



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1165955

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SHURA TRUST
Trustees Annual Report
Charity no: 1165955
Year Ended: 30 June 2025

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had and continue to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Objects

Shura Trust aims to achieve the following objectives:

- To enhance public knowledge and understanding of the Muslim faith in the UK by organizing reading circles, lectures, and prayers, thereby promoting enlightenment about Islam.
- To promote religious harmony for the public benefit by fostering knowledge, mutual understanding, and respect for the beliefs and practices of diverse religious faiths.
- To foster social inclusion for the public benefit by collaborating with socially excluded people in the UK who are marginalized due to their ethnicity and Muslim faith. This involves providing assistance to meet their needs and supporting their integration into society. The organization also aims to establish a local network group that enables Muslim community members to engage more effectively with the wider community.

Activities

Shura Trust is a charitable organization that carries out various activities and projects to fulfil its objects. These include weekly reading circles that encourage intellectual discussions and promote a sense of community through informal socializing. The trust also organizes bi-



annual reading retreats, where participants can reflect on themselves and engage in intellectual discussions through profound readings. Additionally, the trust hosts social gatherings, tea parties, picnics, and Eid celebrations.

Legal and administrative information

Shura Trust is a charitable organization, registered as a charity on 9th March 2016. The charity was established under a Deed of Trust that established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed by its provisions. The operational management of the trust is in the hands of trustees who maintain the system altogether.

Trustees

The trustees remain at three, being :

- 1.) Mr Mehmet Veysi Yildiz of 18 Forest road, Hinckley, LE10 1HB as chairperson.
- 2.) Mr Aykan Toma of 24 Staples Drive, Coalville, LE67 4GB as secretary.
- 3.) Mr Husameddin Ates of 45 Monmouth Drive, Leicester, LE2 9RN as treasurer.

Registered Office and operation address

Main office: 18 Forest Road, Hinckley, LE10 1HB.

Operational addresses : 128 Percy Road, Leicester, LE2 8FN

10 Watsons house, 120 Nuttall street, London, N1 5LL

179 Lower Braniel Road, Belfast, BT5 7NP

Reporting Accountants

Affirm Accountants Ltd, The Old Courthouse, 18-22 St Peters Church Yard, Derby DE1 1NN

Bank

Natwest Bank, 45 Whitechapel road, London, E1 1DU

Responsibilities of the Trustees

According to the Charities Act, the trustees of a charitable trust are obligated to create financial statements every financial year that accurately reflect the trust's state of affairs as of the balance sheet date, including incoming and outgoing resources, such as income and expenditures. To ensure compliance, the trustees should adhere to best practices, which involve using appropriate accounting policies consistently, making reasonable and prudent judgments, and preparing statements based on the assumption that the trust will continue to operate unless it's impossible to assume so. It is the trustees' responsibility to maintain accurate accounting records that reflect the trust's financial position and to prevent fraud and other irregularities by taking appropriate measures to safeguard the trust's assets.



Current Projects

- 1. Face-face reading sessions:** Reading sessions continued across 13 cities in the UK: London, Birmingham, Brighton, Bournemouth, Leicester, Coventry, Oxford, Cambridge, Ipswich, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Yeovil, and Nottingham. Sessions are held in both Turkish and English and provide a valuable forum for sharing insights on social and philosophical matters.
A highlight of this year was the significant growth of the Leicester centre. Activity at the centre increased substantially, with a new weekly Tuesday session — the '25th Word Reading and Discussion' — initiated by a newly resident member of the community. This session has proven particularly engaging and inspiring, attracting consistent attendance and is projected to continue throughout the coming year. Ladies also began making greater use of the centre, meeting every Wednesday for their dedicated activities.
- 2. Online classes:** The sessions continue with increasing interest specifically in English language. They are more convenient for the participants who live away from any face to face joining to reading session. A new Ladies session has started and grow very quickly with quality participation.
- 3. Online Book Shop:** The online book shop continues and is a good portal for sales of resources that we use in our reading circles.
- 4. Reading retreats:** A reading retreat was held in May 2025 in North Cumbria, bringing together a select group of young thinkers for one week. The retreat took place in a calm and intellectually enriching environment and proved highly fruitful for the personal and intellectual development of its participants. Full details are provided in the Reading Retreat section.
- 5. Refurbishments:** Significant refurbishment work was carried out this year at 128 Percy Road, Leicester, LE2 8FN, which had been initiated in June 2024. Building maintenance expenditure for this period totalled £25,843, reflecting the scale of renovation undertaken. The works have substantially improved the premises for use by the local community. This refurbishment work includes a full renovation of the ground floor, which includes, the entry, living room, kitchen and patio.
- 6. Temporary Workers:** The Trust initiated a new strategy of bringing temporary religious workers from Turkey. With a newly acquired Sponsorship licence we are planning to bring necessary support from abroad through immigration channels. These are special individuals that are called as 'VAKIF' within our community. They volunteer and sacrifice some periods of their lives for the support of the charitable



works. In 2025, our first religious worker arrived at Belfast centre. The maximum amount of time they can stay is 2 years. After 2 years, they should either switch into minister of religion visa to continue as a major role in the UK or return back to Turkey.

Future Strategy

- The charity plans to continue all existing activities with an increased number of participants.
- Tuesday 25th Word sessions in Leicester are projected to continue and further engage the local community.
- Ladies' sessions will be maintained at the Leicester centre and online platforms, with continued growth anticipated.
- Refurbishment of 10 Watsons House, London, will commence subject to available donations.
- New youth engagement projects will be initiated.
- Participation in Education and Book Fairs will be organised.
- Premises will be rented in London to sustain and expand activities.

Reading Retreat Details

May 2025 Retreat — North Cumbria (Week of May 2025)

The 2025 retreat was held in North Cumbria over the course of one week in May 2025. An elect group of young thinkers gathered in this peaceful and inspiring setting to engage in deep readings and reflective discussion.

Detail	Information
Location/Costs	North Cumbria / £2400
Duration	One week (May 2025)
Participants	Select group of young thinkers
Theme	Deep readings and reflective intellectual discussion
Outcome	Highly fruitful for personal and intellectual development of participants



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name SHURA TRUST	No (if any): 1165955
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2024	To	Period end date 30/06/2025
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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					
Voluntary Donations	28,571		-	28,571	26,569
Charitable activities	1,000	-	-	1,000	791
Gift Aid/Grant		-	-	-	
Interest		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,571	-	-	29,571	27,360
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,571	-	-	29,571	27,360
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	
Building Maintenance	25,843	-	-	25,843	2,864
Professional fees	8,091	-	-	8,091	1,503
Rent and Rates	500	-	-	500	7,446
Fundraising/marketing	-	-	-	-	
Telephones and communications	-	-	-	-	
Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	-	-	-	150
Travel and subsistence	2,101	-	-	2,101	2,896
Utilities	8,588	-	-	8,588	
Website/IT	-	-	-	-	
Wages abd salaries	-	-	-	-	
PAYE/Pensions	-	-	-	-	
Resource for teaching	-	-	-	-	227
Insurance	1,454	-	-	1,454	2,503
Administration/office	-	-	-	-	
Sundry Expenses	126	-	-	126	
Grant/Aid	-	-	-	-	3,780
International Aid	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	46,703	-	-	46,703	7,418
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Asset purchase	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	76,273	-	-	46,703	7,418
Net of receipts/(payments)	29,571	-	-	17,132	19,942
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	29,571	-	-	17,132	19,942

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 at Bank		5,783	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,783	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		184246	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		25500	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

SHURA TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1165955

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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 30/06/2025

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA & CPAA

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

Date:

12/04/2026

Name:

Michelle Spencer

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

MAAT – Full Member of Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)

Address: 9 Hayling Close,
Ilkeston, Derbyshire
DE7 9HW

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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