveen shareef funds are of great benefit to those in poverty or need overseas, and the trustees were delighted to exceed last year's collection in such difficult economic times.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. Our cash reserves are held in deposit accounts. The interest earned is considered as a gift of the UK banking system and supplements the work supported by the collection of Zakat.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet four months operating costs of the main project, excluding the collection and distribution of seasonal donations, and of our community educational activities and programmes.

Future plans

We intend to maintain our existing range of community activities working in partnership with the community and to further develop our community projects in collaboration with partners to make these sustainable and effective in the long term. We continue to place great importance on sharing a good understanding of different faiths and cultures as well as being neighbourly building cohesion and hope to be more proactive in educating communities against trends in crime and corruption, warning the wider public about the preying nature including pitfalls of extremism and terrorism.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

OJAALA WELFARE FOUNDATION is constituted & registered trust with the Charity Commission in August 2013, under charity No 1154697 and it is governed by our constitution adopted in August 2013.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees but in so doing the trustees seek the views and recommendations of both elders, professionals and community leaders. The trustees believe this approach ensures that new trustees are respected members of the local communities and ensures that good relations are fostered between different people building social cohesion in the local community that we serve.

When selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who are vetted, skilled, committed and regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they may be proposed as future trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

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Structure, governance and management

Organisational structure

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

The trustees meet together as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to activities provided by the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity the trustees have set up a number of sub-committees that help them oversee certain aspects of the charity's work.

Sub-committees are currently set up for finance, education, distribution, day-to-day management of the building and report back with their updates and recommendations to the full meeting of the trustees.

The sub-committees each meet six times a year, on alternate months to each other. The chair of trustees or another trustee in his absence will chair sub-committees whose membership reflects the particular skills that trustees can bring to the work of the sub-committees. The day-to-day management of the community hub, educational site, hostel facilities, all resources and projects are assigned and delegated to the appropriate team. A separate committee deals with the collection and distribution of donations that meets monthly to review targets, milestones and future direction.

Induction and training of new trustees

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. A number of publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the Essential Trustee, guidance on charities and public benefit, on the advancement of religion and education for the public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. Initially, new trustees work with an existing trustee assisting on particular activities and projects run by the charity. After satisfactory feedback from existing trustees, they are then given the task of leading a particular activity or project, reporting progress at trustees' meetings.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix regularly at their meetings and at meetings of the two sub-committees on finance and buildings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. Appropriate Criminal Records Bureau (CRB), vetting and verification checks are supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the projects, school, hostel, or community spaces.

Partnership working and performance review

In developing our community programmes, we are pleased to work in partnership with both of which have provided funding and invaluable advice. Our charity support projects working close with Ojaala International English School, Masjid Asrar, and Jannat Bibi hostel. The have also been very supportive of our educational initiatives as have a number of local community organisations, in particular officials of Union Council Bagarianwala who have worked closely with us on a number of initiatives. We look to all our partners, including, to give feedback on the success of our initiatives, receive any criticisms, then the trustees review the progress and outcomes of our work at each meeting.

A liaison meeting is held each term with school staff, parents and members of the local education authority to assess the progress and improvements that can be made to this programme

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 August 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs N B Riaz - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
OJAALA WELFARE FOUNDATION**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ojaala Welfare Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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30 August 2025

OJAALA WELFARE FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 AUGUST 2024

		2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments from	Notes		
Donations and legacies		31,645	41,737
Investment income	2	626	82
Total		<u>32,271</u>	<u>41,819</u>
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activity		<u>46,131</u>	<u>54,877</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(13,860)	(13,058)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		68,029	81,087
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>54,169</u></u>	<u><u>68,029</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
30 AUGUST 2024

		2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
	Notes	£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank		54,318	68,179
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(149)	(150)
Net current assets		<u>54,169</u>	<u>68,029</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		54,169	68,029
NET ASSETS		<u>54,169</u>	<u>68,029</u>
Funds	6		
Unrestricted funds		54,169	68,029
Total funds		<u>54,169</u>	<u>68,029</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 August 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

N B Riaz - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 AUGUST 2024**

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

2. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>626</u>	<u>82</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 August 2024 nor for the year ended 30 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 August 2024 nor for the year ended 30 August 2023.

4. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted fund £
Income and endowments from	
Donations and legacies	41,737
Investment income	<u>82</u>
Total	<u>41,819</u>
Expenditure on	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activity	54,877

4. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities - continued

	Unrestricted fund £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(13,058)
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward	81,087
Total funds carried forward	<u>68,029</u>

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	(1)	-
Accrued expenses	150	150
	<u>149</u>	<u>150</u>

6. Movement in funds

	At 31.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	68,029	(13,860)	54,169
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,029</u>	<u>(13,860)</u>	<u>54,169</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,271	(46,131)	(13,860)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,271</u>	<u>(46,131)</u>	<u>(13,860)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 31.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	81,087	(13,058)	68,029
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>81,087</u>	<u>(13,058)</u>	<u>68,029</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. 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	41,819	(54,877)	(13,058)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>41,819</u>	<u>(54,877)</u>	<u>(13,058)</u>

7. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 August 2024.