



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 April 2023	To	31 March 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Gujarati Sunni Muslim Community Centre

Other names charity is known by Eldon Street Madrasa-E-Talimul Islam

Registered charity number (if any) 1161868

Charity's principal address 15 Eldon Street

Preston

Lancashire

Postcode PR1 7YD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Abdulkader Padia	Chairman		
2	Yunus Amla	Treasurer		
3	Ahmed Rawat	Assistant Chairman		
4	Yakub Patel	Assistant Treasurer		
5	Salim Patel	Acting Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Ebrahim Mulla	
Ashfaque Bhaiyat	
Abdulkader Padia	
Ismail Padia	
Yunus Amla	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Abdulkader Padia

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution GSMCC/ESM
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Body
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Madrasa has young children attending daily. Safeguarding is a major concern.

All staff and volunteers associated with the Madrasa have DBS clearance and have been given training in safeguarding.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Islamic religion in the Preston, Plungington area for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of Islamic festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Islam and to enlighten others about the religion of Islam.

To improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the local area by providing facilities and activities in the interest of social welfare.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Each day of the year we have held prayer meetings for the five daily prayers including an extra Friday prayer. We also held tarawee prayers during the month of Ramadan.

The Madrasa (Islamic Education Centre) continues to operate and student numbers have stabilised to around 40. We have 2 staff members who teach at the Madrasa, 5 days a week but in the future we will need more teachers as student numbers increase.

The Ladies weekly classes and the monthly programme continue to have a strong following.

Due to the renovation programme the KS1 and KS2 packs have once again not been updated. We do continue to engage with local schools and we hope to increase our activity in this area in the future.

Foreign student numbers in the local area have increased this year again and they are mainly from the African continent. We continue to help those that do arrive, and the two people who have helped them over the last few years continue helping these students to settle in to the local community. They also help with registering with doctors and finding housing if required.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We would like to extend the qualifications of our teachers and will be looking to find appropriate teaching vocational courses in the local area to assist in this goal. This aim is now part and parcel of our investment into our staff.

Moving the Madrasa towards an academy and open learning would serve the community better. To this goal we will aim at progressing this in the coming years. We hope the “it’s time to grow” project when completed will give us extra educational teaching space.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Much of the normal activity was curtailed such as the highly popular Student Lead Story Session. However the end of year graduating event did go ahead and was a great success.

Student numbers in the Madrasa have slowly increased and are stable at around 40 however we have some 10 students on a waiting list to join.

The Madrasa continues to innovate and is now one of the oldest in the city. It is widely considered one of the most innovative, contemporary cutting edge Madrasas in Preston. The aligned school and Madrasa academic years works well and we envisage keeping it the same from now on. We have kept the financial contribution the same now for several years in line with the vision of the founders and that was also true this year. However with the increase in costs due to inflation, we may need to re-think this position for the future.

The number of foreign students has stabilised and most of the remaining students tend to be from the African continent. They still need considerable help in settling in. The help has been similar to that of helping asylum seekers and so we were well equipped adapt to their needs. We continue to help those that do arrive and those that continue to need help. We have assisted them in every facet of living in the UK. Their presence has benefited the centre greatly and has broadened the cultural experience within the centre.

Adult Islamic education has remained the same this year. We will continue to monitor interest and adjust classes as required during the coming year.

Once again this year we attempted to upgrade the Key stage packs but once again we gave priority to other events including the "It's time to grow project". We hope to progress next year in an attempt to enhance the experience for school visits in the future. This should make any further visits a more integrated educational experience. Work continues in this regard.

The "It's Time To Grow" project has moved forward this year. Substantial progress has been made including breaking through to the new building in some areas. Although there have been substantial delays we hope to complete this project by March 2025.

The projected final cost of this project is now increased to around £450,000 and collections continue. The substantial portion of the cost has already been collected. We hope to keep the momentum going on this project and complete early next year.

Almost all admin is now done via the website including membership, Madrasa and Giftaid application. We are now one of the only Mosques employing advanced technology to streamline administration to this level.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The yearly membership donation and Madrasa donations gives us approximately 6 months of reserve and we aim to have approximately 3 months of reserve at any one time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Abdulkader Padia

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

01 Aug 2024



Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
Gujarati Sunni Muslim Community Centre		1161868		
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01-Apr-23		31-Mar-24	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
easyDonate Donation	854	-	-	854	-
Eid Lillah	-	-	-	-	-
External Chunda Collection	14,644	-	-	14,644	-
Giftaid	7,407	-	-	7,407	-
Jalsa Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Jumma Lunch	-	-	-	-	-
Lillah	21,237	-	-	21,237	-
Madrasa Donation	9,925	-	-	9,925	-
Membership Donation	12,228	-	-	12,228	-
Musalla Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	758	-	-	758	-
Qarz-e-Hasana	-	-	-	-	-
Renovation Donation	-	82,199	-	82,199	-
Tajweed Class Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,053	82,199	-	149,252	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,053	82,199	-	149,252	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Broadband	312	-	-	312	-
C M Recovery	146	-	-	146	-
Council Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
External Chunda Payment	7,208	-	-	7,208	-
Gas	-	-	-	-	-
Gas & Electric	5,615	-	-	5,615	-
Insurance	853	-	-	853	-
Jalsa Expenses	160	-	-	160	-
Other Expenditure	2,163	-	-	2,163	-
Pension	701	-	-	701	-
Phone & Internet	-	-	-	-	-
Qarz-e-Hasana Returned	-	-	-	-	-
Renovation Expenses	-	115,740	-	115,740	-
Tax/NI	1,158	-	-	1,158	-
Wages	21,310	-	-	21,310	-
Water	448	-	-	448	-
Sub total	40,074	115,740	-	155,814	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	40,074	115,740	-	155,814	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,979	- 33,541	-	- 6,562	-
A5 Transfers between funds	(9,407)	9,407	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,832	87,776	-	136,607	-
Cash funds this year end	66,404	63,642	-	130,045	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Normal Account	60,626	-	-
	Renovation Account	-	60,874	-
	Paypal			
	Cash in Hand	5,779	2,768	-
	Total cash funds	66,405	63,642	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Rounding Error Only	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Main Property	Unrestricted	-	-
	No13 Property Next Door	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	A.Padia	A.Padia	04-Oct-24	

EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT (NON-COMPANY CHARITY)

This is the Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gujarati Sunni Muslim Community Centre (GSMCC) also operating as Eldon Street Madrasa-E-Talimul Islam (ESM)

I am reporting on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 Mar 2024, which are set out on pages 2-3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 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 next statement.

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 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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

Signed:

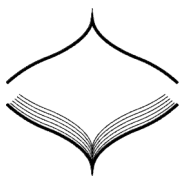


Name: MAHAMED AHMED TOJEE

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: WYCOLLE, WYCOLLE ROAD, BURRICHURN, BB27AF.

Date: 04/10/2024



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