

**ESSEX CULTURAL & YOUTH SOCIETY
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Essex Cultural & Youth Society
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Charity Information
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number 1173188

Company Number 09515044

Registered Office 11 Faringdon Grove
Faringdon Avenue
Romford
England
RM3 8TD

Trustees

The trustees and directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr Muhammad Sabahul Haque
Dr Mudasir Nazir (Appointed on 22 December 2025)
Mr Yahaya Aboubakari (Appointed on 28 May 2025)
Mr Opu Faruk Hamid
Mr Kamran Chase-Rahman (Resigned on 17 January 2026)

Independent Examiner Accountax (UK) Ltd
21 Knightsbridge
London
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**Essex Cultural & Youth Society
Trustees' Report (Including Directors' Report)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Essex Cultural & Youth Society (ECYS) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act, governed by memorandum and articles incorporated 27 March 2015 as amended by certificate of incorporation on change of name dated 25 February 2017 as amended by special resolution registered at companies' house on 19 May 2017.

Organisational Structure

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and only one trustee named as Muhammad Sabahul Haque receives remuneration to fulfil the role of Imam and teaching services which was passed through written resolution by the trustees dated 17 February 2017 and filed with companies' house on 16 April 2018. The trustees meet on a regular basis and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to the overall control and strategic management of the charity.

Recruitment, Appointment and Training of Trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the appointment of new trustees. New trustees are brought into the organisation, when required, on the basis of eligibility, competence, specialist knowledge and skills. It is the policy of Essex Cultural & Youth Society that, upon induction, each trustee is given a copy of the trust deed, the latest accounts (if available), recent meeting minutes and guidance regarding the policies and procedures adopted by the charity.

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

The objective of the charity is mainly to advance the religion of Islam, to promote the religious harmony, provision of facilities in interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation, conciliation for couples and to provide relief to people facing financial hardships.

Public Benefit

In carrying out this review, the trustees of ECYS have taken regard of and comply with the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on advancement of the religion of Islam for the public benefit in accordance with the teachings of Sunni Islam in such a way by providing educational and curricular study support activities and to provide private and community worship through conducting weekly services, festival prayers and counselling and other social welfare activities.

Future Plans

The Charity is committed to provide continuous support to the people in need and also strive for creating a better society by contributing in the areas of education or training, the prevention or relief of poverty, promoting good relations between persons of different faiths, and promoting respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.

The principal funding sources of ECYS during the year were donations from various individuals and organisations, religious courses. Below are detailed activities carried out by ECYS from 01st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Congregational Prayers and Islamic Education

Friday Jumu'ah prayers continued weekly, serving a growing congregation. Larger congregations were held at The Grove Banqueting Hall during holiday periods. Due to increasing attendance, a second weekly congregation was added, and volunteers assisted with crowd management. ECYS facilitated the five daily prayers and shared regular updates. Weekend Madrasah classes continued, with a curriculum covering Tarbiyyah, Qur'an recitation, Duas, Salah, and more.

Ramadan and Community Activities 2024

During Ramadan 2024, Taraweeh Salaah was held nightly at The Grove Banqueting Hall, with Iftar provided daily at Harold Hill Mosque. ECYS organised a youth outing, a Family Iftar, and a Khatmul Qur'an community Iftar. Eid-ul-Fitr Salaah saw over 700 attendees, with community members able to pay Zakaat-ul-Fitr online or in cash.

Youth Development and Community Support

Football sessions for boys and girls began in October, with Imam Sahib also providing community updates. Several youth events were held, including a Girls Youth Event and Boys Youth Evenings, with activities and lectures by Imam Sahib.

Education and Youth Activities 2025

Weekday Madrasah classes and a weekly Story Club began, along with GOJU Karate self-defence sessions. Several youth events, including creative activities and Tafseer lessons, were organised.

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Ramadan Preparations and Activities 2025

Preparations for Ramadan included a session for children on the rules of Ramadan and Iftar gatherings. I'tikaaf participation was encouraged, marking the first full I'tikaaf at Harold Hill Mosque, acknowledged during Eid-ul-Fitr prayer.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As explained in financial review, the charity has fulfilled its objectives through charitable activities in accordance with charity's objectives. There were no significant fundraising activities or material expenditure incurred to raise future income.

RESERVE POLICY

At 31 March 2025 the charity had funds of £130,161 (2024: £61,876).

The trustees review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity continuing obligations.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of Essex Cultural & youth Society for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Muhammad Haque

Muhammad Haque (Apr 1, 2026 15:51:24 GMT+1)

Mr Muhammad Sabahul Haque
Trustee

**Essex Cultural & Youth Society
Independent Examiner Report
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Trustees & Examiner Responsibilities

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner Statement:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities as applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



**Ghafoor Ahmad Khattak (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Accountax (UK) Ltd, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Certified Accountant and Registered Auditors**

21 Knightsbridge
London
England
SW1X 7LY
Date: 01 April 2026

Essex Cultural & Youth Society
Statement of Financial Activities
Including Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ 2025	£ 2025	£ 2025	£ 2024
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	6	97,351	15,161	112,512	48,942
Charitable activities	7	19,544	-	19,544	7,549
Total income		116,895	15,161	132,056	56,491
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	8	(63,771)	-	(63,771)	(51,427)
Total expenditure		(63,771)	-	(63,771)	(51,427)
Net income		53,124	15,161	68,285	5,064
Net movement in funds		53,124	15,161	68,285	5,064
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 01 April 2024	9	23,209	38,667	61,876	56,812
Fund balances at 31 March 2025	9	76,333	53,828	130,161	61,876

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	3		1,841		842
			<u>1,841</u>		<u>842</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		124,544		53,321	
Debtors	4	9,525		9,413	
		<u>134,069</u>		<u>62,734</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>134,069</u>		<u>62,734</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	5	(5,749)		(1,700)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>128,320</u>		<u>61,034</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>130,161</u>		<u>61,876</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>130,161</u>		<u>61,876</u>
Unrestricted funds	9		76,333		23,209
Restricted funds	9		53,828		38,667
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>130,161</u>		<u>61,876</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

On behalf of the board

Muhammad Haque

Muhammad Haque (Apr 1, 2026 15:51:24 GMT+1)

Mr Muhammad Sabahul Haque
Trustee

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102), and with the Charities Act 2011.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2. Going concern disclosure

The Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on the basis that the charity is a going concern.

1.3. Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and there is certainty of receipt.

Donations and legacies: These comprise all incoming resources from donations and gifts collected directly and income from fundraising events (i.e. Jumma prayers) during the year.

Income from charitable activities: These comprise income generated from the religious education courses (Weekend courses), events organised for social gatherings and from grants from external parties.

1.4. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

1.5. Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.6. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures & fittings	33% straight line method
Computer equipment	33% straight line method

1.7 Receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

2. Average number of employees

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows: 2 (2024:1)

3. Tangible assets

	Fixtures & fittings	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 01 April 2024	190	3,460	3,650
Additions during the year	-	1,841	1,841
As at 31 March 2025	<u>190</u>	<u>5,301</u>	<u>5,491</u>
Depreciation			
As at 01 April 2024	190	2,618	2,808
Charged during the year	-	842	842
As at 31 March 2025	<u>190</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>3,650</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>1,841</u>	<u>1,841</u>
As at 01 April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>842</u>

4. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments	4,525	4,413
Other debtors	5,000	5,000
	<u>9,525</u>	<u>9,413</u>

5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other creditors	5,149	1,300
Accruals	600	400
	<u>5,749</u>	<u>1,700</u>

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6. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Donation from individuals	97,351	15,161	112,512	48,942
	<u>97,351</u>	<u>15,161</u>	<u>112,512</u>	<u>48,942</u>

7. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Courses and events fee	19,544	-	19,544	7,549
	<u>19,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,544</u>	<u>7,549</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Trustee's remuneration	14,400	-	14,400	8,740
Accountancy fee	600	-	600	400
Rent and rates	19,745	-	19,745	18,898
Repairs and maintenance	619	-	619	-
Lecturers fee	-	-	-	530
Printing, postage and stationery	380	-	380	257
Events and ceremonies	18,556	-	18,556	13,423
Books and study material	274	-	274	2,623
Charitable donations	4,394	-	4,394	2,919
Depreciation of computer equipment	842	-	842	1,053
Depreciation of fixtures and fittings	-	-	-	63
Office expenses	2,148	-	2,148	1,148
Insurance	315	-	315	706
Light and heat	888	-	888	667
Staff salaries	610	-	610	-
	<u>63,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,771</u>	<u>51,427</u>

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9. Fund reconciliation

	At 01 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted funds:</u>				
General funds	23,209	116,895	(63,771)	76,333
<u>Restricted funds:</u>				
Donations for masjid	38,667	15,161	-	53,828
Total funds	61,876	132,056	(63,771)	130,161

10. Trustees remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Muhammad Sabahul Haque	14,400	8,740
	14,400	8,740

Muhammad Sabahul Haque is entitled and being paid in accordance to his contract with Essex Cultural & Youth Society which was passed through a written resolution by the trustees dated 17 February 2017 and filed with companies' house on 16 April 2018. The payment is for the provision of the Imam and teaching services.

No other trustee has received any payment and benefits from the company during the year.

11. Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties in the year, except for the trustee's remuneration which is fully disclosed in note 10.