

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1172565

**ANSARI QADIRI RIFAI SUFI ORDER
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts
31 March 2025**

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Reference and Administrative information

Registered charity name: Ansari Qadiri Rifai Sufi Order of the United Kingdom

Charity registration number: 1172565

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Background

The Ansari Qadiri Rifai Sufi Order of the UK commonly referred as AQRT UK has been operating as an informal group since 2002 and was registered by the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in April 2017 (registration number 1172565).

The trustees present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The legal status of the charity is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is subject to its governing document, the Constitution that took effect on the 12 April 2017.

Trustees

Management of the charity is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The trustees come from diverse backgrounds, skills, expertise and experiences. The trustees board meet on a regular basis and between meetings communicate by emails.

Trustees are aware of their legal obligations under charity law, the aims and objectives of the charity, its governing frameworks, decision-making processes, strategic plans and financial performance etc.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Any new trustees will be elected and co-opted by members at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Constitution. No new trustees were recruited during this period.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees will undergo orientation and will receive a trustee information pack and the opportunity to attend in-house and/or external training relevant to their roles.

Partnerships

During 2024/2025 AQRT UK continued to work with a range of partners including other faith groups, community groups and voluntary organisations. This included the South London Interfaith Group (SLIG) and the Africa Advocacy Foundation (AAF). AQRT UK is also a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisation (NCVO).

AQRT UK has also a Memorandum of Understanding in place with the Islamic Sufi Order of Qadiri Rifai Tariqa of the Americas a registered church in the United States.

Organisational structure and decision-making

The trustees are responsible for setting strategies and policies and ensuring that they are implemented.

Volunteers

AQRT UK recognises that volunteers play a key and integral part in service delivery. We have recruited 10 volunteers from within our membership including trustees. They have a diverse range of experience, skills and backgrounds in terms of professional backgrounds, culture and language. All our trustees are DBS checked and our other volunteers are currently always supervised by trustees and will be DBS checked when appropriate.

We aim to support our volunteers in their roles and receive regular feedback about their performance.

Risk Management

The main risk facing the charity is currently maintaining income at a sufficient level to carry out all the activities and services. In addition to the current policies in place, the trustees have reviewed and assessed the risks to which the charity may be exposed with particular reference to those relating to the operations and finances. The charity has set up a risk management strategy, which comprises:

An annual review of the risks the charity may face.

The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the review; and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

In the meanwhile, the trustees remain satisfied that all insurable risks have been identified and adequately dealt with and that the charities exposure to other risks is kept at a minimum by good working practice by the trustees and volunteers.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The trustees are required to comply with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 and consider the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, "Charities and Public Benefits".

Our Charitable Objectives are:

1. To advance the religion of Islam, in particular Sufi practices and teachings, for public benefit, by organising regular prayer meetings, lectures, celebration of religious festivals and literature on Sufism to educate others about Islam and Sufism.
2. The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths through the organisation, participation and support of interfaith events and partnership activities within the United Kingdom.
3. The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage.

Our activities are consistent with national and local strategies and action plans to enhance religious harmony and relieve poverty. Our activities aim to promote equality and diversity, wellbeing and social outcomes and the independence of service users. We are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults from harm and isolation. We work to empower and encourage our service users to actively participate in activities and processes that improve their circumstances and positively contribute to their communities.

Achievements and performance

The ongoing conflict in Middle east has continued to have a significant impact on many charities working on Inter and Intra Faith issues in the UK. AQRT UK is still facing significant challenges and restrictions in continuing to deliver our charitable objectives. However, AQRT UK has held its weekly on-site congregational zikrs (Sufi meditation) and providing Zoom access to the zikrs. This has enabled us to provide spiritual meditation, support and Sufi teachings, and support for mental wellbeing and social isolation and loneliness.

Overall, we provided services to more than 1,100 individuals through the following activities:

Congregational Zikr

The format of the weekly zikr remained the same and was open to everyone who came in peace. A short talk on aspect of Sufism is given prior to each zikr. The topics covered a range of Sufi teachings i.e. love, forgiveness, tolerance, etc. The onsite and online Tuesday zikr is advertised on Meetup and Eventbrite. We had attendees from different faiths and no faith and from abroad. Those present are welcome to participate or simply observe. After the meditation we pray for Love, Peace, Togetherness, Unity and Prosperity for all humanity. From April 2024 to March 2025, the total number of attendees to our onsite and online was about 950 (427 men and 523 women).

Post COVID some of our activities which formerly involved face to face, group and Community based initiatives are now conducted via Zoom and other online methods

Interfaith and Intra-faith work

We continued to engage with Faith and Community Groups as well as focusing on rebuilding existing networks and to develop new contacts. The lead Trustee maintained involvement with NHS and Local Authority groups and Interfaith Networks such as the South London Interfaith Group (SLIFG) and Faiths Together in Lambeth (FTIL)

Racism, religious intolerance has continued to negatively affect communities. In the year ending March 2025: there were 137,750 hate crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales¹, with recorded religious hate crimes up by 25%.

AQRT UK has continued to promote community cohesion and harmony thorough our activities which included challenging the dissemination of a negative and incorrect view of Islam, cultural and traditional practices and anti-Semitism. AQRT UK took part in joint discussion groups and activities aimed to combat and change these belief systems, help differentiate cultural practices from religious practices and promote Islam and Sufi teachings which promote Love, Peace and

¹ (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hate-crime-england-and-wales-year-ending-march-2025/hate-crime-england-and-wales-year-ending-march-2025#section1>)

Togetherness. In this spirit of inclusiveness, we have tried to ensure we support religious harmony and mutual understanding and provide factual information to all interested people. We have continued to collaborate with other community and faith groups with whom we share common principles and aims, by trying to continue to maintain networks and links, and develop and share knowledge and respect for the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.

A few examples are highlighted below:

- We have continued our active membership of the South London Interfaith Group (SLIFG) which aims to promote harmony and joint working. Our representative on the group with brief for Inter faith dialogue is a member the steering committee which enables closer collaboration and active involvement with the group and its activities. This included monthly interfaith dialogue meetings where important topical issues, aspects of our beliefs and behaviours were discussed from a multi-faith or intra-faith perspective.
- AQRT UK was involved in the planning and delivery of SLIFG organized Faith Community events such as workshops, discussion groups, prayer circles, Eid and Ramadan, Iftar and other festivals. In particular we supported a range of events during Inter Faith Week which aimed to increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities locally, celebrate the contribution which their members make to society; and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs.
- AQRT UK continued to feed into SE London Integrated Care Board system in respect of engagement methods with Faith and Community Groups to address, misinformation and barriers to accessing services.
- AQRT UK is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisation (NCVO) and during the year we have used their information and training services.

A few examples of Interfaith activities we were involved, are highlighted below:

- AQRT UK worked with Soul Connections where we disseminated information and took part in activities ringing people from different Faith backgrounds together to form friendships, organised group visits to places of interest and social activities such as community picnics.
- At several AQRT UK weekly congregational Zikr talks we explained and discussed a range of Sufi and Islamic beliefs aimed at dispelling misunderstanding to non-Muslim attendees.
- AQRT UK was invited again to join in the annual "Light up a Life" event at St John's Hospice in London in December 2025. The event included a multi-faith service, where AQRT UK participated in the remembrance service and prayed for the deceased and the bereaved family members. engaged in networking and discussion with other faith members and organisations.

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Promotion of Islam and Sufism

The promotion of Sufism and Islam took place online and onsite during the weekly congregational zikrs. This was delivered through talks followed by questions and answers before or after each zikr where principles, methodology, practices, stories and culture of Sufism are discussed and taught. Spiritual teaching by the AQRT UK chaplains was also provided on a one-to-one basis, as well as in depth phone calls to discuss Sufism. Further opportunities for contact, as well as email discussions come via social media. We also use our Inter Faith work as an opportunity to promote Islam and Sufism.

The spiritual head of our Sufi order Shaykha Muzeyyen Ansari was invited by AQRT UK to provide teaching in London in April and in November 2024. Shaykha Muzeyyen Ansari led the Tuesday congregational zikrs in April and November 2024 during her stay in London which were attended each by an average of 65 people from different faiths. Our spiritual leader also provided teaching to AQRT UK members as well as one to one consultation.

Each year, AQRT UK typically organises a Sufi study trip led by the spiritual head of our Sufi order, as part of our ongoing Teaching Programme. In April 2024, we embarked on a two-day journey to Scotland to explore Roslyn Chapel, deepening our understanding of Christian heritage. Later, in November 2024, a three-day trip to Rome was arranged, during which we visited the Vatican and other significant Christian and Ancient Rome sites

Finally, we organised a self-funded Umrah pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of our spiritual head. The group comprised students from AQRT UK alongside participants from other Ansari Qadiri Rifai Tariqa centres in France, South Africa, and the United States. As part of the journey, the group also visited several other significant religious and historical sites.

Additionally, we have continued to support isolated and unwell students and members through regular phone contact, ensuring they remain connected and cared for within our community.

Support and Mentoring

AQRT UK spiritual leaders continue to support students and members of the public by being regularly available via phone calls, emails and individual meetings.

Practical Help and Support

Work to relieve poverty

Being a very small charity, this aspect of our charitable objectives post COVID-19 pandemic is still being impacted due to the loss of donation and the availability of our volunteers. We are committed to developing this work stream and hope to increase our ability to fundraise and apply successfully for funding.

We have developed an emergency programme through which families and individuals experiencing hunger, poverty, homelessness and who need emergency support are provided with food and essential goods upon assessment. In 2024, AQRT UK made food donations to a food bank in Brixton and collected and donated clothing to refugee groups and local charities.

Our membership and trustees have diverse cultural backgrounds and include social workers, medical professionals, and Safeguarding consultants. We also have links to the Sufi and wider Muslim community. Consequently, we can respond quickly by providing support to address and meet urgent needs. We have experience of working in partnership including local Social Services and other voluntary sector organisations. We are currently restrained by limited funding and availability of volunteers.

Future aims and objectives

Our charity objectives will continue to shape the trustees' future plans with a target to expand our activities especially on work to relief poverty. Being a very small charity with limited funding solely based on individual donations at this stage, we intend where possible to focus on partnership bids which will maximise resources by preventing duplication. However, access to funding presents a major challenge both operationally and financially, as well as the increasing the need for services as more people face poverty and isolation.

Financial review

AQRT UK had total receipts of £13515 as shown on the Receipts and Payments Accounts. For the year ended 31 March 2025, there were net payments of £1296 (2024: net receipts £3648). All AQRT UK assets are held for the furtherance of its objectives and are adequate and sufficient to meet its objectives. AQRT UK did apply for grants during the year ended 31 March 2025 but was unsuccessful. AQRT UK does not employ any staff and trustees do not receive any remuneration. Trustees and volunteers can receive reasonable travel allowance subsistence cost.

Reserves policy

The trustees review the reserve policy of the organisation annually. Their decision on the level of the reserve depends on the level of the unrestricted funds available. For this year, they decided that the current level of reserve should be maintained at least at a level equivalent to approximately three months' expenditure (excluding the collection and distribution of Zakat, Fidyah, ninety percent of tithing and our community activities and programme). The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of any significant drop in the organisation's funding, they will be able to continue AQRT UK's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

This leaves free reserve at 31 March 2025 of £316 which is equal to around 3 months average expenditure during the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal funding sources

The current Charity's main source of income is through individual donations, donations at zikr, zakat, fidya and ten percent on each tithing collected by members. The total amount donated at Zikr was £nil.

Restriction on funds

Restricted income includes ninety percent tithing payable to the Islamic Sufi Order of Qadiri Rifai Tariqa of the Americas based in New York, USA, linked to the teaching, training, spiritual development and individual support provided to the Charity's members. Restricted income includes zakat and fidya and these funds are to be used solely for the relief of need, financial hardship and for AQRT UK activities.

Investment Policy

There are no restrictions on the Charity's power to invest but as we do not have available funds to make investments this is not an immediate issue for us.

Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Receipts and Payments Accounts ("financial statements") in accordance with applicable law and receipts and payments accounting.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the receipts and payments of the charity for that period.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' annual report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Amina Jappie

Chair of the Ansari Qadiri Sufi Order of the UK


**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**
**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**
Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Ansari Qadiri Rifai Sufi Order Of The United Kingdom		
	On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	Charity no (if any) 1172565
Set out on pages	10 - 11 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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:


- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:		Date:	29/01/2026
Name:	Irfan Hussain BFP FCA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales		
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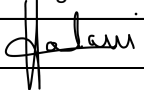
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 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	ANSARI QADIRI RIFAI SUFI ORDER OF THE		1172565		CC16a
	UNITED KINGDOM				
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-24	To	Period end date 31-Mar-25	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,016	-	-	2,016	3,795
Tithing	1,126	10,133	-	11,259	12,439
Zakaat and Fidyah	-	240	-	240	630
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,142	10,373	-	13,515	16,864
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,142	10,373	-	13,515	16,864
A3 Payments					
Premises rent	1,281	-	-	1,281	2,268
Teaching program	1,845	-	-	1,845	925
Bank charges	234	-	-	234	217
General expenses	1,634	-	-	1,634	806
Zakaat and Fidyah	-	1,518	-	1,518	-
Tithing paid	-	8,300	-	8,300	9,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,993	9,818	-	14,811	13,216
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,993	9,818	-	14,811	13,216
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,851	555	-	- 1,296	3,648
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,453	5,411	-	7,864	4,216
Cash funds this year end	602	5,966	-	6,568	7,864

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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	Bank Account	602	5,966	-
				-
	Total cash funds	602	5,966	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Independent examiner's fee	Unrestricted	750	30 January 2026
			-	
Notes to the accounts				
(i) Under a signed agreement, 90% of tithing received by the charity is payable to a related organisation, Islamic Sufi Order of Qadiri Rifai Tariqa of the Americas based in New York, USA. During the year £8300 was paid to Islamic Sufi Order of Qadiri Rifai Tariqa of the Americas (2024: £9000). A balance of £4553 (2024: £2720) remained payable at the year end.				
(ii) The Spiritual Head of both the charity and the Islamic Sufi Order of Qadiri Rifai Tariqa of the Americas, Shaykha Muzzeyen Ansari, delivered Sufi training programs and consultancy during the year and was paid £2144 (2024: £925).				
(iii) Trustees, Amina Jappie and Sayyed Goolamhossen, were paid £793 and £342 respectively, for reimbursement of expenses paid on behalf of the charity.				
(iv) There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Fadila Laloui	29/01/2026	