

# **The Baba Kassim Shah Faridi CIO**

## **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 01 March 2021**

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 01 March 2021 and confirm that they comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the trust deed.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name	The Baba Kassim Shah Faridi CIO
Charity Registration Number	1163748
Principle Office	238 Radford Boulevard Nottingham NG7 5QG

### **Board of Trustees**

Muhammad Zaheer Cassim  
Fatima Majiet  
Lal Hussain  
Balal Hussain

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Structure, Governance, and Management

Governing Document

The Baba Kassim Shah Faridi CIO is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in September 2015 under charity number 1163748. It is governed by a deed of trust last updated in September 2014.

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees meet together as a body on a regular basis and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the activities of the charity. To assist with the activities of the charity, the trustees have the help of dedicated volunteers.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we would seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and would be willing to volunteer to help in our work. Potential trustees would be invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and would be given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they would then be proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. This process would allow for due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the charity are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

To advance the Islamic religion generally and the principles of Sufism in particular as understood and promulgated by Hadrat Baba Fariduddin Ganj Shakar and Hadrat Baba Kassim Shah Faridi in the United Kingdom and globally for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on the Islamic faith and Sufism in order to enlighten others about Islam and Sufism.

### Activities and achievements

The charity carries out a range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who partake.

### Spiritual activities

The Trust organises the commemoration and celebration of the lives and teachings of the following Great Sufi Shaikhs:

- 1) Hadrat Shaikh Sayyid Abd al Qadir Jilani
- 2) Hadrat Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti
- 3) Hadrat Baba Fariduddin Ganje Shakar
- 4) Hadrat Khwaja Nizamuddin Auliya
- 5) Hadrat Makhdoom Baba Kassim Shah Faridi

During the year under review, no live events could be arranged due to the COVID pandemic and subsequent lockdown. Instead, the trust arranged online meetings that were held every Monday and Thursday evenings which consisted of prayer, talks and discussions on the teachings and principles of Sufism, Sufi liturgies, the singing of devotional poems, and Sufi spiritual music. Participants from the United Kingdom, South Africa, Zambia, Pakistan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia attended these meetings. The meetings served as a great morale booster for all the participants who had no means of social interaction during the lockdown. Participants encouraged and gave one another emotional support during this very trying time. People attending the meetings requested that these meetings continue even after the lockdown due to the benefits that educational and emotional benefits that they received. The Trust intends to broaden its activities and commence educational and food distribution programmes in South Africa and Pakistan. Towards this end, an application was made to the Government of Sindh, Pakistan to lease a piece of State land that has some existing buildings on it in Latifabad, Hyderabad from which the Trust could carry out its charitable and community work.

### Financial review

The Charity has no financial reserves. Shortly after being formed, the Trust opened a bank account with Lloyds Bank. Before we could start using the account, the Trustees were informed by Lloyds that they were closing the account because there were general fears about some Muslim charities sending money to terrorist organisations abroad. They also indicated that they needed more information from us but could not advise us as to what particular information we would need to provide. Numerous attempts to resolve this banking issue have since been unsuccessful. In the absence of a bank account, the Trust does not collect funds or accept any sort of monetary contribution from well-wishers or the public. It was not possible to resolve the banking issue due the lockdown. It is hoped that this will be resolved as soon as possible after the lockdown.

### Plans for the future

The Trust intends to expand its educational, charitable, and spiritual activities to areas in South Africa and Pakistan. We also plan to continue the bi-weekly online meetings and resume our series of live events. We continue to place great importance on acting upon and sharing the principles of love and fraternity taught by Hadrat Baba Kassim Shah Faridi and the great Sufis.

#### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Muhammad Zaheer Cassim (Chairman)

16 August 2021



Charity name

Charity number (if any)

For the period from (start date)

to (end date)

## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
None	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sub total</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>					
<i>Total receipts</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
None	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sub total</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>					
<i>Total payments</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	0	0	0	0	0

## Section B

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	None	0	0	0
	<i>Total cash funds</i>	0	0	0
	<i>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</i>			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	0	0	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None	N/A	0	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	None	N/A	0	0

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None	N/A	0	0

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

Signature

Print name

Date of approval



Muhammad Zaheer Cassim

16 Aug 2021