

COLCHESTER ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1175376

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-26

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE ISLAM, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN COLCHESTER FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP, BASED ON SUNNI ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES.2 TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF COLCHESTER AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER:TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PURPOSE 1.3. THE PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY: EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN ISLAM AND THROUGH INTERFAITH DIALOGUE, PROMOTE AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS INCLUDING THEIR DISTINCTIVE FEATURES AND THEIR COMMON GROUND, SO AS TO PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONS, RESPECT AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PERSONS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS.

Activities: Bring together and provide community activities for Muslims in Colchester

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£223,368	£29,601	-	-
2024-03-31	£81,834	£10,953	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,019	£20,045	-	-
2022-03-31	£45,584	£13,423	-	-
2021-03-31	£66,802	£5,328	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr SOHAIL CHOKSY	Chair	2017-01-14
Alexandra Ray Barakat		2018-04-28
Dr MUHAMMAD FAROOQ SIDDIQUE		2017-01-14
Fowad Murtaza		2021-07-04
Hooria Ahmad		2022-11-04
Kazeem Oloyede		2019-01-31
Kiran Zahra Syed		2022-10-07

Accounts

Colchester Islam Community Centre (CICC)
Charity No 1175376

Annual report and accounts

For the period
1 Apr 2024 – 31 Mar 2025

Formally approved by :-

Chair	K Oloyede
Finance lead	F Murtaza

Date	7/01/2026
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after review by all current Trustees.

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i. Version control

Version	Date	By	Disc
1	7/1/25	MN	First issue

1. Report structure

This report follows the guidance provided by gov.uk :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

2. Objectives

The charitable objectives of CICC are as follows:

(From CICC Constitution v1.3 document section 3.)

a) To advance Islam, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of facilities in Colchester for public worship, based on Sunni Islamic principles.

b) To further or benefit the residents of Colchester and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects and subject to the provisions of purpose 1.

c) The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by: educating the public in Islam and through interfaith dialogue, promote awareness and knowledge of different religious beliefs including their distinctive features and their common ground, so as to promote good relations, respect and mutual understanding between persons of different faith.

2.1 Objective updates

During March 2021 AGM some changes to the charity objectives/purposes were purposed and accepted by the membership. These have been submitted to charity commission for approval. Once fully approved this section will be updated.

3. Trustees report

The Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC) first came into being in January 2017 and a fully registered charity in October 2017. Since inception, it has been working hard on these objectives and has matured and developed into an organisation which is recognised and respected by the Muslim community in Colchester and beyond.

CICC has hired venues and organised numerous, activities, social functions, educational lectures and conferences in Colchester.

3.1 Trustee board and governing document

There are currently 8 serving trustees (as named below). There have been two elections March 2022 and June 2023. The last election CICC is bound by its governing document, the Constitution.

3.2 Elections

An independent election committee was set up to replace the outgoing trustees and to oversee election of a new set of trustees.

The election committee contacted the individual registered members of CICC to nominate up to 9 individuals for the post of trustee in March 2022 and in June 2023. The Charity commission online portal was updated with the details of the new substantial trustees. A chairman, secretary and treasurer were chosen internally by the trustees.

Further changes to the trustees was proposed at March 2021 AGM. These are going through formal approval processes.

3.3 Management structure and meetings

Monthly meetings are held attended by Trustees and volunteers.. Several ad-hoc trustee meetings are held when important decisions need to be made. All meetings are carefully documented by the secretary.

The last AGM was held in March 2023.

3.4 Membership

Membership is free. Members can join online, through the website or at events. CICC has a strict policy on data protection and is GDPR compliant.

3.5 Governance

Policies and procedures are under development. Volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults were required to complete satisfactory DBS checks and safeguarding training. CICC has a safeguarding policy for children and is currently developing further policies and procedures to ensure highest standards of governance.

3.6 Risk Management

Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to manage risk. Risks are identified and discussed at trustee meetings. Current Risks identified are:-

- Lack of fully staffed organisational structure,
- Reliance on donations to raise enough finance for further improvements/development of the property,
- Reliance on donations to cover ongoing costs,
- Lack of venue to hold activities.

Property has been purchased but needs major renovation before can be used.

- Systems to control risks include developing a full organizational structure and ongoing fundraising to meet the needs of the charity.

3.7 Finances

CICC has two bank accounts, a general expense account and a property account.

Money can only be withdrawn from the property account if it is for an expense related to the property.

Money can only be withdrawn from the accounts:-

- by cheque, signed by two separate trustees of CICC
- by bank transfer, electronically signed by two separate trustees of CICC

3.8 Fundraising

CICC is registered for gift aid which increases the value of donations from UK taxpayers.

Fundraising was performed during last Ramadan and Eid (April 2023) to raise money for the refurbishment works required at the property.

3.9 Website and social media

CICC has website under the domain www.cicc.co.uk. The website became operational in February 2018 and gives a wealth of information about CICC including activities and events, and also allows visitors to register, become a member, donate, volunteer and look up prayer times.

The dominant platform for communicating with members is WhatsApp. CICC also has a twitter and Facebook account and is seeking to increase its presence on social media.

3.10 Property

After a long search a suitable property was found, on the outskirts of Colchester. Members were consulted at the AGM on 31st March 2019 about this property. This property was successfully purchased in September 2019.

During FY2021-22 & FY2022-23 minor refurbishment of the property continued. Major refurbishment is currently being performed at the property.

4. Achievements and Performance

4.1 During period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

CICC continues working on setting up and establishing activities and events based on community needs in line with our charitable objectives; most of which overlap more than one objective. Many activities were held in person, and some remained on Zoom as requested by members due to the convenience this offers, e.g. in particular for evening exercise classes and lectur

4.1.1 Advance Faith

Many of CICC's activities and events target advancement of faith; amongst them were weekly women's Qur'an classes and a series of monthly lectures entitled from 'From Islam to Iman'; delivered by one of the local Imams. Additional lectures were also delivered for Ramadan.

More details of the held activities/ events can be found under the second and third objectives as there is an overlap.

4.1.2 Benefit community & Establish Community Centre

A lot of effort has gone into spawning an environment at CICC's events/ activities where Muslims from whichever background, can feel at ease with each other. Evidence of success in this endeavour can be seen through the fact that our events/ activities are often oversubscribed, and a sense of unity has built up amongst the members. During the year we held several dish parties and one catered event in June 2024. We also organised a picnic in the local park for women and children in August.

Refurbishment has continued on a building purchased for use as CICC's community centre. This will benefit the community by offering a place where people can meet and pray, and activities can be held. The building has been extended and needs some refurbishment before it is fit for purpose. Work has been ongoing to get this done. In the meantime, all in person activities are being held in rented community halls.

CICC's wellbeing team are still active in organising iftar hampers during Ramadan, for the elderly, disabled and families in need. This fits into our objectives by providing an evening meal during Ramadan to families who may struggle to have a good meal and to encourage a sense of belonging to a community.

4.1.2.1 *Ladies' Quran class*

Weekly ladies Quran classes were held on Zoom, with the aim of encouraging togetherness amongst women who are learning how to recite the Quran correctly with its rules. It is open to all women regardless of prior recitation knowledge and includes teaching the basics of Arabic to new Muslims and/ or non-Arabic speakers.

4.1.2.2 *Revert Support Network (those who converted to Islam)*

CICC has a 'Revert Support Network' through which it runs a Revert Circle which has lectures once a month on Zoom so that new Muslims, or those interested in Islam can learn about the faith and ask questions. It also provides opportunity for attendees to get to know people in a similar situation and

to gain more confidence when mixing with the wider community. Dish parties are also held every few months to encourage friendship and prevent social isolation.

4.1.2.3 Annual women's conference

This is no longer being held due to a shortage of volunteers.

4.1.2.4 Youth Circle

During this reporting period the Youth Circle was restarted. This offered children the opportunity to make new friends whilst engaging in various activities.

4.1.2.5 Youth Football

No football sessions were offered during this reporting period.

4.1.2.6 Kids Ramadan and Eid workshops

For the reason given above, no workshops were held during this reporting year, however the Youth Circle did run activities focusing on these occasions instead.

4.1.2.7 Islamic Lectures

CICC organised lectures on different topics to help educate the community as well to bring people together. A health lecture on diabetes, was also delivered by a doctor to benefit the community by enabling them to make better informed lifestyle choices.

4.1.2.8 Squash, Cycling and Exercise classes

CICC organised opportunities for adults to engage in sport to benefit them by encouraging healthy living. Squash and cycling groups met on an ad hoc basis to play squash games or cycle together through the lovely local countryside.

4.1.2.9 Eid prayer in the park

CICC encourages members to volunteer and help other Islamic organisations, e.g. Priory Street Mosque (CICA), with the facilitation of Eid prayers to benefit the wider Muslim population in Colchester.

4.1.2.10 Establish a community centre

One of CICC's objectives was to provide a community facility to cater for the needs of Muslims and to promote social welfare, education and racial harmony. As well as providing, much needed, additional prayer facilities. CICC found a suitable premises and work started on refurbishment.

4.1.3 Religious Harmony

All of the aforementioned activities and events also aim to provide religious harmony, primarily within the Muslim Community. The Muslim community comprises of a variety of people from all over the world, with different cultures. CICC has been successful in promoting respect, understanding and religious harmony between this diverse community through the various activities and events organised. Many of our events are also open to people of other faiths or none and we run an outreach program which promote religious harmony.

4.1.3.1 Bereavement support

CICC has a dedicated team that offers the community funeral and bereavement support. As Colchester Muslims do not yet have the appropriate facilities for burials, there is collaboration with Hunnabal Funeral Directors in Colchester and CICA.

4.1.3.2 Sisters' Coffee mornings

Sisters' Coffee Mornings have not taken place during this reporting period, due to lack of volunteers and attendance. They have since restarted where Muslim women, women of other faiths or none, can get together to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee/ food; offering an opportunity to socialise and meet new people.

4.1.3.3 Revert Support

The Revert Support Network mentioned above, is also part of CICC's outreach programme and aims to support new Muslims' integration into the wider community.

4.1.3.4 Eid prayers in the Park

As a further part of the outreach program and to encourage wider community focus and better understanding of the Muslim faith, as portrayed through action, CICC aims to help other charities and the needy in the local community. As mentioned above, CICC members have volunteered to help Priory Street Mosque (CICA) run the Eid prayers in the Castle Park.

4.1.3.5 Iftars (Feeding the fasting)

CICC held two Iftar dish events, to give the community an opportunity to meet each other and break their fast together in Ramadan.

Our Wellbeing team also made and distributed iftar parcels to the elderly/ disabled/ people living by themselves and to poorer members of the community. This is to aid those in need and to promote a sense of belonging within the community, for both the volunteers and recipients.

4.1.3.6 Foodbank

None

4.1.4 Relief of poverty

Due to the increasing cost of living, CICC runs a foodbank where people in need can be helped. Recipients are given a choice of which items they would like, to prevent waste.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

5.1 Constitution

Current constitution document.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC), Version 1.3, 21-10-2017

5.2 Incorporated as a CIO

The CICC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charity Commission.

5.3 Constitution Model

The CICC constitution will adopt Model 2 (The 'Association' Model) as defined by the charity commission.

5.4 Trustee appointment

Processes are fully covered in the CICC constitution v1.3, in section 12 to 18.

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6. Reference and administrative details



6.1 Registered name of charity

Colchester Islamic Community Centre

6.2 UK Charity registration number

Number 117537 and Registered in UK.

6.3 Address of its registered office

The principal office of the CICC is in Colchester, England.
7A MAGDALEN STREET
COLCHESTER
CO1 2JT

6.4 Charity trustees names

6.4.1 First set of trustees at formation of CICC January 2017

1. Dr Noshaba Rasool
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Dr Muhammed Al-Dabbagh
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Dr Shabuddin Khan
7. Dr Fowad Murtaza
8. Dr Hulkar Mamayusupova
9. Mrs Maria Tonnessen

6.4.2 Current Trustees.

1. Kiran Zahra Syed
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Mr Fowad Murtaza
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Dr Hooria Ahmad
7. Mrs Alex Barakat
8. Mr Kazeem Oloyede

6.4.3 Trustee changes proposed at March 2021 AGM

During AGM March 2021 a number of trustee changes were purposed. These are going through formal approval process with the membership and then Charity Commission will be advised. Once these processes are completed this section will be updated.

6.5 Exemptions from disclosure

CICC have not withheld any trustee names or office address from this report.

7. Serious incident report for CICC

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-report-a-serious-incident-in-your-charity>

The Trustees have followed the guidance in “How to report a serious incident in your charity” and specifically reviewed the “What to report” & “Deciding what to report examples”.

7.1 During FY 2017 – 2018

There have been no incidences reported.

7.2 During FY 2018 – 2019.

There have been no incidences reported

7.3 During FY 2019 – 2020.

There have been no incidences reported

7.4 During FY 2020 – 2021.

There have been no incidences reported

7.5 During FY 2021 – 2022.

There have been no incidences reported

7.6 During FY 2022 – 2023.

There have been no incidences reported

7.7 During FY 2023 – 2024.

There have been no incidences reported

7.8 During FY 2024 – 2025.

There have been no incidences reported

8. Financial review

8.1 Independent Examiners Report

This is a PDF copy of the report.

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Chartered Accountants

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Colchester Islamic Community Centre Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees For the year ending 31 March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement - matter of concern identified

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

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8.2 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre as an Association Charity Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Income and expenses are recognised on an accrual's basis.

8.3 Reporting period

The reporting period was 1 April 2024 to 31 Mar 2025

8.4 Subsequent events

During FY2024-25 refurbishment activity continues on the Freehold property acquired in Sep 2019.

8.5 Holding reserve

CICC Trustees have decided that funds can be earmarked for purchase and development of property, then these funds cannot be used for any other charity activities.

8.6 Fund accounting

CICC funds are unrestricted in their use and can be spent for any charitable purposes of the charity. CICC has earmarked certain funds for property purchase and development. CICC has earmarked certain funds for specific items for the centre.

8.7 Trustee remunerations

CICC trustees are not paid for the work they undertake. All Trustee work is voluntary

8.8 Staff remunerations

CICC does not currently have any employees.

8.9 Independent examiner remunerations

CICC retains a firm of accountants to undertake independent review of the charity accounts. They are paid a fixed fee of £250 + VAT per year, for all the services they provide.

8.10 UK GOV 2020 Annual Return questions

CICC has reviewed the guidance to ensure all relevant Questions are covered in the annual return.
Downloaded on 30/12/22 from :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

8.10.1 Financial period

(See Section 9.1)

8.10.2 Income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Total Income & spend

8.10.3 Confirm income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Gross Income

8.10.4 Serious incidents

(See Section 7)

8.10.5 Fundraising

Did your charity raise funds from the public? Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers? NO

Did your charity work with any commercial participators? NO

8.10.6 Grant making

Was grant making the main way your charity carried out its purposes? NO

8.10.7 Income from government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities? NO

8.10.8 Section: Income from government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities? YES

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities? No

What was the total value of these grants £Nil

8.10.9 Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK? NO

8.10.10 Operating and spending outside England and Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales? NO

8.10.11 Subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries? NO

8.10.12 Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses? NO

(see section 8.7)

8.10.13 Employees

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more? NO

(see 8.8)

8.10.14 Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?
Approx 10

8.10.15 Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls? Yes

8.10.16 Safeguarding

Trustees & Volunteers in key roles have DBS checks done.

Only charities with annual income over £500,000 need to answer the following financial questions.

(8.10.17-24 Not applicable to CICC during this period.)

8.10.17 Account type

8.10.18 Income and Endowments

8.10.19 Expenditure

8.10.20 Other recognised gains/(losses)

8.10.21 Assets

8.10.22 Liabilities

8.10.23 Funds

8.10.24 Additional information

8.10.25 Send Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

You are required to submit your Trustees' Annual Report and accounts for this financial period.

8.10.26 Submit Trustees' Annual Report, external scrutiny and accounts

You must attach a complete set of accounts which is comprised of the Trustees' Annual Report, accounts and appropriate independent examiners' / auditor's report.

8.10.27 Check and submit your annual return

Before you complete the declaration and submit the annual return, you should check the content and accuracy of the information you have provided.

9. Summary accounts

9.1 Statement of Financial Activity – Year 1 April 2024 – 31 Mar 2025

Colchester Islamic Community Centre
Charity No 1 175 376

Statement of Financial Activity
For the year ended 31 Mar 2025

	All unrestricted and restricted funds Year ended 31 Mar 2025	Total funds Prior Period	Notes
Income and endowments:			
Donations and legacies	219,403	73,576	
Charitable activities	3,965	-	
Other trading activities	-	4	
Gift aid received	-	-	
Other	-	8,254	
Total	223,368	81,834	
Expenditure:			
Charitable activities – Donations to other Charities	11,505	165	
Charitable activities – Gifts and Organising	11,580	-	
Trading activities Raising funds by Hosting	-	2,936	
Other – Public liability Insurance	707	1,158	
Other – Disclosure barring service	-	-	
Other – Independent Examination	300	300	
Other – Utilities	5,004	5,027	
Other – Other professional services	505	1,367	
Total	29,601	10,953	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	193,767	70,881	
Transfers between funds	-	-	
Other recognised Gains/(Losses)	-	-	
Net movement in funds	193,767	70,881	
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	692,007	621,126	
Total funds carried forward	885,774	692,007	

9.2 Balance Sheet

Statement of Financial Position For the year ended 31 Mar 2025

	<u>At 31 Mar 2025</u>	<u>At 31 Mar 2024</u>
Tangible assets		
Property	620,997	524,717
Property refurbishment in year	188,352	96,280
Total	809,349	620,997
Current assets:		
Cash at bank	76,725	71,310
Debtors	-	-
Total	76,725	71,310
Liabilities:		
Creditors due within 1 year – Accruals	300	300
Total	300	300
Net current Assets/(Liabilities)	76,425	71,010
Total assets Less current liabilities	885,774	692,007
Creditors due after 1 year	-	-
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	885,774	692,007
Total Charity funds:		
Restricted and Unrestricted funds	885,774	692,007

10. Accounts Sign Off

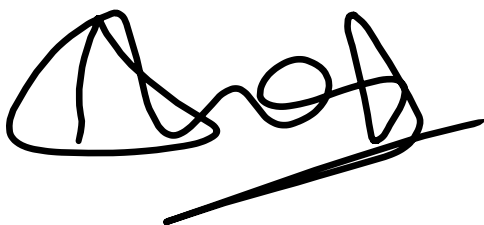
For Statement of Financial Activity – period 1 Apr 2024 – 31 Mar 2025

The financial statements in this document, comprising: -

- (i) Finance review
- (ii) Statement of financial activities
- (iii) Balance sheet

Have been reviewed and agreed by all CICC trustees.

Signed on behalf of all trustees: -



S Choksy

MF Murtaza

Mr Sohail Choksy
Chairman

Mr F Murtaza
Finance Support

Date **7/01/2025**

Accounts

Colchester Islam Community Centre (CICC)

Charity No 1175376

Annual report and accounts

For the period

1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

Formally approved by :-

Chair

S Choksy

Finance lead

M Nadim

Date

12/01/2025

after review by all current Trustees.

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1. Report structure

This report follows the guidance provided by gov.uk :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

2. Objectives

The charitable objectives of CICC are as follows:

(From CICC Constitution v1.3 document section 3.)

a) To advance Islam, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of facilities in Colchester for public worship, based on Sunni Islamic principles.

b) To further or benefit the residents of Colchester and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects and subject to the provisions of purpose 1.

c) The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by: educating the public in Islam and through interfaith dialogue.

d) To collect and distribute zakat donations (money) for relief of poverty for the poor and needy in the community.

3. Trustees report

The Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC) first came into being in January 2017 and a fully registered charity in October 2017. Since inception, it has been working hard on these objectives and has matured and developed into an organisation which is recognised and respected by the Muslim community in Colchester and beyond.

CICC has hired venues and organised numerous, activities, social functions, educational lectures and conferences in Colchester.

3.1 Trustee board and governing document

CICC is bound by its governing document, the Constitution. Eight trustees served on the trustees' board.

3.2 Elections

An independent election committee was set up to oversee an election in June 2023. The election committee contacted CICC's members to give them opportunity to participate in the election. Two new members were elected, replacing two outgoing trustees. The results of the election were announced at the AGM on 2nd July 2023.

The Charity commission online portal was updated with the details of the new substantial trustees. A chairman, secretary and treasurer were chosen internally by the trustees.

3.3 Management structure and meetings

Monthly trustees' meetings are held, with additional adhoc meetings if and when needed. All meetings are carefully documented by the secretary.

3.4 Membership

Membership is free. Members can join online, through the website or at events. CICC has a strict policy on data protection and is GDPR compliant.

3.5 Governance

Policies and procedures are regularly reviewed. Volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults are required to complete a satisfactory DBS check and undergo safeguarding training. CICC has a safeguarding policy for children and is currently developing further policies and procedures to ensure highest standards of governance.

3.6 Risk Management

Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to manage risk. Risks are identified and discussed at trustee meetings. Current Risks identified are:-

- Lack of fully staffed organisational structure,
- Reliance on donations to raise enough finance for further improvements/development of the property,
- Reliance on donations to cover ongoing costs,
- Lack of venue to hold activities.
A property has been purchased and is undergoing extensive construction work to be fit for purpose.
- Systems to control risks include developing a full organizational structure and ongoing fundraising to meet the needs of the charity.

3.7 Finances

CICC has two bank accounts, a general expense account and a property account.

Money can only be withdrawn from the property account if it is for an expense related to the property.

Money can only be withdrawn from the accounts:-

- by cheque, signed by two separate trustees of CICC
- by bank transfer, electronically signed by two separate trustees of CICC

3.8 Fundraising

CICC is registered for gift aid which increases the value of donations from UK taxpayers.

Fundraising was performed during Ramadan and Eid to raise money for the refurbishment works required at the property.

3.9 Website and social media

CICC has website under the domain www.cicc.co.uk. The website became operational in February 2018 and gives a wealth of information about CICC including activities and events, and also allows visitors to register, become a member, donate, volunteer and look up prayer times.

The dominant platform for communicating with members is WhatsApp. CICC also has a twitter and Facebook account and is seeking to increase its presence on social media.

3.10 Property

After a long search a suitable property was found, on the outskirts of Colchester. Members were consulted at the AGM on 31st March 2019 about this property. This property was successfully purchased in September 2019.

Following planning permission approval, a major refurbishment of the site started this financial year.

4. Achievements and Performance

4.1 During period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

CICC continues working on setting up and establishing activities and events based on community needs in line with our charitable objectives; most of which overlap more than one objective. Many activities were held in person, and some were on Zoom as requested by members due to the convenience this offers.

4.1.1 Advance Faith

Many of CICC's activities and events target advancement of faith; amongst them are weekly women's Qur'an classes.

More details of the held activities/ events can be found under the second and third objectives as there is an overlap.

4.1.2 Benefit community & Establish Community Centre

A lot of effort has gone into spawning an environment at CICC's events/ activities where Muslims from whichever background, can feel at ease with each other. Evidence of success in this endeavour can be seen through the fact that our events/ activities are often oversubscribed and the sense of unity that has built up amongst the members. During the year we held several dish parties or catered events and in September 2023 we organised a picnic in the local park for women and children.

Additionally, for the benefit of the community a building was purchased to serve as CICC's community centre; a base where activities can be held, and people can meet. The centre needs a lot of refurbishment before it is fit for purpose and work is underway to get this done. In the meantime, all, in person activities are being held in rented community halls.

CICC's wellbeing team were still active in organising iftar hampers during Ramadan, for the elderly, disabled and families in need. This fits into our objectives by providing an evening meal during Ramadan to families who may struggle to have a good meal and to encourage a sense of belonging to a community.

4.1.2.1 Ladies' Quran class

Weekly ladies Quran classes were held on Zoom, with the aim of encouraging togetherness amongst women who are learning how to recite the Quran correctly with its rules. It is open to all women regardless of prior recitation knowledge and includes teaching the basics of Arabic to new Muslims and/ or non-Arabic speakers.

4.1.2.2 Revert Support Network (those who converted to Islam)

CICC has a 'Revert Support Network' through which it runs a Revert Circle which has lectures once a month on Zoom so that new Muslims, or those interested in Islam can learn about the faith and ask questions. It also provides opportunity for attendees to get to know people in a similar situation and to gain more confidence when mixing with the wider community. Dish parties are also held every few months to encourage friendship and prevent social isolation.

4.1.2.3 Youth Circle

The girls' Youth Circle started up again with the first session held February. Sessions are held on the first Sunday of each month.

4.1.2.4 Kids Ramadan and Eid workshops

Due to lack of volunteers none of these workshops were held. However now that the Youth Circle has reconvened it is hoped that these will too.

4.1.2.5 Squash, Cycling and Exercise classes

CICC organised opportunities for adults to engage in sport/ exercise classes to encourage healthy living. Squash and cycling groups met on an adhoc basis to play squash games or cycle together through the lovely local countryside.

4.1.2.6 Eid in the park

Once again CICC worked with other Islamic charities, such as the Colchester Mosque (CICA), for the wider benefit of the Muslim community in Colchester by helping with the facilitation of the Eid prayers, so they would be free and easily accessible for the community. These occasions also provided opportunity for the community to meet and greet each other on these special occasions.

4.1.2.7 Establish a community centre

One of CICC's objectives is to provide a community facility to cater for the needs of Muslims and to promote social welfare, education and racial harmony. As well as providing, much needed, additional prayer facilities. CICC found a suitable premises and work has started on refurbishment.

4.1.3 Religious Harmony

All of the aforementioned activities and events also aim to provide religious harmony, primarily within the Muslim Community. The Muslim community comprises of a variety of people from all over the world, with different cultural backgrounds. CICC has been successful in promoting respect, understanding and religious harmony between this diverse community through the various activities and events organised. Many of our events are also open to people of other faiths or none and we run an outreach program which promote religious harmony.

4.1.3.1 Bereavement support

CICC has a dedicated team that offers the community funeral and bereavement support. As Colchester Muslims do not yet have the appropriate facilities for burials there is a collaboration with Hunnabal Funeral Directors in Colchester and CICA.

4.1.3.2 Revert Support

The Revert Support Network mentioned above is also part of CICC's outreach programme.

4.1.3.3 Eid prayers in the Park

As a further part of the outreach program and to encourage wider community focus and better understanding of the Muslim faith, as portrayed through action, CICC aims to help other charities and the needy in the local community. As mentioned above, CICC members have volunteered to help Colchester's Priory Street Mosque (CICA) run the Eid prayers in the Castle Park.

4.1.3.4 Iftars (Feeding the fasting)

As part of our outreach programme, money was raised to sponsor iftars for, students at Essex University, Priory Street Mosque, medical staff at Colchester hospital and food parcels for refugees during Ramadan. Our Wellbeing team also made up and distributed iftar parcels to the elderly/ disabled people living on their own and poorer members of the community.

4.1.4 Relief of poverty

CICC ran a food voucher scheme until the end of January 2024, where applicants in need could apply for food vouchers that could then be spent in a few local supermarkets on halal food products. This was then replaced with our own foodbank, where applicants can choose which food items they would like to have.

Additionally due to the national cost of living crisis, CICC again took part in the 'Winter Warmth Essentials' scheme run by Colchester Council. Items that would help keep people warm during the cold months of winter, were bought to make a hamper, and delivered to those who had applied for one and were in need.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

5.1 Constitution

Current constitution document.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC), Version 1.4, 27-11-2022

5.2 Incorporated as a CIO

The CICC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charity Commission.

5.3 Constitution Model

The CICC constitution will adopt Model 2 (The 'Association' Model) as defined by the charity commission.

5.4 Trustee appointment

Processes are fully covered in the CICC constitution v1.3, in section 12 to 18.

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6. Reference and administrative details



6.1 Registered name of charity

Colchester Islamic Community Centre

6.2 UK Charity registration number

Number 117537 and Registered in UK.

6.3 Address of its registered office

The principal office of the CICC is in Colchester, England.
7A MAGDALEN STREET
COLCHESTER
CO1 2JT

6.4 Charity trustees names

6.4.1 First set of trustees at formation of CICC January 2017

1. Dr Noshaba Rasool
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Dr Muhammed Al-Dabbagh
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Dr Shabuddin Khan
7. Dr Fowad Murtaza
8. Dr Hulkar Mamayusupova
9. Mrs Maria Tonnessen

6.4.2 Current Trustees.

1. Kiran Zahra Syed
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Mr Fowad Murtaza
4. Dr Sohail Choksy
5. Dr Hooria Ahmad
6. Mrs Alex Barakat
7. Mr Kazeem Oloyede
8. Mr Muhammed Nadim

6.5 Exemptions from disclosure

CICC have not withheld any trustee names or office address from this report.

7. Serious incident report for CICC

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-report-a-serious-incident-in-your-charity>

The Trustees have followed the guidance in “How to report a serious incident in your charity” and specifically reviewed the “What to report” & “Deciding what to report examples”.

7.1 During FY 2017 – 2018

There have been no incidences reported.

7.2 During FY 2018 – 2019.

There have been no incidences reported

7.3 During FY 2019 – 2020.

There have been no incidences reported

7.4 During FY 2020 – 2021.

There have been no incidences reported

7.5 During FY 2021 – 2022.

There have been no incidences reported

7.6 During FY 2022 – 2023.

There have been no incidences reported

7.7 During FY 2023 – 2024.

There have been no incidences reported

8. Financial review

8.1 Independent Examiners Report

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Chartered Accountants

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Colchester Islamic Community Centre Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees For the year ending 31 March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement - matter of concern identified

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

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8.2 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre as an Association Charity Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Income and expenses are recognised on an accrual's basis.

8.3 Reporting period

The reporting period was 1 April 2023 to 31 Mar 2024

8.4 Subsequent events

During FY2023-24 refurbishment activity continues on the Freehold property acquired in Sep 2019.

8.5 Holding reserve

CICC Trustees have decided that funds can be earmarked for purchase and development of property, then these funds cannot be used for any other charity activities.

8.6 Fund accounting

CICC funds are unrestricted in their use and can be spent for any charitable purposes of the charity. CICC has earmarked certain funds for property purchase and development. CICC has earmarked certain funds for specific items for the centre.

8.7 Trustee remunerations

CICC trustees are not paid for the work they undertake. All Trustee work is voluntary

8.8 Staff remunerations

CICC does not currently have any employees.

8.9 Independent examiner remunerations

CICC retains a firm of accountants to undertake independent review of the charity accounts. They are paid a fixed fee of £250 + VAT per year, for all the services they provide.

8.10 UK GOV 2020 Annual Return questions

CICC has reviewed the guidance to ensure all relevant Questions are covered in the annual return.
Downloaded on 30/12/22 from :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

8.10.1 Financial period

(See Section 9.1)

8.10.2 Income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Total Income & spend

8.10.3 Confirm income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Gross Income

8.10.4 Serious incidents

(See Section 7)

8.10.5 Fundraising

Did your charity raise funds from the public? Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers? NO

Did your charity work with any commercial participators? NO

8.10.6 Grant making

Was grant making the main way your charity carried out its purposes? NO

8.10.7 Income from government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities? NO

8.10.8 Section: Income from government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities? YES

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities? One

What was the total value of these grants?

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8.10.9 Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK? NO

8.10.10 Operating and spending outside England and Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales? NO

8.10.11 Subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries? NO

8.10.12 Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses? NO

(see section 8.7)

8.10.13 Employees

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more? NO
(see 8.8)

8.10.14 Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?
Approx 10

8.10.15 Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls? Yes

8.10.16 Safeguarding

Trustees & Volunteers in key roles have DBS checks done.

Only charities with annual income over £500,000 need to answer the following financial questions.

(8.10.17-24 Not applicable to CICC during this period.)

8.10.17 Account type

8.10.18 Income and Endowments

8.10.19 Expenditure

8.10.20 Other recognised gains/(losses)

8.10.21 Assets

8.10.22 Liabilities

8.10.23 Funds

8.10.24 Additional information

8.10.25 Send Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

You are required to submit your Trustees' Annual Report and accounts for this financial period.

8.10.26 Submit Trustees' Annual Report, external scrutiny and accounts

You must attach a complete set of accounts which is comprised of the Trustees' Annual Report, accounts and appropriate independent examiners' / auditor's report.

8.10.27 Check and submit your annual return

Before you complete the declaration and submit the annual return, you should check the content and accuracy of the information you have provided.

9. Summary accounts

9.1 Statement of Financial Activity – Year 1 April 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

Colchester Islamic Community Centre
Charity No 1 175 376

Statement of Financial Activity
Statement of Financial Activity
For the year ended 31 Mar 2024

	All unrestricted and restricted funds Year ended 31 Mar 2024	Total funds Prior Period	Notes
Income and endowments:			
Donations and legacies	73,576	9,436	
Charitable activities	-	2,330	
Other trading activities	4	5,595	
Gift aid received	-	-	
Other	8,254	9,658	
Total	81,834	27,019	
Expenditure:			
Charitable activities – Donations to other Charities	165	9,746	
Charitable activities – Gifts and Organising	-	-	
Trading activities Raising funds by Hosting	2,936	6,161	
Other – Public liability Insurance	1,158	1,158	
Other – Disclosure barring service	-	-	
Other – Independent Examination	300	300	
Other – Utilities	5,027	2,321	
Other – Other professional services	1,367	360	
Total	10,953	20,045	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	70,881	6,974	
Transfers between funds	-	-	
Other recognised Gains/(Losses)	-	-	
Net movement in funds	70,881	6,974	
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	621,126	614,152	
Total funds carried forward	692,007	621,126	

9.2 Balance Sheet

	At 31 Mar 2024	At 31 Mar 2023	Note	Fixed assets:
Tangible assets				
Property	524,717	512,948		
Property refurbishment in year	96,280	11,769		
Total	620,997	524,717		
Current assets:				
Cash at bank	71,310	96,674		
Debtors	-	35		
Total	71,310	96,709		
Liabilities:				
Creditors due within 1 year – Accruals	300	300		
Total	300	300		
Net current Assets/(Liabilities)	71,010	96,409		
Total assets Less current liabilities	692,007	621,126		
Creditors due after 1 year	-	-		
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	692,007	621,126		
Total Charity funds:				
Restricted and Unrestricted funds	692,007	621,126		

10. Accounts Sign Off

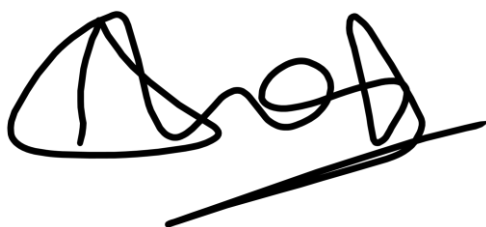
For Statement of Financial Activity – period 1 Apr 2023 – 31 Mar 2024

The financial statements in this document, comprising: -

- (i) Finance review
- (ii) Statement of financial activities
- (iii) Balance sheet

Have been reviewed and agreed by all CICC trustees.

Signed on behalf of all trustees: -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Choksy', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the bottom right.

S Choksy

M Nadim

Mr Sohail Choksy
Chairman

Mr M Nadim
Finance Support

Date **12/01/2025**

Accounts

Colchester Islam Community Centre (CICC)

Charity No 1175376

Annual report and accounts

For the period

1 Apr 2022 – 31 Mar 2023

Formally approved by :-

Chair

S Choksy

Finance lead

M Nadim

Date

27/01/2024

after review by all current Trustees.

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1. Report structure

This report follows the guidance provided by gov.uk :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

2. Objectives

The charitable objectives of CICC are as follows:

(From CICC Constitution v1.3 document section 3.)

a) To advance Islam, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of facilities in Colchester for public worship, based on Sunni Islamic principles.

b) To further or benefit the residents of Colchester and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects and subject to the provisions of purpose 1.

c) The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by: educating the public in Islam and through interfaith dialogue, promote awareness and knowledge of different religious beliefs including their distinctive features and their common ground, so as to promote good relations, respect and mutual understanding between persons of different faith.

2.1 Objective updates

During March 2021 AGM some changes to the charity objectives/purposes were purposed and accepted by the membership. These have been submitted to charity commission for approval. Once fully approved this section will be updated.

3. Trustees report

The Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC) first came into being in January 2017 and a fully registered charity in October 2017. Since inception, it has been working hard on these objectives and has matured and developed into an organisation which is recognised and respected by the Muslim community in Colchester and beyond.

CICC has hired venues and organised numerous, activities, social functions, educational lectures and conferences in Colchester.

3.1 Trustee board and governing document

There are currently 8 serving trustees (as named below). There have been two elections March 2022 and June 2023. The last election CICC is bound by its governing document, the Constitution.

3.2 Elections

An independent election committee was set up to replace the outgoing trustees and to oversee election of a new set of trustees.

The election committee contacted the individual registered members of CICC to nominate up to 9 individuals for the post of trustee in March 2022 and in June 2023. The Charity commission online portal was updated with the details of the new substantial trustees. A chairman, secretary and treasurer were chosen internally by the trustees.

Further changes to the trustees was proposed at March 2021 AGM. These are going through formal approval processes.

3.3 Management structure and meetings

Monthly meetings are held attended by Trustees and volunteers.. Several ad-hoc trustee meetings are held when important decisions need to be made. All meetings are carefully documented by the secretary.

The last AGM was held in March 2023.

3.4 Membership

Membership is free. Members can join online, through the website or at events. CICC has a strict policy on data protection and is GDPR compliant.

3.5 Governance

Policies and procedures are under development. Volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults were required to complete satisfactory DBS checks and safeguarding training. CICC has a safeguarding policy for children and is currently developing further policies and procedures to ensure highest standards of governance.

3.6 Risk Management

Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to manage risk. Risks are identified and discussed at trustee meetings. Current Risks identified are:-

- Lack of fully staffed organisational structure,
- Reliance on donations to raise enough finance for further improvements/development of the property,
- Reliance on donations to cover ongoing costs,
- Lack of venue to hold activities.

Property has been purchased but needs major renovation before can be used.

- Systems to control risks include developing a full organizational structure and ongoing fundraising to meet the needs of the charity.

3.7 Finances

CICC has two bank accounts, a general expense account and a property account.

Money can only be withdrawn from the property account if it is for an expense related to the property.

Money can only be withdrawn from the accounts:-

- by cheque, signed by two separate trustees of CICC
- by bank transfer, electronically signed by two separate trustees of CICC

3.8 Fundraising

CICC is registered for gift aid which increases the value of donations from UK taxpayers.

Fundraising was performed during last Ramadan and Eid (April 2023) to raise money for the refurbishment works required at the property.

3.9 Website and social media

CICC has website under the domain www.cicc.co.uk. The website became operational in February 2018 and gives a wealth of information about CICC including activities and events, and also allows visitors to register, become a member, donate, volunteer and look up prayer times.

The dominant platform for communicating with members is WhatsApp. CICC also has a twitter and Facebook account and is seeking to increase its presence on social media.

3.10 Property

After a long search a suitable property was found, on the outskirts of Colchester. Members were consulted at the AGM on 31st March 2019 about this property. This property was successfully purchased in September 2019.

During FY2021-22 & FY2022-23 minor refurbishment of the property continued. Major refurbishment is currently being performed at the property.

4. Achievements and Performance

4.1 During period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

CICC continues working on setting up and establishing activities and events based on community needs in line with our charitable objectives; most of which overlap more than one objective. Many activities were held in person, and some remained on Zoom as requested by members due to the convenience this offers, e.g. in particular for evening exercise classes and lectur

4.1.1 Advance Faith

Many of CICC's activities and events target advancement of faith; amongst them were weekly women's Qur'an classes and a series of monthly lectures entitled from 'From Islam to Iman'; delivered by one of the local Imams. Additional lectures were also delivered for Ramadan.

More details of the held activities/ events can be found under the second and third objectives as there is an overlap.

4.1.2 Benefit community & Establish Community Centre

A lot of effort has gone into spawning an environment at CICC's events/ activities where Muslims from whichever background, can feel at ease with each other. Evidence of success in this endeavour can be seen through the fact that our events/ activities are often oversubscribed and the sense of unity that has built up amongst the members. During the year we held several dish parties or catered events and in August 2022 we organised a picnic in the local park for women and children.

Additionally, for the benefit of the community a building was purchased to serve as CICC's community centre; a base where activities can be held, and people can meet. The centre needs a lot of refurbishment before it is fit for purpose and work is underway to get this done. In the meantime, all in person activities are being held in rented community halls.

CICC's wellbeing team are still active in organising iftar hampers during Ramadan, for the elderly, disabled and families in need. This fits into our objectives by providing an evening meal during Ramadan to families who may struggle to have a good meal and to encourage a sense of belonging to a community.

4.1.2.1 *Ladies' Quran class*

Weekly ladies Quran classes were held on Zoom, with the aim of encouraging togetherness amongst women who are learning how to recite the Quran correctly with its rules. It is open to all women regardless of prior recitation knowledge and includes teaching the basics of Arabic to new Muslims and/ or non-Arabic speakers.

4.1.2.2 *Revert Support Network (those who converted to Islam)*

CICC has a 'Revert Support Network' through which it runs a Revert Circle which has lectures once a month on Zoom so that new Muslims, or those interested in Islam can learn about the faith and ask

questions. It also provides opportunity for attendees to get to know people in a similar situation and to gain more confidence when mixing with the wider community. Dish parties are also held every few months to encourage friendship and prevent social isolation.

4.1.2.3 Annual women's conference

This is no longer being held due to a shortage of volunteers.

4.1.2.4 Youth Circle

During this reporting period the Youth Circle was still on a hiatus, due to lack of volunteers. However, plans were being progressed to start it again in the latter part of 2023 or early 2024.

4.1.2.5 Youth Football

A kid's football game was organised on 24th October 2022, to bring the kids together to learn Islamic manners through a team sport and to offer opportunity for socialisation.

4.1.2.6 Kids Ramadan and Eid workshops

For the reason given above, no workshops were held during this reporting year.

4.1.2.7 Islamic Lectures

CICC organised lectures on different topics to help educate the community as well to bring people together. Most lectures were on Islamic topics, such as Ramadan and there was a yearlong monthly lecture series entitled from 'Islam to Imam'. Additionally, a health lecture was delivered by a doctor on scarlet fever, as there was an outbreak in the community and members were concerned.

4.1.2.8 Squash, Cycling and Exercise classes

CICC organised opportunities for adults to engage in sport/ exercise classes to encourage healthy living. Squash and cycling groups met on an adhoc basis to play squash games or cycle together through the lovely local countryside. Weekly evening exercise classes were also organised for the ladies. These opportunities encouraged socialization of community members through engagement in healthy activities.

4.1.2.9 Eid prayer in the park

Once again CICC worked with other Islamic charities such as the Colchester Mosque (CICA) for the wider benefit of the Muslim community in Colchester, e.g. by helping with the facilitation of the Eid prayers, run by CICA, so they would be free and easily accessible.

4.1.2.10 Establish a community centre

One of CICC's objectives was to provide a community facility to cater for the needs of Muslims and to promote social welfare, education and racial harmony. As well as providing, much needed, additional prayer facilities. CICC found a suitable premises and work started on refurbishment.

4.1.3 Religious Harmony

All of the aforementioned activities and events also aim to provide religious harmony, primarily within the Muslim Community. The Muslim community comprises of a variety of people from all over the world, with different cultures. CICC has been successful in promoting respect, understanding and religious harmony between this diverse community through the various activities and events organised. Many of our events are also open to people of other faiths or none and we run an outreach program which promote religious harmony.

4.1.3.1 Bereavement support

CICC has a dedicated team that offers the community funeral and bereavement support. As Colchester Muslims do not yet have the appropriate facilities for burials, there is collaboration with Hunnabal Funeral Directors in Colchester and CICA.

4.1.3.2 Sisters' Coffee mornings

Sisters' Coffee Mornings take place every month and is part of our outreach programme. It aims to bring Muslim women, women of other faiths or none, together to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and food. It offers an opportunity to socialise and help each other.

4.1.3.3 Revert Support

The Revert Support Network mentioned above is also part of CICC's outreach programme.

4.1.3.4 Eid prayers in the Park

As a further part of the outreach program and to encourage wider community focus and better understanding of the Muslim faith, as portrayed through action, CICC aims to help other charities and the needy in the local community. As mentioned above, CICC members have volunteered to help Priory Street Mosque (CICA) run the Eid prayers in the Castle Park.

4.1.3.5 Iftars (Feeding the fasting)

As part of our outreach programme, money was raised to sponsor iftars for, students at Essex University, Priory Street Mosque, medical staff at Colchester hospital and food parcels for refugees during Ramadan. Our Wellbeing team also made up and distributed iftar parcels to the elderly/ disabled, people living on their own and poorer members of the community.

4.1.3.6 Foodbank

As part of our outreach program and to show we care about the wellbeing of Colchester's local wider community a fundraising campaign to support Colchester's foodbank was held in January 2023.

4.1.4 Relief of poverty

CICC runs a food voucher scheme where applicants in need can apply for food vouchers that can be spent in a few local supermarkets on halal food products.

Due to the national cost of living crisis and the fact that fuel prices had increased greatly, CICC took part in the 'Winter Warmth Essentials' scheme run by Colchester Council. Items that would help keep people warm during the cold months of winter, were bought to make a hamper, and delivered to those who had applied for one and were in need.

As previously noted, CICC supports its local foodbank and helps in feeding numerous people during Ramadan.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

5.1 Constitution

Current constitution document.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC), Version 1.3, 21-10-2017

5.2 Incorporated as a CIO

The CICC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charity Commission.

5.3 Constitution Model

The CICC constitution will adopt Model 2 (The 'Association' Model) as defined by the charity commission.

5.4 Trustee appointment

Processes are fully covered in the CICC constitution v1.3, in section 12 to 18.

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6. Reference and administrative details



6.1 Registered name of charity

Colchester Islamic Community Centre

6.2 UK Charity registration number

Number 117537 and Registered in UK.

6.3 Address of its registered office

The principal office of the CICC is in Colchester, England.
7A MAGDALEN STREET
COLCHESTER
CO1 2JT

6.4 Charity trustees names

6.4.1 First set of trustees at formation of CICC January 2017

1. Dr Noshaba Rasool
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Dr Muhammed Al-Dabbagh
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Dr Shabuddin Khan
7. Dr Fowad Murtaza
8. Dr Hulkar Mamayusupova
9. Mrs Maria Tonnessen

6.4.2 Current Trustees.

1. Kiran Zahra Syed
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Mr Fowad Murtaza
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Dr Hooria Ahmad
7. Mrs Alex Barakat
8. Mr Kazeem Oloyede

6.4.3 Trustee changes proposed at March 2021 AGM

During AGM March 2021 a number of trustee changes were purposed. These are going through formal approval process with the membership and then Charity Commission will be advised. Once these processes are completed this section will be updated.

6.5 Exemptions from disclosure

CICC have not withheld any trustee names or office address from this report.

7. Serious incident report for CICC

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-report-a-serious-incident-in-your-charity>

The Trustees have followed the guidance in “How to report a serious incident in your charity” and specifically reviewed the “What to report” & “Deciding what to report examples”.

7.1 During FY 2017 – 2018

There have been no incidences reported.

7.2 During FY 2018 – 2019.

There have been no incidences reported

7.3 During FY 2019 – 2020.

There have been no incidences reported

7.4 During FY 2020 – 2021.

There have been no incidences reported

7.5 During FY 2021 – 2022.

There have been no incidences reported

7.6 During FY 2022 – 2023.

There have been no incidences reported

8. Financial review

8.1 Independent Examiners Report

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Chartered Accountants

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Colchester Islamic Community Centre Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees For the year ending 31 March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 examiners statement - matter of concern identified

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.

21 Jan 2024

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8.2 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre as an Association Charity Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Income and expenses are recognised on an accrual's basis.

8.3 Reporting period

The reporting period was 1 April 2021 to 31 Mar 2022

8.4 Subsequent events

During FY2022-23 refurbishment activity continues on the Freehold property acquired in Sep 2019.

8.5 Holding reserve

CICC Trustees have decided that funds can be earmarked for purchase and development of property, then these funds cannot be used for any other charity activities.

8.6 Fund accounting

CICC funds are unrestricted in their use and can be spent for any charitable purposes of the charity. CICC has earmarked certain funds for property purchase and development. CICC has earmarked certain funds for specific items for the centre.

8.7 Trustee remunerations

CICC trustees are not paid for the work they undertake. All Trustee work is voluntary

8.8 Staff remunerations

CICC does not currently have any employees.

8.9 Independent examiner remunerations

CICC retains a firm of accountants to undertake independent review of the charity accounts. They are paid a fixed fee of £250 + VAT per year, for all the services they provide.

8.10 UK GOV 2020 Annual Return questions

CICC has reviewed the guidance to ensure all relevant Questions are covered in the annual return.
Downloaded on 30/12/22 from :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

8.10.1 Financial period

(See Section 9.1)

8.10.2 Income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Total Income & spend

8.10.3 Confirm income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Gross Income

8.10.4 Serious incidents

(See Section 7)

8.10.5 Fundraising

Did your charity raise funds from the public? Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers? NO

Did your charity work with any commercial participators? NO

8.10.6 Grant making

Was grant making the main way your charity carried out its purposes? NO

8.10.7 Income from government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities? NO

8.10.8 Section: Income from government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities? YES

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities? One

What was the total value of these grants?

2/3/2023 £4,000 (FSWWE081) Gen Account Food voucher scheme

8.10.9 Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK? NO

8.10.10 Operating and spending outside England and Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales? NO

8.10.11 Subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries? NO

8.10.12 Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses? NO

(see section 8.7)

8.10.13 Employees

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more? NO
(see 8.8)

8.10.14 Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?
Approx 10

8.10.15 Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls? Yes

8.10.16 Safeguarding

Trustees & Volunteers in key roles have DBS checks done.

Only charities with annual income over £500,000 need to answer the following financial questions.

(8.10.17-24 Not applicable to CICC during this period.)

8.10.17 Account type

8.10.18 Income and Endowments

8.10.19 Expenditure

8.10.20 Other recognised gains/(losses)

8.10.21 Assets

8.10.22 Liabilities

8.10.23 Funds

8.10.24 Additional information

8.10.25 Send Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

You are required to submit your Trustees' Annual Report and accounts for this financial period.

8.10.26 Submit Trustees' Annual Report, external scrutiny and accounts

You must attach a complete set of accounts which is comprised of the Trustees' Annual Report, accounts and appropriate independent examiners' / auditor's report.

8.10.27 Check and submit your annual return

Before you complete the declaration and submit the annual return, you should check the content and accuracy of the information you have provided.

9. Summary accounts

9.1 Statement of Financial Activity – Year 1 April 2022 – 31 Mar 2023

Colchester Islamic Community Centre
Charity No 1 175 376

Statement of Financial Activity
For the year ended 31 Mar 2021

	All unrestricted and restricted funds Year ended 31 Mar 2023	Total funds Prior Period	Notes
Income and endowments:			
Donations and legacies	9,436	12,405	
Charitable activities	2,330	7,470	
Other trading activities	5,595	2,147	
Gift aid received	-	22,288	
Other	9,658	1,274	
Total	27,019	45,584	
Expenditure:			
Charitable activities – Donations to other Charities	9,746	4,810	
Charitable activities – Gifts and Organising	-	441	
Trading activities Raising funds by Hosting	6,161	2,851	
Other – Public liability Insurance	1,158	1,111	
Other – Disclosure barring service	-	-	
Other – Independent Examination	300	300	
Other – Utilities	2,321	1,810	
Other – Other professional services	360	2,100	
Total	20,045	13,423	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	6,974	32,161	
Transfers between funds	-	-	
Other recognised Gains/(Losses)	-	-	
Net movement in funds	6,974	32,161	
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	614,152	581,991	
Total funds carried forward	621,126	614,152	

9.2 Balance Sheet

	At 31 Mar 2023	At 31 Mar 2022	Note	Fixed assets:
Tangible assets				
Property	512,948	515,047		
Property refurbishment in year	11,769	7,901		
Total	524,717	512,948		
Current assets:				
Cash at bank	96,674	101,504		
Debtors	35	-		
Total	96,709	101,504		
Liabilities:				
Creditors due within 1 year – Accruals	300	300		
Total	300	300		
Net current Assets/(Liabilities)	96,409	101,204		
Total assets Less current liabilities	621,126	614,152		
Creditors due after 1 year	-	-		
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	621,126	614,152		
Total Charity funds:				
Restricted and Unrestricted funds	621,126	614,152		

10. Accounts Sign Off

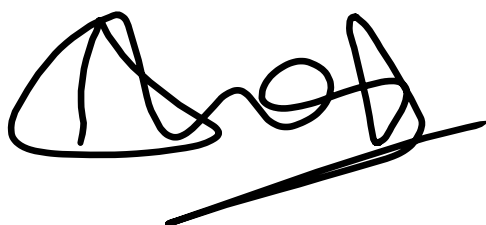
For Statement of Financial Activity – period 1 Apr 2022 – 31 Mar 2023

The financial statements in this document, comprising: -

- (i) Finance review
- (ii) Statement of financial activities
- (iii) Balance sheet

Have been reviewed and agreed by all CICC trustees.

Signed on behalf of all trustees: -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Choksy', written over a horizontal line.

S Choksy

M Nadim

Mr Sohail Choksy
Chairman

Mr M Nadim
Finance Support

Date **27/01/2024**

Accounts

Colchester Islam Community Centre (CICC)
Charity No 1175376

Annual report and accounts

For the period
1 Apr 2021 – 31 Mar 2022

Formally approved by :-

Chair	S Choksy
Finance lead	M Nadim

Date	03/02/2023
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after review by all current Trustees.

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1. Report structure

This report follows the guidance provided by gov.uk :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

2. Objectives

The charitable objectives of CICC are as follows:

(From CICC Constitution v1.3 document section 3.)

a) To advance Islam, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of facilities in Colchester for public worship, based on Sunni Islamic principles.

b) To further or benefit the residents of Colchester and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects and subject to the provisions of purpose 1.

c) The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by: educating the public in Islam and through interfaith dialogue, promote awareness and knowledge of different religious beliefs including their distinctive features and their common ground, so as to promote good relations, respect and mutual understanding between persons of different faith.

2.1 Objective updates

During March 2021 AGM some changes to the charity objectives/purposes were purposed and accepted by the membership. These have been submitted to charity commission for approval. Once fully approved this section will be updated.

3. Trustees report

The Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC) first came into being in January 2017 and a fully registered charity in October 2017. Since inception, it has been working hard on these objectives and has matured and developed into an organisation which is recognised and respected by the Muslim community in Colchester and beyond.

CICC has hired venues and organised numerous, activities, social functions, educational lectures and conferences in Colchester.

3.1 Trustee board and governing document

At inception, CICC had nine interim trustees, who were selected to stand for a maximum of 18 months. They were then replaced by trustees who were elected to the post in an election held in March 2019 (see below). CICC is bound by its governing document, the Constitution.

3.2 Elections

An independent election committee was set up to replace the outgoing trustees and to oversee election of a new set of trustees.

The election committee contacted the individual registered members of CICC to nominate up to 9 individuals for the post of trustee. There were 12 trustee nominations, all of whom fulfilled the Charity Commission's criteria. All 9 trustee positions were filled, and the results were announced at the AGM on 31st March 2019. The Charity commission online portal was updated with the details of the new substantial trustees. A chairman, secretary and treasurer were chosen internally by the trustees.

Further changes to the trustees was proposed at March 2021 AGM. These are going through formal approval processes.

3.3 Management structure and meetings

Monthly meetings are held attended by Trustees and volunteers. These are generally on the first Friday of the month in line with the CICC constitution. Several ad-hoc trustee meetings are held when important decisions need to be made. All meetings are carefully documented by the secretary.

Two AGMs were held: 13th May 2018 and 31st March 2019 where CICC members were updated on progress of the charity and given an opportunity to have their say.

AGM planned to be held in March 2020, had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and lockdown. A Zoom based AGM was held March 2021.

3.4 Membership

Membership is free. Members can join online, through the website or at events. CICC has a strict policy on data protection and is GDPR compliant.

3.5 Governance

Policies and procedures are under development. Volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults were required to complete satisfactory DBS checks and safeguarding training. CICC has a safeguarding policy for children and is currently developing further policies and procedures to ensure highest standards of governance.

3.6 Risk Management

Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to manage risk. Risks are identified and discussed at trustee meetings. Current Risks identified are:-

- Lack of fully staffed organisational structure,
 - Reliance on donations to raise enough finance for further improvements/development of the property,
 - Reliance on donations to cover ongoing costs,
 - Lack of venue to hold activities.
- Property has been purchased but needs major renovation before can be used.

Systems to control risks include developing a full organizational structure and ongoing fundraising to meet the needs of the charity.

3.7 Finances

CICC has two bank accounts, a general expense account and a property account.

Money can only be withdrawn from the property account if it is for an expense related to the property.

Money can only be withdrawn from the accounts:-

- by cheque, signed by two separate trustees of CICC
- by bank transfer, electronically signed by two separate trustees of CICC

3.8 Fundraising

CICC is registered for gift aid which increases the value of donations from UK taxpayers.

During FY 2019-20 significant funding raising activities were undertaken to raise the remaining funds needed to complete purchase of a property for £475,000 by September 2019.

During FY2021-22 General funding continues to support the charity. However due to COVID no major funding raising was undertaken.

3.9 Website and social media

CICC has website under the domain www.cicc.co.uk. The website became operational in February 2018 and gives a wealth of information about CICC including activities and events, and also allows visitors to register, become a member, donate, volunteer and look up prayer times.

The dominant platform for communicating with members is WhatsApp. CICC also has a twitter and Facebook account and is seeking to increase its presence on social media.

3.10 Property

After a long search a suitable property was found, on the outskirts of Colchester. Members were consulted at the AGM on 31st March 2019 about this property. This property was successfully purchased in September 2019.

During FY2021-22 minor refurbishment of the property continued. Major refurbishment is being planned.

4. Achievements and Performance

4.1 During period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022

CICC continues to work on setting up and establishing activities and events based on the community needs in line with our charitable objectives, most of which overlap all 4 objectives. As COVID restrictions eased CICC returned to offering in-person activities as well as keeping some Zoom activities which members preferred to keep, e.g. online exercise classes

4.1.1 Advance Faith

Many of CICC's activities and events advanced the faith, amongst them were women's Qur'an classes, and CICC lecture series, all held via Zoom. It is anticipated that once the community centre is refurbished and the pandemic over, most activities and events will take place at the centre. More details of the held activities/ events can be found under the second and third objectives as there is an overlap.

4.1.2 Benefit community & Establish Community Centre

A lot of effort has gone into spawning an environment at CICC's events/ activities where Muslims from whichever background, can feel at ease with each other. Evidence of success in this endeavour can be seen through the sense of unity that has built up amongst the members and the overall benefit that has had on the community. All CICC activities have been designed and organised for the benefit of the community. A building was purchased in September 2019 to serve as CICC's community centre but needs a lot of refurbishment. Progress was delayed by the pandemic, consequently all efforts in uniting the community have been conducted through a mix of social media Zoom and in-person events; further details below.

In addition to this and in response to the pandemic, CICC formed a Wellbeing team with the aim of supporting our membership through this unprecedented time, e.g. by delivering groceries/ prescriptions to those self-isolating and keeping in contact with those at risk of loneliness.

4.1.2.1 *Women's Quran class*

Due to lockdown and the need to keep a feeling of togetherness within the community, the weekly ladies' Quran class was replaced with weekly classes held on Zoom. The aim being to bring women together to learn how to recite the Quran correctly with its rules. It is open to all women regardless of prior knowledge and includes teaching the basics of Arabic to new Muslims.

4.1.2.2 *Revert Support Network (those who converted to Islam)*

CICC has a 'Revert Support Network' and runs a Revert Circle (now held on Zoom) once a month that aims to create an environment where New Muslims, or those interested in Islam can learn about the faith through talks/ workshops, mix with people similar to themselves and gain more confidence to mix with the wider community, thus preventing social isolation.

4.1.2.3 Annual women's conference

Due to the pandemic, it was not possible to hold a gathering for women. However, a Zoom Sisters' lecture was arranged instead. Various interest WhatsApp groups were running to aid wellbeing, such as a gardening group and cookery group.

4.1.2.4 Youth Circle

Youth Circle was suspended due to the pandemic.

4.1.2.5 Youth Football

As restrictions eased, due to the pandemic, a kids football game was organised on 24th October 2022.

4.1.2.6 Kids Ramadan and Eid workshops

Kids Ramadan and Eid workshops were not held during this period due to the pandemic and lockdowns.

4.1.2.7 Islamic Lectures

The CICC organised numerous lectures on different topics to help educate the community as well as bringing people together. Topics covered this year have included: - . Beauties of Ramadan, The Angels, The Holy Quran, Last 10 days of Ramadan, Start as we mean to go on, Duas, The Companions, Iman Al-Ghazali and a year series of monthly lectures on the topic of from Islam to Imam started in January 2022. All were well attended.

At the start of this reporting year it was still difficult to hold in-person social events due to the pandemic. However, as restrictions eased CICC held a family fun day in October 2021, giving everyone the opportunity to meet up again, share a meal and including some fun activities for the children to do.

Additionally, a series of information talks on health and wellbeing were delivered online throughout the year, with the aim of improving awareness of eating well, exercising and certain illnesses including the coronavirus, with speakers talking on topics from their professional specialism. Topics included . Early signs of Cancer, Eating for Health, Food, diet and wellbeing, Weighing up weight loss in Islam, Omicron and Benefits of a Booster. A series of online exercise classes were also available.

4.1.2.8 Squash and Cycling

The CICC has organised opportunities to engage in sport on an adhoc basis. This encourages socialization of the Muslim community through engaging in healthy activities. These session continued sporadically, in accordance with the local lockdown restrictions.

4.1.2.9 Eid prayer in the park

The CICC worked with other Islamic charities such as the Colchester Mosque (CICA) for the wider benefit of the Muslim community in Colchester, e.g. by helping with the facilitation of the Eid prayers, run by CICA, so they would be free and easily accessible.

4.1.2.10 Establish a community centre

One of CICC's objectives was to provide a community facility to cater for the needs of Muslims and to promote social welfare, education and racial harmony. As well as providing, much needed, additional prayer facilities. CICC found a suitable premises and work started on refurbishment. Due to the pandemic work was slowed down and is still ongoing.

4.1.3 Religious Harmony

All of the aforementioned activities and events also aim to provide religious harmony, primarily within the Muslim Community. The Muslim community comprises of a variety of people from all over the world, with different cultures. CICC has been successful in promoting respect, understanding and religious harmony between this diverse community through the various activities and events organised. Many of CICC's events are also open to people of other faith or none.

As serving the community is very important in Islam, CICC has developed specific services and an outreach programme to benefit the whole community.

4.1.3.1 Bereavement support

CICC has a dedicated team that offers the community funeral and bereavement support. As Colchester Muslims do not yet have the appropriate facilities for burials, there is collaboration with Hunnabal Funeral Directors in Colchester and CICA.

4.1.3.2 Sisters' Coffee mornings

Sisters' Coffee Mornings take place every month and is part of our outreach programme. It aims to bring Muslim women, women of other faiths, or no faith, together to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. It offers an opportunity to socialise and help each other. During the pandemic these had to be temporarily suspended but started again in February 2022.

4.1.3.3 Revert Support

The Revert Support Network mentioned above is also part of CICC's outreach programme.

4.1.3.4 Eid prayers in the Park

As a further part of the outreach program and to encourage wider community focus and better understanding of the Muslim faith, as portrayed through action, CICC aims to help other charities and

the needy in the local community. As mentioned above, CICC members have volunteered to help Priory Street Mosque (CICA) run the Eid prayers in the Castle Park.

4.1.3.5 Iftars (Feeding the fasting)

As part of our outreach programme, money was raised to sponsor iftars for; students at Essex University and Priory Street Mosque during Ramadan. CICC's Wellbeing team also organised for iftar Parcels to be delivered to the elderly, people living on their own and poorer members of the community.

4.1.3.6 Foodbank

Members collected money for the local Foodbank and presented them with a cheque in November 2021

5. Structure, Governance and Management

5.1 Constitution

Current constitution document.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC), Version 1.3, 21-10-2017

5.2 Incorporated as a CIO

The CICC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charity Commission.

5.3 Constitution Model

The CICC constitution will adopt Model 2 (The 'Association' Model) as defined by the charity commission.

5.4 Trustee appointment

Processes are fully covered in the CICC constitution v1.3, in section 12 to 18.

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6. Reference and administrative details



6.1 Registered name of charity

Colchester Islamic Community Centre

6.2 UK Charity registration number

Number 117537 and Registered in UK.

6.3 Address of its registered office

The principal office of the CICC is in Colchester, England.
7A MAGDALEN STREET
COLCHESTER
CO1 2JT

6.4 Charity trustees names

6.4.1 First set of trustees at formation of CICC January 2017

1. Dr Noshaba Rasool
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Dr Muhammed Al-Dabbagh
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Dr Shabuddin Khan
7. Dr Fowad Murtaza
8. Dr Hulkar Mamayusupova
9. Mrs Maria Tonnessen

6.4.2 Current Trustees elected at 31 March 2019 AGM.

1. Shoomi Chowdhury
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Miss Dulon Sattar
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Mr Ismael Van Der Schyff
7. Mrs Alex Barakat
8. Mr Shazad Maqsood
9. Mr Kazeem Oloyede

6.4.3 Trustee changes proposed at March 2021 AGM

During AGM March 2021 a number of trustee changes were purposed. These are going through formal approval process with the membership and then Charity Commission will be advised. Once these processes are completed this section will be updated.

6.5 Exemptions from disclosure

CICC have not withheld any trustee names or office address from this report.

7. Serious incident report for CICC

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-report-a-serious-incident-in-your-charity>

The Trustees have followed the guidance in “How to report a serious incident in your charity” and specifically reviewed the “What to report” & “Deciding what to report examples”.

7.1 During FY 2017 – 2018

There have been no incidences reported.

7.2 During FY 2018 – 2019.

There have been no incidences reported

7.3 During FY 2019 – 2020.

There have been no incidences reported

7.4 During FY 2020 – 2021.

There have been no incidences reported

7.5 During FY 2021 – 2022.

There have been no incidences reported

8. Financial review

8.1 Independent Examiners Report

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Chartered Accountants

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Colchester Islamic Community Centre Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees For the period ending 31 March 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

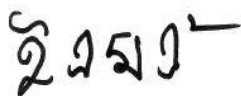
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement - matter of concern identified

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.



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8.2 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre as an Association Charity Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Income and expenses are recognised on an accrual's basis.

8.3 Reporting period

The reporting period was 1 April 2021 to 31 Mar 2022

8.4 Subsequent events

During FY2021-22 minor refurbishment activity continues on the Freehold property acquired in Sep 2019.

8.5 Holding reserve

CICC Trustees have decided that funds can be earmarked for purchase and development of property, then these funds cannot be used for any other charity activities.

8.6 Fund accounting

CICC funds are unrestricted in their use and can be spent for any charitable purposes of the charity. CICC has earmarked certain funds for property purchase and development. CICC has earmarked certain funds for specific items for the centre.

8.7 Trustee remunerations

CICC trustees are not paid for the work they undertake. All Trustee work is voluntary

8.8 Staff remunerations

CICC does not currently have any employees.

8.9 Independent examiner remunerations

CICC retains a firm of accountants to undertake independent review of the charity accounts. They are paid a fixed fee of £250 + VAT per year, for all the services they provide.

8.10 UK GOV 2020 Annual Return questions

CICC has reviewed the guidance to ensure all relevant Questions are covered in the annual return.
Downloaded on 30/12/22 from :-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-a-charity-annual-return#what-charitable-incorporated-organisations-cios-need-to-submit>

8.10.1 Financial period

(See Section 9.1)

8.10.2 Income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Total Income & spend

8.10.3 Confirm income and spending

(See Section 9.1) Gross Income

8.10.4 Serious incidents

(See Section 7)

8.10.5 Fundraising

Did your charity raise funds from the public? Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers? NO

Did your charity work with any commercial participators? NO

8.10.6 Grant making

Was grant making the main way your charity carried out its purposes? NO

8.10.7 Income from government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities? NO

8.10.8 Section: Income from government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities? YES

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities? Three

What was the total value of these grants?

02/9/2021	£3,000	(cv102)	Gen Account	food voucher scheme
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18/1/2022	£2,500	(es079)	Gen Account	food voucher scheme
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During FY 21/22 £2,850 was paid out in food vouchers

29/12/21	£533	(micro grant)	Gen Account	Exercise classes
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During FY 21/22 £295 was paid out to trainers

8.10.9 Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK? NO

8.10.10 Operating and spending outside England and Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales? NO

8.10.11 Subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries? NO

8.10.12 Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses? NO
(see section 8.7)

8.10.13 Employees

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more? NO
(see 8.8)

8.10.14 Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?
Approx 10

8.10.15 Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls? Yes

8.10.16 Safeguarding

Trustees & Volunteers in key roles have DBS checks done.

Only charities with annual income over £500,000 need to answer the following financial questions.

(8.10.17-24 Not applicable to CICC during this period.)

8.10.17 Account type

8.10.18 Income and Endowments

8.10.19 Expenditure

8.10.20 Other recognised gains/(losses)

8.10.21 Assets

8.10.22 Liabilities

8.10.23 Funds

8.10.24 Additional information

8.10.25 Send Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

You are required to submit your Trustees' Annual Report and accounts for this financial period.

8.10.26 Submit Trustees' Annual Report, external scrutiny and accounts

You must attach a complete set of accounts which is comprised of the Trustees' Annual Report, accounts and appropriate independent examiners' / auditor's report.

8.10.27 Check and submit your annual return

Before you complete the declaration and submit the annual return, you should check the content and accuracy of the information you have provided.

9. Summary accounts

9.1 Statement of Financial Activity – Year 1 April 2021 – 31 Mar 2022

Colchester Islamic Community Centre
Charity No 1 175 376

Statement of Financial Activity
For the year ended 31 Mar 2021

	All unrestricted and restricted funds Year ended 31 Mar 2022	Total funds Prior Period	Notes
Income and endowments:			
Donations and legacies	12,405	10,539	
Charitable activities	7,470	3,280	
Other trading activities	2,147	7,117	
Gift aid received	22,288	-	
Other	1,274	45,866	
Total	45,584	66,802	
Expenditure:			
Charitable activities – Donations to other Charities	4,810	-	
Charitable activities – Gifts and Organising	441	1,320	
Trading activities Raising funds by Hosting	2,851	682	
Other – Public liability Insurance	1,111	1,094	
Other – Disclosure barring service	-	-	
Other – Independent Examination	300	300	
Other – Utilities	1,810	1,911	
Other – Other professional services	2,100	21	
Total	13,423	5,238	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	32,161	61,474	
Transfers between funds	-	-	
Other recognised Gains/(Losses)	-	-	
Net movement in funds	32,161	61,474	
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	581,991	520,517	
Total funds carried forward	614,152	581,991	

9.2 Balance Sheet

	At 31 Mar 2022	At 31 Mar 2021	Note
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets			
Property	505,047	475,000	
Property refurbishment in year	7,901	30,047	
Total	512,948	505,047	
Current assets:			
Cash at bank	101,504	82,544	
Total	101,504	82,544	
Liabilities:			
Creditors due within 1 year – Accruals	300	600	
Creditors due within 1 year – Qarde Hasana	-	5,000	
Total	300	5,600	
Net current Assets/(Liabilities)	101,204	76,944	
Total assets Less current liabilities	614,152	581,991	
Creditors due after 1 year	-	-	
Provision for liabilities	-	-	
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	614,152	581,991	
Total Charity funds:			
Restricted and Unrestricted funds	614,152	581,991	

10. Accounts Sign Off

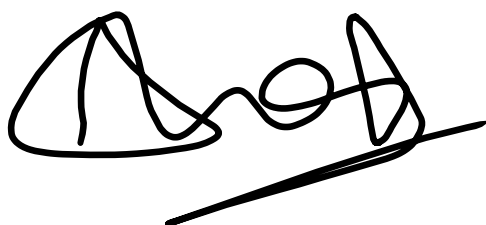
For Statement of Financial Activity – period 1 Apr 2021 – 31 Mar 2022

The financial statements in this document, comprising: -

- (i) Finance review
- (ii) Statement of financial activities
- (iii) Balance sheet

Have been reviewed and agreed by all CICC trustees.

Signed on behalf of all trustees: -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Choksy', written over a horizontal line.

S Choksy

M Nadim

Mr Sohail Choksy
Chairman

Mr M Nadim
Finance Support

Date **03/02/2023**

Accounts

Colchester Islam Community Centre (CICC)
Charity No 1175376

Annual report and accounts

For the period
1 Apr 2020 – 31 Mar 2021

Formally approved by :-

Chair	S Choksy
Finance lead	M Nadim

Date	10/05/2021
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after review by all current Trustees.

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1. Report structure

This report follows the guidance provided by SORP

http://www.charitycorp.org/media/619101/frs102_complete.pdf

2. Objectives

The charitable objectives of CICC are as follows:

(From CICC Constitution v1.3 document section 3.)

- a) To advance Islam, in particular but not exclusively, by the provision of facilities in Colchester for public worship, based on Sunni Islamic principles.
- b) To further or benefit the residents of Colchester and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects and subject to the provisions of purpose 1.
- c) The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by: educating the public in Islam and through interfaith dialogue, promote awareness and knowledge of different religious beliefs including their distinctive features and their common ground, so as to promote good relations, respect and mutual understanding between persons of different faith.

2.1 Objective updates

During March 2021 AGM some changes to the charity objectives/purposes were proposed. These are going through formal process to be agreed by the membership and will then be submitted to charity commission for approval. Once fully approved this section will be updated.

3. Trustees report

The Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC) first came into being in January 2017 and a fully registered charity in October 2017. Since inception, it has been working hard on these objectives and has matured and developed into an organisation which is recognised and respected by the Muslim community in Colchester and beyond.

CICC has hired venues and organised numerous, activities, social functions, educational lectures and conferences in Colchester.

3.1 Trustee board and governing document

At inception, CICC had nine interim trustees, who were selected to stand for a maximum of 18 months. They were then replaced by trustees who were elected to the post in an election held in March 2019 (see below). CICC is bound by its governing document, the Constitution.

3.2 Elections

An independent election committee was set up to replace the outgoing trustees and to oversee election of a new set of trustees.

The election committee contacted the individual registered members of CICC to nominate up to 9 individuals for the post of trustee. There were 12 trustee nominations, all of whom fulfilled the Charity Commission's criteria. All 9 trustee positions were filled, and the results were announced at the AGM on 31st March 2019. The Charity commission online portal was updated with the details of the new substantial trustees. A chairman, secretary and treasurer were chosen internally by the trustees.

Further changes to the trustees was proposed at March 2021 AGM. These are going through formal approval processes.

3.3 Management structure and meetings

Monthly meetings are held attended by Trustees and volunteers. These are generally on the first Saturday of the month in line with the CICC constitution.. Several ad-hoc trustee meetings are held when important decisions need to be made. All meetings are carefully documented by the secretary. Two AGMs were held: 13th May 2018 and 31st March 2019 where CICC members were updated on progress of the charity and given an opportunity to have their say.

AGM planned to be held in March 2020, had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and lockdown. A Zoom based AGM was held March 2021.

3.4 Membership

Membership is free. Members can join online, through the website or at events. CICC has a strict policy on data protection and is GDPR compliant.

3.5 Governance

Policies and procedures are under development. Volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults were required to complete satisfactory DBS checks and safeguarding training. CICC has a safeguarding policy for children and is currently developing further policies and procedures to ensure highest standards of governance.

3.6 Risk Management

Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to manage risk. Risks are identified and discussed at trustee meetings. Current Risks identified are:-

- Lack of fully staffed organisational structure
 - Reliance on donations to raise enough finance for further improvements/development of the property
 - Reliance on donations to cover ongoing costs
 - Lack of venue to hold activities.
- Property has been purchased but needs major renovation before can be used.

Systems to control risks include developing a full organizational structure and ongoing fundraising to meet the needs of the charity.

3.7 Finances

CICC has two bank accounts, a general expense account and a property account. Money can only be withdrawn from the property account if it is for an expense related to the property. Money can only be withdrawn from the expense account by cheque, signed by two separate trustees of CICC.

3.8 Fundraising

CICC is registered for gift aid which increases the value of donations from UK taxpayers. During FY 2019-20 significant funding raising activities were undertaken to raise the remaining funds needed to complete purchase of a property for £475,000 by September 2019. During FY2020-21 General funding continues to support the charity. However due to COVID no major funding raising was undertaken.

3.9 Website and social media

CICC has website under the domain www.cicc.co.uk. The website became operational in February 2018 and gives a wealth of information about CICC including activities and events, and also allows visitors to register, become a member, donate, volunteer and look up prayer times. The dominant platform for communicating with members is WhatsApp. CICC also has a twitter and facebook account and is seeking to increase its presence on social media.

3.10 Property

After a long search a suitable property was found, on the outskirts of Colchester. Members were consulted at the AGM on 31st March 2019 about this property. This property was successfully purchased in September 2019. During FY2020-21 minor refurbishment of the property continues. Major refurbishment is being planned.

4. Achievements and Performance

4.1 During period 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

CICC continues to work on setting up and establishing activities and events based on the community needs in line with our charitable objectives, most of which overlap all 3 objectives. During the whole of this reporting period the UK was facing a pandemic with varying levels of lockdown restrictions. As a result, CICC moved all its activities to online platforms such as Zoom.

4.1.1 Advance Faith

Many of CICC's activities and events advanced the faith, amongst them were women's Qur'an classes, Arabic lessons, and CICC lecture series, all held via Zoom. It is anticipated that once the community centre is refurbished and the pandemic over, most activities and events will take place at the centre. More details of the held activities/ events can be found under the second and third objectives as there is an overlap.

4.1.2 Benefit community & Establish Community Centre

A lot of effort has gone into spawning an environment at CICC's events/ activities where Muslims from whichever background, can feel at ease with each other. Evidence of success in this endeavour can be seen through the sense of unity that has built up amongst the members and the overall benefit that has had on the community. All CICC activities have been designed and organised for the benefit of the community. A building was purchased in September 2019 to serve as CICC's community centre, but needs a lot of refurbishment. Progress has been delayed by the pandemic, consequently all efforts in uniting the community have been conducted through social media and Zoom; further details below.

In addition to this and in response to the pandemic, CICC formed a Wellbeing team with the aim of supporting our membership through this unprecedented time, e.g. by delivering groceries/ prescriptions to those self-isolating and keeping in contact with those at risk of loneliness.

4.1.2.1 *Women's Quran class*

Due to lockdown and the need to keep a feeling of togetherness within the community, the weekly ladies' Quran class was replaced with daily classes held on Zoom. The aim is to bring women together to learn how to recite the Quran correctly with its rules. It is open to all women regardless of prior knowledge and includes teaching the basics of Arabic to new Muslims.

4.1.2.2 *Revert Support Network (those who converted to Islam)*

CICC has a 'Revert Support Network' and runs a Revert Circle (now held on Zoom) once a month that aims to create an environment where New Muslims, or those interested in Islam can learn about the faith through talks/ workshops, mix with people similar to themselves and gain more confidence to mix with the wider community, thus preventing social isolation.

4.1.2.3 Annual women's conference

Due to the pandemic, it was not possible to hold a gathering for women. However, a Zoom Sisters' Meetup was organised on a weekly basis. Various interest WhatsApp groups were also set up to aid wellbeing, such as a gardening group and cookery group.

4.1.2.4 Youth Circle

Youth Circle was suspended due to the pandemic.

4.1.2.5 Youth Football

It was not possible to hold any sports activities for the youth due to the pandemic.

4.1.2.6 Kids Ramadan and Eid workshops

Kids Ramadan and Eid workshops were not held during this period due to the pandemic and lockdowns.

4.1.2.7 Islamic Lectures

The CICC organised numerous lectures on different topics to help educate the community as well as bringing people together. Topics covered this year have included: - Making a Will and its Importance, Building Trust in Allah, Miracles in the Quran, The Muslims' Role and Responsibilities during a Pandemic. Additionally, there was a short course on Gratitude. All were well attended. Family Social Events

Social events could not be held due to the pandemic and lockdowns. In place some information lectures were held via Zoom or Facebook live, with speakers talking on topics from their professional specialism. Topics included Health and Wellbeing, Mental Health, Autism, Dementia and Vaccinations.

4.1.2.8 Squash and Cycling

The CICC has organised opportunities to engage in sport on an adhoc basis. This encourages socialization of the Muslim community through engaging in healthy activities. These session continued sporadically, in accordance with the local lockdown restrictions.

4.1.2.9 Eid prayer in the park

The CICC worked with other Islamic charities such as the Colchester Mosque (CICA) for the wider benefit of the Muslim community in Colchester, e.g. by helping with the facilitation of the Eid prayers, run by CICA, so they would be free and easily accessible. However this year restrictions, as to attendance, needed to be in place due to COVID19 safety measures.

4.1.2.10 *Establish a community centre*

One of CICC's objectives was to provide a community facility to cater for the needs of Muslims and to promote social welfare, education and racial harmony. As well as providing, much needed, additional prayer facilities. CICC found a suitable premises and work started on refurbishment. Due to the pandemic work was slowed down and is still ongoing.

4.1.3 Religious Harmony

All of the aforementioned activities and events also aim to provide religious harmony, primarily within the Muslim Community. The Muslim community comprises of a variety of people from all over the world, with different cultures. CICC has been successful in promoting respect, understanding and religious harmony between this diverse community through the various activities and events organised. Many of CICC's events are also open to people of other faith or none.

As serving the community is very important in Islam, CICC has developed specific services and an outreach programme to benefit the whole community.

4.1.3.1 *Bereavement support*

CICC has a dedicated team that offers the community funeral and bereavement support. As Colchester Muslims do not yet have the appropriate facilities for burials, there is collaboration with Hunnabal Funeral Directors in Colchester and CICA.

4.1.3.2 *Sisters Coffee mornings*

Sisters' Coffee Mornings take place every month and is part of our outreach programme. It aims to bring Muslim women, women of other faiths, or no faith, together to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. It offers an opportunity to socialise and help each other. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic these had to be temporarily suspended.

4.1.3.3 *Revert Support*

The Revert Support Network mentioned above is also part of CICC's outreach programme.

4.1.3.4 *Eid prayers in the Park*

As a further part of the outreach program and to encourage wider community focus and better understanding of the Muslim faith, as portrayed through action, CICC aims to help other charities and the needy in the local community. As mentioned above, CICC members have volunteered to help Priory Street Mosque (CICA) run the Eid prayers in the Castle Park.

4.1.3.5 *Iftars (Feeding the fasting)*

As part of our outreach programme, money was raised to sponsor iftars for; students at Essex University and Priory Street Mosque during Ramadan.

4.1.3.6 Foodbank

Members collected money for the local Foodbank and presented them with a cheque in November 2020 in addition to some home sewn reusable facemasks (see below).

4.1.3.6 Facemask Project

At the onset of the pandemic, it was difficult to buy reusable facemasks. As part of the Wellbeing group some members set themselves a target to make reusable facemasks and donate them to vulnerable members and local charities. Over 1000 were made and donated to many charities including those supporting the homeless and refugees, as well as the foodbank.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

5.1 Constitution

Current constitution document.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre (CICC), Version 1.3, 21-10-2017

5.2 Incorporated as a CIO

The CICC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as defined by the Charity Commission.

5.3 Constitution Model

The CICC constitution will adopt Model 2 (The 'Association' Model) as defined by the charity commission.

5.4 Trustee appointment

Processes are fully covered in the CICC constitution v1.3, in section 12 to 18.

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6. Reference and administrative details



6.1 Registered name of charity

Colchester Islamic Community Centre

6.2 UK Charity registration number

Number 117537 and Registered in UK.

6.3 Address of its registered office

The principal office of the CICC is in Colchester, England.
7A MAGDALEN STREET
COLCHESTER
CO1 2JT

6.4 Charity trustees names

6.4.1 First set of trustees at formation of CICC January 2017

1. Dr Noshaba Rasool
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Dr Muhammed Al-Dabbagh
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Dr Shabuddin Khan
7. Dr Fowad Murtaza
8. Dr Hulkar Mamayusupova
9. Mrs Maria Tonnessen

6.4.2 Current Trustees elected at 31 March 2019 AGM.

1. Shoomi Chowdhury
2. Dr Farooq Siddique
3. Miss Dulon Sattar
4. Mr Muhammed Nadim
5. Dr Sohail Choksy
6. Mr Ismael Van Der Schyff
7. Mrs Alex Barakat
8. Mr Shazad Maqsood
9. Mr Kazeem Oloyede

6.4.3 Trustee changes proposed at March 2021 AGM

During AGM March 2021 a number of trustee changes were purposed. These are going through formal approval process with the membership and then Charity Commission will be advised. Once these processes are completed this section will be updated.

6.5 Exemptions from disclosure

CICC have not withheld any trustee names or office address from this report.

7. Serious incident report for CICC

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-report-a-serious-incident-in-your-charity>

The Trustees have followed the guidance in “How to report a serious incident in your charity” and specifically reviewed the “What to report” & “Deciding what to report examples”.

7.1 During FY 2017 – 2018

There have been no incidences reported.

7.2 During FY 2018 – 2019.

There have been no incidences reported

7.3 During FY 2019 – 2020.

There have been no incidences reported

7.4 During FY 2020 – 2021.

There have been no incidences reported

8. Financial review

8.1 Independent Examiners Report

This is a PDF copy of the report.

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Colchester Islamic Community Centre Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees For the period ending 31 March 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

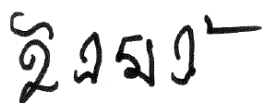
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement - matter of concern identified

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:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do 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.



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8.2 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Colchester Islamic Community Centre as an Association Charity Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

Income and expenses are recognised on an accrual's basis.

8.3 Reporting period

The reporting period was 1 April 2020, to 31 Mar 2021

8.4 Subsequent events

The freehold interest in a property was acquired in Sep 2019 to establish the community centre. During FY2020-21 minor refurbishment activity continues.

8.5 Holding reserve

CICC Trustees have decided that funds can be earmarked for purchase and development of property, then they are not be used for any other charity activities.

8.6 Fund accounting

CICC funds are unrestricted in their use and can be spent for any charitable purposes of the charity. CICC has earmarked certain funds for property purchase and development. CICC has earmarked certain funds for specific items for the centre.

8.7 Trustee remunerations

CICC trustees are not paid for the work they undertake. All Trustee work is voluntary

8.8 Staff remunerations

CICC does not currently have any employees.

8.9 Independent examiner remunerations

CICC retains a firm of accountants to undertake independent review of the charity accounts. They are paid a fixed fee of £250 + VAT per year, for all the services they provide.

9. Summary accounts

9.1 Statement of Financial Activity – period 1 April 2020 – 31 Mar 2021

Colchester Islamic Community Centre Charity No 1 175 376

Statement of Financial Activity For the year ended 31 Mar 2021

	All unrestricted and restricted funds Year ended 31 Mar 2021	Total funds Prior Period	Notes
Income and endowments:			
Donations and legacies	10,539	128,612	
Charitable activities	3,280	9,238	
Other trading activities	7,117	168,170	
Gift aid received	-	71,078	
Other	45,866	120	
Total	66,802	377,218	
Expenditure:			
Charitable activities – Donations to other Charities	-	4,809	
Charitable activities – Gifts and Organising	1,320	2,510	
Trading activities Raising funds by Hosting	682	5,505	
Other – Public liability Insurance	1,094	882	
Other – Disclosure barring service	-	100	
Other – Independent Examination	300	300	
Other – Utilities	1,911	1,291	
Other – Other professional services	21	407	
Total	5,238	15,804	
Net Income/(Expenditure)	61,474	361,414	
Transfers between funds	-	-	
Other recognised Gains/(Losses)	-	-	
Net movement in funds	61,474	361,414	
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	520,517	159,103	
Total funds carried forward	581,991	520,517	

9.2 Balance Sheet

	At 31 Mar 2021	At 31 Mar 2020	Note
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets			
Property	475,000	475,000	
Property refurbishment in year	30,047	21,390	
Total	505,047	496,390	
Current assets:			
Cash at bank	82,544	29,427	
Total	82,544	29,427	
Liabilities:			
Creditors due within 1 year – Accruals	600	300	
Creditors due within 1 year – Qarde Hasana	5,000	58,500	
Creditors due within 1 year – Qarde Hasana repaid		(58,500)	
Total	5,600	5,300	
Net current Assets/(Liabilities)	76,944	24,127	
Total assets Less current liabilities	581,991	520,517	
Creditors due after 1 year	-	-	
Provision for liabilities	-	-	
Total Net Assets/(Liabilities)	581,991	520,517	
Total Charity funds:			
Restricted and Unrestricted funds	581,991	520,517	

10. Accounts Sign Off

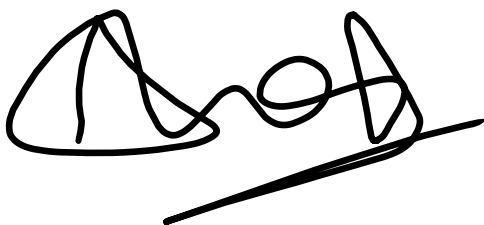
For Statement of Financial Activity – period 1 Apr 2020 – 31 Mar 2021

The financial statements in this document, comprising: -

- (i) Finance review
- (ii) Statement of financial activities
- (iii) Balance sheet

Have been reviewed and agreed by all CICC trustees.

Signed on behalf of all trustees: -

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

S Choksy

M Nadim

Mr Sohail Choksy
Chairman

Mr M Nadim
Finance lead

Date **10/05/2021**

11. 2020 Annual Return questions

CICC has reviewed the guidance to ensure all relevant Q's are covered in the annual return.

Non relevant sections have been "greyed out", the responses for the applicable question are below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/780784/Annual_Return_2014_and_2015_004_Feb_19.pdf

For Statement of Financial Activity – period 1 April 2020 – 31 Mar 2021

Ref	2019/20 Annual Return questions Part A	Question status	Who needs to complete the question	Will the information be shown to the public on the register?	CICC response
3	Income and spending	No change from previous annual returns	All charities	Yes	In this document
4	For the period of this return, where there any serious incidents that the charity failed to report to the commission?	Minor amendment to question wording	All charities with income over £25,000	No	In this document
5	Does your charity raise funds from the public?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	In this document
6	Does your charity work with a professional fundraiser?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 5	Yes	NO
7	Does your charity have written agreements with all of its professional fundraisers?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 6	Yes	N/A
8	Does your charity work with a commercial participator?	No change from previous annual returns	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 5	Yes	N/A
9	Does your charity have written agreements with all of its commercial participators?	Minor amendment to question wording	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 8	Yes	N/A
10	Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO
11	During the financial period for this return, did your charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) from central government or a local authority?	Minor amendment to question wording	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO

12	How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity have from central government or a local authority?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 11	Yes	N/A
13	What was the total value of the contracts held from central government or a local authority?	Minor amendment to question wording	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 11	Yes	N/A
14	During the financial period for this return, did your charity receive any grant funding from central government or a local authority?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO
15	How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 14	Yes	N/A
16	What was the total value of the grants held from central government or a local authority?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 14	Yes	N/A
17	During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from outside of the UK?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No	NO
18	Select countries the charity received income from, or select 'Unknown/don't know if applicable'.	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 17	No	N/A
19	What is the value of income by country? For each country specify the source and amount of income from the options: a) Overseas Governments or quasi government bodies; (including EU) b) Overseas Charities, NGO's or NPO's c) Individual donors resident overseas d) Overseas institutional donors/institutions (for example private company donations) e) Unknown/don't know	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 17 For Individual donors and private institutions (c and d categories) we will apply a threshold of payments of over £25,000 or 80% of charity income. For these two categories, providing the data in the 2018 annual return will be optional, but the categories will become mandatory for the 2019 annual return.	No	N/A
20	During the financial period for this annual return, did your charity operate outside England and Wales?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO
21	Select Countries the charity operated in during the financial period covered by this annual return	No change from previous annual returns	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 20	Yes	N/A
22	Record the total expenditure by Country	No change from previous annual returns	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 20	Yes	N/A
23	When spending money outside England and Wales, did your charity transfer money other than using the regulated banking system?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10K This question will be optional for the 2018 annual return, but compulsory for the 2019 annual return.	No	NO & N/A
24	What methods to transfer money did the charity use and what was the value? A) Cash courier	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 23 This question will be optional for the 2018	No	N/A

	b) Other charities or NGO's/NPO'S c) Money Service Business (MSB) d) Informal Money Transfer Systems e) Online payment methods (e.g. Paypal) f) Other		annual return, but compulsory for the 2019 annual return.		
25	Does the charity have monitoring controls in place to monitor overseas expenditure?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 23 This question will be optional for the 2018 annual return, but compulsory for the 2019 annual return.	No	N/A
26	Are the trustees satisfied that the charity's risk management policy and procedures adequately address the risks to the charity arising from its activities and/or where it operates?	New question	As above and triggered when answered YES to Ref 23 This question will be optional for the 2018 annual return, but compulsory for the 2019 annual return.	No	N/A
27	Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?	No change from previous annual returns	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO
28	How many trustees are also Directors of the trading subsidiaries?	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 27	Yes	N/A
29	During the financial period for this annual return, did any of the trustees received remuneration or benefits other than expenses incurred?	Minor amendment to question wording	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO
30	For what services were any of the trustees paid? a) paid for being a trustee b) paid for providing professional advice or services to the charity c) any other benefit from the charity	Minor amendment to question wording	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	N/A
31	During the period covered by this annual return, did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with the charity?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO
32	During the financial period for this annual return, did any of your charity's staff receive total employment benefits of £60,000 or more?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	NO
33	Enter the number of staff for each of the following salary bands: £60,000 - £150,000 (increments of £10,000) £150,001 - £500,000 (increments of £50,000) Over £500,000	New question	As above and only asked if the answer is YES to Ref 32	Yes	N/A
34	What was the value of the total employee benefits provided by the charity to its highest paid employee?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	No	£0 N/A

35	How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did your charity have during the financial period?	No change	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	10 all Part time
36	During the financial period for this annual return, did your charity review its financial controls?	No change	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000	Yes	Yes
37	Has the charity obtained a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check on all trustees, employees and volunteers in eligible positions?	New question	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £10,000 Question will be triggered for charities with particular classifications and regulated by certain organisations	No	Yes For relevant positions
Part B					
39	No changes to part B questions that have been asked in previous years	No change from previous annual returns	All charities with income over £500,000	N/A	N/A
Part C					
40	Send trustees' annual report and accounts	Amendment to upload functionality. You will be able to attach 3 files or 1 consolidated file - trustees' annual report/accounts/auditor's report	All Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) All other charities with income over £25,000	Yes	Will be done
Declaration					
41	Complete a declaration. It will collect your name, position, contact details and the date.	Minor amendment to the declaration (it will ask for your role)	All charities and CIOs	N/A	OK