

LIGHT OF HIRA

England & Wales · Charity number 1163530

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-09-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO ADVANCE THE RELIGION OF ISLAM, BY MEANS OF, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, PROMOTING AND PROPAGATING THE TEACHINGS AND TENETS OF ISLAM, THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR ISLAMIC EDUCATION, SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, AND PASTORAL SUPPORT FOR MUSLIMS, NEW MUSLIMS (PERSONS REVERTED OR CONVERTED TO ISLAM) AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE QURAN AND SUNNAH OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD PBUH AS EXPOUNDED BY THE AHLE SUNNAH WAL JAMAH SCHOOL OF THOUGHT;(2) TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, DISTRESS AND SUFFERING AMONG POOR PEOPLE, HOMELESS PERSONS, VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN NEED, BY MEANS OF, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, MAKING GRANTS OR LOANS FOR PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR ITEMS, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER WELLS AND THE PROVISION OF FOOD, CLOTHING, AND ACCOMMODATION FOR THE SAID PERSONS;

Activities: Light of Hira provides classes to new Muslims and meets with people interested in Islam. It distributes reliable and authentic Islamic literature to the public, including prisons. It assists periodically with Food Collection Service collecting donated items from the local Muslim community, with the purpose of donating non-perishable food items to the poverty stricken a/o those living in crisis.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£50,356	£12,127	-	-
2023-12-31	£148,042	£14,513	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,311	£12,339	-	-
2021-12-31	£12,341	£10,714	-	-
2020-12-31	£6,706	£16,501	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	Chair	2015-04-20
DAWOOD ABOWATH		2015-04-20
RASHID PANCHBHAYA		2022-08-22

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

LIGHT OF HIRA

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1163530

Charity's principal address

2 BERNERS STREET
LEICESTER

Postcode LE2 0AF

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	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	CHAIRMAN		
2	DAWOOD ABOWATH	VICE-CHAIRMAN		
3	RASHID PANCHBHAYA	VICE-CHAIRMAN		
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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
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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We will be possibly looking at revising our CIO constitution next year, since it will be nearly a decade since we adopted it. When we registered our charity, the Charity Commission had just launched the new CIO format. There is an updated version of the CIOs Foundation Model launched in 2023. We want to update our constitution to reflect these changes and make it fully compliant with the new recommendations, as well as making some amendments to reflect the needs of our charity, especially after having bought our permanent premises.

Our present structure is the following:

Mr Muhammad Isa Abdullah – Chairman
Mr Dawood Abowath – Vice-chairman
Mr Rashid Panchbhaya – Vice-chairman

We have also revised and adopted new policies for our CIO to make it fully compliant with the policies recommended by the Charity Commission.

Revised Policies:

- 1 Addressing Terrorism and/or other concerns Policy Guidelines
- 2 General Policy for Writing, Producing, Publishing including Media
- 3 Organising Events & Holding Public Lectures Policy Guidelines
- 4 Expenses Policy Guide
- 5 Financial Controls Policy
- 6 Code of Conduct for Trustees
- 7 CIO's Official & Trustees' Personal Information Record
- 8 Conflicts of Interest Policy (Part 1)
Declaration of Interests Policy Form (Part 2)
Register of Interests at the CIO (Part 3)

Newly Adopted Policies:

- 1 Prevent Statement
- 2 Safeguarding Policy & Procedures
- 3 Bullying & Harassment Policy
- 4 Disability & Special Needs Policy
- 5 Internal Risk Management Policy and Procedures (Part 1)
- 6 CIO Risk Register for Internal Risk Management Policy (Part 2)
- 7 Complaints Policy
- 8 Serious Incident Reporting Policy & Procedures
- 9 Whistleblowing Policy & Procedures
- 10 Procedure to VET an External Speaker
- 11 Financial Reserves Policy & Procedures
- 12 Investing Charity Funds Policy & Procedures
- 13 CCTV Policy

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Our charity has newly adopted an Investing Charity Funds Policy. However, we will not undertake lucrative investments ventures to benefit the CIO, for as long as our loans acquired to purchase our permanent premises have not been paid off. At present our raised funds are only directed towards the repayment of loans acquired to purchase this property. This purchase has now enabled the CIO to discontinue paying rent for temporary leased property.

All the activities undertaken by this CIO are performed by the valuable first-hand contributions of trustees and volunteers in terms of giving up their valuable time to pursue our charity's objectives.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following the purchase of our charity's property in November 2023. We started renovating it. The charity was fully refurbished by February 2024.

We also refurbished the charity's new property to comply with all regulations in terms of safety, security, fire regulations, electricity, and all necessary building regulation policies. Our property opened to the public in mid-February 2024.

With the purchase of our property our activities have expanded. This year we focused primarily on embedding our initial faith-specific classes to the new Muslims who have contacted us to benefit from our services, as this is the core of our activities. We can say confidently that our classes have tripled, thus consolidating this service.

Our presence in the internet has been expanding, thus making people more aware of our services. Various organisations have contacted us for guidance on various topics, e.g. support to New Muslims, issuance of faith certificates, and dissemination of literature produced by ourselves etc.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our charity was established in 2015 and counts with limited funds. Our CIO has recently adopted a Financial Reserves Policy.

Our past public contributions and loans allowed us to save to purchase our own premises to increase our services and serve the public better and in a more suited fit-for-purpose premises and location. At present and for the foreseeable future, all raised funds and donations are being used to repay the contracted loans that were acquired for the purchase of our permanent base.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

The charity's funding relies solely on public funds for its activities. It runs strictly by volunteers at the moment. There has been no need to pay or hire anyone to-date in order to fulfil the charities' objectives.

We have reviewed the following finances' related policies:
Financial Controls Policy
Expenses Policy Guide

Our CIO has recently adopted an Investing Charity Funds Policy & Procedures as mentioned earlier, and it includes faith/ethical investment guidelines.

Section F

Other optional information

Future projects:

- We intend to continue providing reliable Islamic literature and other faith resources to Muslim prisoners in the prison estate throughout the whole of UK which would contribute to their reducing re-offending and also serve as a tool of deradicalization.
- To increase the frequency of food collections to support the local charities, other organisations and public institutions that look after the local people living in different types of crises, void of resources to look after their own subsistence needs.
- To introduce faith-specific classes to the local neighbours in order to enhance their religious practice.
- Commencing faith classes for children will also be considered by the trustees, after ensuring all procedures are in place, now that a Safeguarding policy has been adopted. Children of New Muslims will be able to benefit from these services.

Signature(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Full name (s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Position	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Date	23 RD MAY 2025		



LIGHT OF HIRA		Charity No (if any)	1163530	CC39a
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01-Jan-24	To	Period end date	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Donations, legacies and Grants		46,705	1,013	-	47,718	137,383
Gift aid Claims		2,638	-	-	2,638	10,659
Total incoming resources		49,343	1,013	-	50,356	148,042
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Cost of fundraising events		598	-	-	598	1,343
Rent, rates and Insurance		1,822	-	-	1,822	6,130
Repairs and maintenance		6,070	-	-	6,070	616
Light and heat		1,304	-	-	1,304	500
telephone postage and stationery		954	-	-	954	372
Donations and Grants		1,379	-	-	1,379	5,092
legal and professional fees		-	-	-	-	435
bank charges and interest		-	-	-	-	25
Total resources expended		12,127	-	-	12,127	14,513
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		37,216	1,013	-	38,229	133,529
Gross transfers between funds		0	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		37,216	1,013	-	38,229	133,529
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		37,216	1,013	-	38,229	133,529
Total funds brought forward		17,769	141,181	-	158,950	25,421
Total funds carried forward		54,985	142,194	-	197,179	158,950

Section B

Balance sheet as at 31-Dec-2024

	Note	Restricted income			Total this year £	Total last year £
		Unrestricted funds £	funds £	Endowment funds £		
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets		1,367			1,367	1,367
Building			272,700		272,700	272,700
Building Refurbishment			17,131		17,131	17,131
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		1,367	289,831		291,198	291,198
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress		-			-	-
Debtors					-	-
(Short term) investments		-			-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		84,880			84,880	16,402
<i>Total current assets</i>		84,880	-		84,880	16,402
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year						
		-			-	-
<i>Net current</i>		84,880	-		84,880	16,402
<i>Total assets less current</i>		86,247	289,831		376,078	307,600
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year						
Provisions for liabilities and		-	178,900		178,900	148,650
		-			-	-
<i>Net assets</i>		86,247	110,931		197,178	158,950
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds					-	17,769
Designated funds		-			-	-
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>		-	-		-	17,769
Restricted income funds		86,247	110,931		197,178	141,181
Endowment funds		-			-	-
<i>Total funds</i>		86,247	110,931		197,178	158,950

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Date of approval

Muhammad Isa Abdullah				19/Sep/25
Dawood Abowath				19/Sep/25
Rashid Panchbhaya				19/Sep/25

Note 1 Basis of preparation**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice
- and with* Accounting Standards FRS102;
or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
LIGHT OF HIRA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31-Dec-2024

Charity no

1163530

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

Date:

19-Sep-2025

Name:

Wajahat Hussain Baloch (FCA, FCCA) on behalf of Redbird Accountants

**Relevant professional
body:**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

Redbird Accountants
72 Evington Road, Leicester
LE2 1HH

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

None

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Accounts



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Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Donations, legacies and Grants		22,134	115,249	-	137,383	26,311
Gift aid Claims		10,659	-	-	10,659	-
Total incoming resources		32,793	115,249	-	148,042	26,311
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Cost of fundraising events		1,343	-	-	1,343	88
Rent, rates and Insurance		6,130	-	-	6,130	5,631
Repairs and maintenance		616	-	-	616	77
Light and heat		500	-	-	500	310
telephone postage and stationery		372	-	-	372	183
Donations and Grants		5,092	-	-	5,092	5,718
legal and professional fees		435	-	-	435	332
bank charges and interest		25	-	-	25	-
Total resources expended		14,513	-	-	14,513	12,339
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		18,280	115,249	-	133,529	13,972
Gross transfers between funds		-25,932	25,932	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		-7,652	141,181	-	133,529	13,972
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-7,652	141,181	-	133,529	13,972
Total funds brought forward		25,421	-	-	25,421	11,449
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sheet

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Current assets						
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(Short term) investments		-			-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		16,402			16,402	24,054
Total current assets		16,402	-		16,402	24,054
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year						
		-			-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		16,402	-		16,402	24,054
Total assets less current liabilities		17,769	289,831		307,600	25,421
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year						
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	148,650		148,650	-
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Due to the limited resources our charity does not consider necessary to adopt a policy programme related to investment.

All the activities undertaken by this CIO are performed by the valuable first-hand contributions of trustees and volunteers in terms of giving up their valuable time to pursue our charity's objectives.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The greatest achievement of this 2023 financial year for our charity, has been to be able to purchase a commercial property to serve as our permanent base. This was possible through social media appeals and raising awareness amongst the local Muslim community and in other parts of the UK to support us in the purchase of this property. We received enough funds which enable us to purchase the property.

Our campaign to increase our regular standing order donors has been successful. Our regular monthly donations through standing orders have nearly double in a single year. We will continue to exert efforts in this area.

We also refurbished the charity's new property to comply with all regulations in terms of safety, security, fire regulations, electricity, and all necessary policies, etc. Our property will be opening to the public at the end of February 2024.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our charity is small and does not require a policy on reserves. The funds that we had were used for the purchase of our permanent base.

The community's financial support our charity received during the 2023 financial year, allowed to purchase our own premises. This new premises will allow to increase our services and serve the public better and in a more suited fit-for-purpose premises and location.

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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The charity's funding relies solely on public funds for its activities. It runs strictly by volunteers at the moment. There has been no need to pay or hire anyone to-date in order to fulfil the charities' objectives. We are still a small charity so there is no need for an investment policy.

Section F

Other optional information

Future projects:

- We intend to continue providing reliable Islamic literature to Muslim prisoners in the prison estate throughout the whole of UK which would contribute to their reducing re-offending and also serve as a tool of deradicalization.
- To organise food collections twice a year to support the local charities, other organisations and public institutions that look after the local people living in different types of crises, void of resources to look after their own subsistence needs.
- To explore new activities that are suitable to our new purchased premises and charity objectives.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Full name(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Position	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Date	16 th MARCH 2024		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
LIGHT OF HIRA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31-Dec-2023

Charity no

1163530

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2023**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

[Signature box]

Date:

30-Oct-2024

Name:

Wajahat Hussain Baloch (FCA, FCCA) on behalf of Redbird Accountants

**Relevant professional
body:**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

Redbird Accountants

72 Evington Road, Leicester

LE2 1HH

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

None

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England & Wales - Charity number 1163530

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2022	To	Day 31	Month 12	Year 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name LIGHT OF HIRA

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1163530

Charity's principal address

86 BERNERS STREET
LEICESTER

Postcode LE2 0FS

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	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	CHAIRMAN		
2	DAWOOD ABOWATH	VICE-CHAIRMAN		
3	RASHID PANCHBHAYA	VICE-CHAIRMAN	APPOINTED ON 22-8-2022	Mr Muhammad Isa Abdullah Mr Dawood Abowath Mr Tamir Sujandin
4	TAMIR SUJANDIN	DEPUTY-VICECHAIRMAN	RESIGNED ON 18-5-23	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	New Trustees are appointed by this CIO'S Foundation Trustees, after the majority of the Founding Trustees approve the nomination of the said new trustee.

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.

A new trustee was appointed to diversify the charity board's professional background. Mr Rashid Panchbhaya was approved to join us in the Board of Trustees. Mr Panchbhaya is a qualified accountant. He has also supported our services for many years as a volunteer, being fully aware of our organisational needs and familiar with our work ethics. His appointment in last quarter 2022, has brought in a wide range of professional expertise.

In the second quarter of 2023, Mr Tamir Sujandin offered his resignation due to personal circumstances. His resignation was accepted by this charity's board of trustees and records were updated with the Charity Commission.

Our present structure is the following:

Mr Muhammad Isa Abdullah – Chairman
Mr Dawood Abowath – Vice-chairman
Mr Rashid Panchbhaya – Vice-chairman

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

We offer help, support and guidance to New Muslims.

Enquiry service for anyone with questions regarding Islam.

Promote Islam's concept of mercy, tolerance and compassion for all.

Provide relief to the poverty stricken and the homeless; destitute men, women and children; and individuals living in crises in Leicester.

Islamic Classes

Classes to New Muslims, male and female, have been imparted regularly on a weekly basis. The classes have always been accompanied with advice and counselling as each New Muslim is a world of his/her own, with his/her own personal challenges.

Meetings

People who have expressed interest in Islam and have contacted us have been able to meet our staff for meetings to provide them with reliable information on the Islamic faith.

PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIVITIES.

New Muslims are equipped with authentic religious grounding that guarantees they are law-abiding citizens wherever they live along with their newly adopted faith.

New Muslims are assisted to overcome social problems and provided strong religious foundation reinforcing good citizenship, making sure they remain integrated to main-stream society and become full members of the Muslim community, in order to prevent they learn and pursue their faith in isolation and fall into the hands of extremists; all these efforts in turn contribute to a safer society.

Publications

We also distributed reliable and authentic mainstream Islamic literature on relevant faith topics to our new Muslim students and to members of the general public who contacted us and in particular to Muslim prisoners throughout the whole United Kingdom.

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Raise awareness of Islamic religious tolerance towards other faiths was raised and promoted amongst the general public as well as address Islamophobia.

Educating Muslim prisoners about the Islamic tolerance being embedded in our faith and practiced historically throughout Islamic history so as not to fall in the trap of religious extremism and hatred for people of other faiths which is present in the prison estate.

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)

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.

On Grant-making:

An initial financial contribution would be paid once (and for a limited number of times) to a person who has just embraced the faith to support them in the financial strains that their new circumstances bring about in his/her life until he/she regains stability or can stand on his/her own feet financially.

Due to the limited resources our charity does not consider necessary to adopt a policy programme related to investment.

All the activities undertaken by this CIO are performed by the valuable first-hand contributions of trustees and volunteers in terms of giving up their valuable time to pursue our charity's objectives.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We relaunched our newly designed website as the previous one became obsolete. It was sourced to a web-designer outside from the organisation. However, it has proven not to be very user friendly and flexible, as we can't modify its basic structure and we struggle with communicating our demands to a web-designer based abroad.

One-to-one counselling has become a service we provide to New Muslims who are struggling to adapt to their new lifestyle. This is always in high demand. Our classes have expanded.

We produced more teaching material to enhance our services to new Muslims.

We raised more awareness in social media platforms about our charity's services. As a result our standing orders increased from a wider base of donors.

After we have refurbished our rented premises, Food Collection has not been a priority project due to our charity's lack of space to store donated items.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our charity was established in 2015 and counts with limited funds. There has not been a need for a policy on reserves due to its mere size. However, the public contributions which are being received are being saved in order to allow our CIO to move from rented accommodation to our own premises to increase our services and serve the public better and in a more suited fit-for-purpose premises and location.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

The charity's funding relies solely on public funds for its activities. It runs strictly by volunteers at the moment. There has been no need to pay or hire anyone to-date in order to fulfil the charities' objectives. We are still a small charity so there is no need for an investment policy.

Section F

Other optional information

Future projects:

- To design a new website that is more practical to work with and user friendly, and to be designed locally.
- We intend to continue providing reliable Islamic literature to Muslim prisoners in the prison estate throughout the whole of UK which would contribute to their reducing re-offending and also serve as a tool of deradicalization.
- To increase the frequency of food collections to support the local charities, other organisations and public institutions that look after the local people living in different types of crises, void of resources to look after their own subsistence needs.
- To explore the possibility of purchasing a property for permanent use, rather than renting. The new premises will allow us to expand our services.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	TAMIR SUJANDIN	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Full name(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	TAMIR SUJANDIN	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Position	CHAIRMAN	VICE- CHAIRMAN	DEPUTY VICE- CHAIRMAN – (RESIGNED ON 18 th May 2023)	VICE- CHAIRMAN

Date

12 OCTOBER 2023



LIGHT OF HIRA		Charity No (if any)	1163530	CC39a
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01-Jan-22	To	Period end date	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Donations, legacies and Grants		26,311		-	26,311	12,341
Fundraising events		-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		26,311	-	-	26,311	12,341
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Cost of fundraising events		88	-	-	88	88
Rent, rates and Insurance		5,631	-	-	5,631	5,620
Repairs and maintenance		77	-	-	77	18
Light and heat		310	-	-	310	865
telephone postage and stationery		183	-	-	183	100
Donations and Grants		5,718	-	-	5,718	3,747
legal and professional fees		332			332	276
Total resources expended		12,339	-	-	12,339	10,714
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		13,972	-	-	13,972	1,627
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		13,972	-	-	13,972	1,627
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		13,972	-	-	13,972	1,627
Total funds brought forward		11,449	-	-	11,449	9,822
Total funds carried forward		25,421	-	-	25,421	11,449

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		1,367	1,367
Investments		-	-
Total fixed assets		1,367	1,367
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress		-	-
Debtors			
(Short term) investments		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		24,054	11,433
Total current assets		24,054	11,433
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	1,351
Net current assets/(liabilities)		24,054	10,082
Total assets less current liabilities		25,421	11,449
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-
Net assets		25,421	11,449
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		25,421	11,449
Designated funds		-	-
Total unrestricted funds		25,421	11,449
Restricted income funds		-	-
Endowment funds		-	-
Total funds		25,421	11,449

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Date of approval
Muhammad Isa Abdullah	28/Oct/23
Dawood Abowath	28/Oct/23
Rashid Panchbhaya	28/Oct/23

Note 1 Basis of preparation**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice
- and with* Accounting Standards FRS102;
or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
LIGHT OF HIRA

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31-Dec-2022

Charity no

1163530

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

Date:

30-Oct-2023

Name:

Wajahat Hussain Baloch (FCA, FCCA) on behalf of Redbird Accountants

**Relevant professional
body:**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

Redbird Accountants

72 Evington Road, Leicester

LE2 1HH

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

None

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England & Wales - Charity number 1163530

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

LIGHT OF HIRA

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1163530

Charity's principal address

86 BERNERS STREET
LEICESTER

Postcode LE2 0FS

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	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	CHAIRMAN		
2	DAWOOD ABOWATH	VICE-CHAIRMAN		
3	TAMIR SUJANDIN	DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN		
4				
5				
6				
7				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Redbird Accountants	72 Evington Road, Leicester, LE2 1HH

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New Trustees are appointed by this CIO'S Foundation Trustees, after the majority of the Founding Trustees approve the nomination of the said new trustee.

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.

Another Trustee might be required for advising purposes.

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

We offer help, support and guidance to New Muslims.

Enquiry service for anyone with questions regarding Islam.

Promote Islam's concept of mercy, tolerance and compassion for all.

Provide relief to the poverty stricken and the homeless; destitute men, women and children; and individuals living in crises in Leicester.

Islamic Classes

Classes to New Muslims, male and female, have been imparted regularly on a weekly basis. The classes have always been accompanied with advice and counselling as each New Muslim is a world of his/her own, with his/her own personal challenges.

Meetings

People who have expressed interest in Islam and have contacted us have been able to meet our staff for meetings to provide them with reliable information on the Islamic faith.

PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIVITIES:

New Muslims are assisted to overcome social problems and they are provided with a strong religious foundation reinforcing good citizenship, making sure they remain integrated to main stream society and become full members of the Muslim community.

They are offered full support and companionship in order to prevent them from pursuing their new-found faith in isolation and falling into the hands of extremists. All these efforts contribute to a safer society.

Publications

We also distributed reliable and authentic mainstream Islamic literature on relevant faith topics to our new Muslim students and to members of the general public who contacted us.

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Raise awareness of Islamic religious tolerance towards other faiths was raised and promoted amongst the general public as well as address Islamophobia.

Food Collection

These activities were organised to distribute non-perishable food items to the needy in our city.

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Assist people of all faiths or no-faith in dire times of financial crisis with non-perishable food items and reach those who can't always claim public benefits and struggle to feed themselves.

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)

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.

On Grant-making:

An initial financial contribution would be paid once (and for a limited number of times) to a person who has just embraced the faith to support them in the financial strains that their new circumstances bring about in his/her life until he/she regains stability or can stand on his/her own feet financially.

Due to the limited resources our charity does not consider necessary to adopt a policy programme related to investment.

All the activities undertaken by this CIO are performed by the valuable first-hand contributions of trustees and volunteers in terms of giving up their valuable time to pursue our charity's objectives.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year we completed the refurbishment of our premises which had been affected by damp. We acquired new furniture for sitting and display purposes.

We embarked on a raising funds campaign by reprinting our standing orders and posters with our new account details and promoted our organisation in social media. Our regular donors have increased and awareness of our organisation's activities has increased amongst the public.

We undertook another food collection to be given out to the needy in the city as well as to donated to other food banks who approached our organisation for support in this area.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our charity was established in 2015 and counts with limited funds. There has not been a need for a policy on reserves due to its mere size. However the public contributions which are being received are being saved in order to allow our CIO to move from rented accommodation to our own premises to increase our services and serve the public better and in a more suited fit-for-purpose premises and location.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

We started gathering all the information necessary to be able to claim Gift Aid for the first time since our organisation was granted charitable status, in order to be able to process this claim in the following financial year.

Section F

Other optional information

Future projects:

- We intend to expand our services after reopening our centre to the public.
- Launch a newly designed website.
- Increase our regular donors and encourage signing up to Gift Aid contributions.
- To increase the frequency of food collections to support the local charities, other organisations and public institutions that look after the local people living in different types of crises, void of resources to look after their own subsistence needs.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	TAMIR SUJANDIN
	Full name(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN	DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN
Date	25 th October 2022		



LIGHT OF HIRA		Charity No	1163530	CC39a
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01-Jan-21	To	Period end date	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Donations, legacies and Grants		12,341		-	12,341	6,706
Fundraising events		-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		12,341	-	-	12,341	6,706
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Cost of fundraising events		88	-	-	88	-
Rent, rates and Insurance		5,620	-	-	5,620	6,524
Repairs and maintenance		18	-	-	18	774
Light and heat		865	-	-	865	204
telephone postage and stationery		100	-	-	100	323
Donations and Grants		3,747	-	-	3,747	8,356
legal and professional fees		276			276	320
Total resources expended		10,714	-	-	10,714	16,501
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		1,627	-	-	1,627	-9,795
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		1,627	-	-	1,627	-9,795
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,627	-	-	1,627	-9,795
Total funds brought forward		9,821	-	-	9,821	19,616
Total funds carried forward		11,448	-	-	11,448	9,821

Section B

Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		1,367	578
Investments		-	-
Total fixed assets		1,367	578
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress		-	-
Debtors			
(Short term) investments		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		11,433	10,319
Total current assets		11,433	10,319
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		1,351	1,076
Net current assets/(liabilities)		10,082	9,243
Total assets less current liabilities		11,449	9,821
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-
Net assets		11,449	9,821
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		11,449	9,821
Designated funds		-	-
Total unrestricted funds		11,449	9,821
Restricted income funds		-	-
Endowment funds		-	-
Total funds		11,449	9,821

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Date of approval
Muhammad Isa Abdullah	31/Oct/21
Dawood Abowath	31/Oct/21
Tamir Sujandin	31/Oct/21

Note 1 Basis of preparation**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice
- and with* Accounting Standards FRS102;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

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LIGHT OF HIRA

England & Wales - Charity number 1163530

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name LIGHT OF HIRA

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1163530

Charity's principal address 86 BERNERS STREET
LEICESTER

Postcode LE2 0FS

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	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	CHAIRMAN		
2	DAWOOD ABOWATH	VICE-CHAIRMAN		
3	TAMIR SUJANDIN	DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN	25-08-2020 till present	Muhammad Isa Abdullah Dawood Abowath Wajahat Hussain Baloch
4	WAJAHAT HUSSAIN BALOCH	TREASURER	01-01-20 to 30-08-2020 (date of resignation)	
5				
6				
7				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Redbird Accountants	72 Evington Road, Leicester, LE2 1HH

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

N/A

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New Trustees are appointed by this CIO'S Foundation Trustees, after the majority of the Founding Trustees approve the nomination of the said new trustee.

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.

In this year a new Trustee i.e. Mr Tamir Sujandin was approved and appointed by the three founding trustees in the role of Deputy Vice-Chairman, with his academic theological credentials and with community links in the local Muslim community fitting our criteria to improve our performance with his added expertise.

Mr Wajahat Baloch submitted his letter of resignation as one of the founding trustees of our CIO in his role of Treasurer. Our charity has a memorandum of understanding with his Accounting Business i.e. Redbird Accountants. Therefore we have a total of 3 three trustees at present in the roles specified above.

Mr Muhammad Isa Abdullah – Chairman (founding trustee)
Mr Dawood Abowath – Vice-Chairman (founding trustee)
Mr Tamir Sujandin – Deputy Vice-Chairman (newly appointed trustee)

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

We offer help, support and guidance to New Muslims.

Enquiry service for anyone with questions regarding Islam.

Promote Islam's concept of mercy, tolerance and compassion for all.

Provide relief to the poverty stricken and the homeless; destitute men, women and children; and individuals living in crises in Leicester.

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)

Islamic Classes

Classes to New Muslims, male and female, have been imparted regularly on a weekly basis. The classes have always been accompanied with advice and counselling as each New Muslim is a world of his/her own, with his/her own personal challenges.

Meetings

People who have expressed interest in Islam and have contacted us have been able to meet our staff for meetings to provide them with reliable information on the Islamic faith.

PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIVITIES.

New Muslims are equipped with authentic religious grounding that guarantees they are law-abiding citizens wherever they live along with their newly adopted faith.

New Muslims are assisted to overcome social problems and provided strong religious foundation reinforcing good citizenship, making sure they remain integrated to main-stream society and become full members of the Muslim community, in order to prevent they learn and pursue their faith in isolation and fall into the hands of extremists; all these efforts in turn contribute to a safer society.

Publications

We also distributed reliable and authentic mainstream Islamic literature on relevant faith topics to our new Muslim students and to members of the general public who contacted us and in particular to Muslim prisoners throughout the whole United Kingdom.

PUBLIC BENEFIT:

Raise awareness of Islamic religious tolerance towards other faiths was raised and promoted amongst the general public as well as address Islamophobia.

Educating Muslim prisoners about the Islamic tolerance being embedded in our faith and practiced historically throughout Islamic history so as not to fall in the trap of religious extremism and hatred for people of other faiths which is present in the prison estate.

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.

On Grant-making:

An initial financial contribution would be paid once (and for a limited number of times) to a person who has just embraced the faith to support them in the financial strains that their new circumstances bring about in his/her life until he/she regains stability or can stand on his/her own feet financially.

Due to the limited resources our charity does not consider necessary to adopt a policy programme related to investment.

All the activities undertaken by this CIO are performed by the valuable first-hand contributions of trustees and volunteers in terms of giving up their valuable time to pursue our charity's objectives.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our activities were limited this year due to Covid-19 which affected the whole world.

We had to suspend our face-to-face onsite classes for New Muslims and meetings with those people interested to learn more about the Islamic faith from February 2020 onwards to follow government guidelines. However we were able to continue these activities via phone or social media.

In October when the restrictions started to ease, we managed to distribute relevant Islamic literature for Muslim prisoners in 100 prisons throughout the UK. The printing of Islamic literature sponsored by our charity the previous year consisted of two important booklets i.e. 'Al-Mu'awwadhaat' invocations / prayers and 'Winning the Hearts of the People' to reduce re-offending and address extremism. This literature was well received and appreciated by the recipient prisons' chaplaincies.

Finally we embarked on the refurbishment of our premises which were being affected by damp. To take advantage we did not have anyone on site on a regular basis we replastered the walls, repainted the centre, installed new electric heaters and purchased new and adequate furniture which would allow us to operate following social distancing guidelines whenever we would re-open to the public.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our charity was established in 2015 and counts with limited funds. There has not been a need for a policy on reserves due to its mere size. However the public contributions which are being received are being saved in order to allow our CIO to move from rented accommodation to our own premises to increase our services and serve the public better and in a more suited fit-for-purpose premises and location.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

In July we were informed that our local Leicester branch of Al Rayan Bank was going to close within 3 months. We decided to open an account with a local Bank as it would be difficult for us to continue banking with a bank which had no branch locally. By December we managed to open our charity account with Barclays despite the meagre amount of bank appointments due to Covid and decided to close our accounts with Al Rayan Bank a few days before the end of the December.

We also managed to register with Paypal as a charity organisation to be refunded fully for any public donations made online.

We do not have any employees and no investment policy as we are a very small charity.

Section F

Other optional information

Future projects:

- We intend to expand our services after reopening our centre to the public.
- Launch a newly designed website.
- Increase our regular donors and encourage signing up to Gift Aid contributions.
- To increase the frequency of food collections to support the local charities, other organisations and public institutions that look after the local people living in different types of crises, void of resources to look after their own subsistence needs.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	TAMIR SUJANDIN
Full name(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	TAMIR SUJANDIN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN	DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN

Date 26th October 2021



LIGHT OF HIRA		Charity No (if any)	1163530	CC39a
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01-Jan-20	To	Period end date	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
		Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Donations, legacies and Grants		6,706		-	6,706	7,272
Fundraising events		-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		6,706	-	-	6,706	7,272
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Cost of fundraising events		-	-	-	-	128
Rent, rates and Insurance		6,524	-	-	6,524	5,643
Repairs and maintenance		774	-	-	774	15
Light and heat		204	-	-	204	331
telephone postage and stationery		323	-	-	323	217
Donations and Grants		8,356	-	-	8,356	1,138
legal and professional fees		320			320	178
Total resources expended		16,501	-	-	16,501	7,650
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		-9,795	-	-	-9,795	-378
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		-9,795	-	-	-9,795	-378
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-9,795	-	-	-9,795	-378
Total funds brought forward		19,616	-	-	19,616	19,994
Total funds carried forward		9,821	-	-	9,821	19,616

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		56	56
		522	330
Investments		-	-
Total fixed assets		578	386
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress		-	-
Debtors		- 1,076	152
(Short term) investments		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		10,319	19,078
Total current assets		9,243	19,230
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		9,243	19,230
Total assets less current liabilities		9,821	19,616
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-
Net assets		9,821	19,616
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		9,821	19,616
Designated funds		-	-
Total unrestricted funds		9,821	19,616
Restricted income funds		-	-
Endowment funds		-	-
Total funds		9,821	19,616

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Date of approval
Muhammad Isa Abdullah	31/Oct/20
Dawood Abowath	31/Oct/20
Tamir Sujandin	31/Oct/20

Note 1 Basis of preparation**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice
- and with* Accounting Standards FRS102;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

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Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
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DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**