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ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2020

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Report and accounts
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Charity Information

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The report of the trustees for the period ended 31 December 2020

Introduction

The trustees present their final report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020. The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 December 2020 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Constitution and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Independent Examiner

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 19/5/2021

Daud Juneja
Chairman

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the charity

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees

on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2020

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2020 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective April 2005 as revised in June 2008. (The SORP), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As described, the Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of opinion and scope of work undertaken

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, report and opinion

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

(i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act;

(ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act and;

(iii) that the financial statements be prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in my report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date : 17 September 2021

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Period Ended 31 December 2020

	NOTES	2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary Income			
Voluntary income	1	97,506	127,803
Other Incoming Resources		19,868	-
Total incoming resources		<u>117,374</u>	<u>127,803</u>
Costs of charitable activities		<u>(131,314)</u>	<u>(93,114)</u>
Total resources expended		<u>(131,314)</u>	<u>(93,114)</u>
Net income /(loss) resources before transfers between funds		<u>(13,940)</u>	<u>34,689</u>
Total funds brought forward		52,360	17,671
Total Funds carried forward		<u>38,420</u>	<u>52,360</u>

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Period Ended 31 December 2020

Income and Expenditure Account
For The Period Ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Voluntary income	97,506	127,803
Other operating income	19,868	-
Costs of charitable activities	(131,314)	(93,114)
Gross surplus/ (loss)	(13,940)	34,689
Surplus / (loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(13,940)	34,689
Surplus / (loss) for the financial year	(13,940)	34,689
Gift Aid Payments	-	-
Retained surplus / (loss) for the financial year	(13,940)	34,689

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
	£	£	£
The assets and liabilities of the charity :			
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	<u>698,693</u>	<u>690,188</u>
Total fixed assets		698,693	690,188
Current assets			
Debtors	6	16,450	17,400
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>32,626</u>	<u>54,438</u>
Total current assets		49,076	71,838
Amounts due within one year	7	<u>(22,290)</u>	<u>(22,606)</u>
Net current assets		<u>26,786</u>	<u>49,232</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		725,479	739,420
Net assets including pension asset / liability		<u>725,479</u>	<u>739,420</u>
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds	8	<u>725,479</u>	<u>739,420</u>
Total Funds		<u>725,479</u>	<u>739,420</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees
on 15/9/21, signed on its behalf by:

A Nassor - Trustee

A.N. AL

M Hussein - Trustee

M Hussein

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming Resources

All Incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the SORP.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the organisation is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

A fixed asset fund is maintained which represents the written down value of tangible fixed assets, and is divided into a restricted fixed asset fund representing the written down value of those assets subject to restrictions, with the balance being in a designated fund representing the written down value of those assets free of restrictions. The detailed operation of these funds is described under the accounting policy 'Capital grants'

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular circumstances.

2 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Revenue Turnover from ordinary activities	<u>97,506</u>	<u>127,803</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 December 2020

3 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gross Salaries	46,553	51,644

There were no fees or other remuneration paid to the trustees

There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum

4 Trustees' Remuneration

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration, either in the current year or the prior year.

5 Tangible functional fixed assets

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Vehicles £	Total £
Asset cost, valuation or revalued amount			
At 1 January 2020 brought forward	690,188	-	690,188
Additions	-	9,450	9,450
At 31 December 2020	690,188	9,450	699,638
Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions			
At 1 January 2020	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	(945)	(945)
At 31 December 2020	-	(945)	(945)
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	690,188	8,505	698,693
At 1 January 2020	690,188	8,505	698,693

6 Debtors

	2020 £
Interest free loan	16,450
	16,450

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £
Accrued expenses	600
Other creditors	1,940
Interest free loan	19,750
	22,290

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 December 2020

8 Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 January 2020	739,420	-
Bought forward	-	704,731
Unrestricted revenue / (loss) for the financial year	(13,940)	34,689
At 31 December 2020/ 31 December 2019	<u>725,479</u>	<u>739,420</u>

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities
For The Period Ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Incoming Resources				
Voluntary Income	97,506	97,506	127,803	127,803
Total Voluntary Income	97,506	97,506	127,803	127,803
Other Incoming Resources				
Other operating income	19,868	19,868	-	-
Total Other Incoming Resources	19,868	19,868	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	116,878	116,878	127,803	127,803
Costs of generating funds				
Direct support costs				
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	46,553	46,553	51,644	51,644
Staff training and welfare	3,804	3,804	4,768	4,768
Pensions	-	-	86	86
	50,357	50,357	56,498	56,498
Premises Costs				
Rates, water and service charges	1,147	1,147	627	627
Insurance	3,161	3,161	1,918	1,918
Light and heat	4,568	4,568	4,734	4,734
Repairs and renewals	54,072	54,072	17,498	17,498
	62,948	62,948	24,777	24,777
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	433	433	1,050	1,050
Bank charges	2,250	2,250	1,667	1,667
Stationery and printing	567	567	337	337
Sundry expenses	124	124	-	-
Depreciation	945	945	-	-
Equipment hire	513	513	1,295	1,295
	4,832	4,832	4,349	4,349
Professional fees in support of charitable activities				
Advertising and PR	4,484	4,484	1,141	1,141
Donations	6,300	6,300	4,940	4,940
Accountancy fees	2,392	2,392	1,410	1,410
	13,176	13,176	7,491	7,491
Total Support costs	131,314	131,314	93,114	93,114
Net income / (loss) resources	(13,940)	(13,940)	34,689	34,689

Alnoor Cultural & Educational Trust

Trustees Report for the year ending 31st Dec 2020.

Structure, governance, and management

Governing document

Alnoor Cultural & Educational Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission on 21st February 2018 under registration number 1177268. It is governed by a constitution adopted by the resolution of the trustees on 23rd December 2017.

Organisational structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits for doing their duties as a charity trustees.

The trustees at the moment meet together as a body at least once a month and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the 'Trust', the community facilities and the activities provided by the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the Trust the trustees have set up lead trustees supported by other trustees that help oversee certain aspects of the Trust's work. Currently we have lead trustees set up for finance, day-to-day management of the Masjid premises, estate maintenance, education and funeral services. Regular report back is given to the full meeting of the trustees for review and approval.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees are selected from the respected members of the faith who are active in the local community and the work that the Trust does and who ensure that good relations are fostered between the Trust and the people of the local community that it serves.

In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the Trust and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Due consideration is also given of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Induction and training of trustees

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and are requested to familiarise themselves with contents of the Trust's constitution and to the policies and procedures adopted by the Trust. They are also requested to read several publications from the Charity Commission to ensure that they are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and identified the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening, and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified.

In particular, the trustees assessed the risks the charity faced due to the Covid pandemic. Appropriate measures were taken to ensure the safety of the community in accordance with the government guidelines. At times, we had to completely close our facilities and move some of our services online.

Insurance cover is in place and the finances of the Mosque are kept under review. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the Mosque and the community centre.

Objectives and activities

Our aims

To advance the Islamic faith in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah particularly in London and the Barking and Dagenham area for the benefit of the public through the advancement of education, the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, the public celebration of religious festivals and the distribution of literature on the Islamic faith to enlighten others.

To advance the education of, and to provide facilities for all residents of Barking and Dagenham and the neighbourhood by the provision, maintenance, and management of a community centre.

Our objectives

Our objectives are set in our Charity's constitution and reflect our faith and community aims. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Our dual aims remain to provide a facility where Muslims can worship and for the local community use. Our long-term ambition is to build the self-confidence of the local Muslim community in their faith, and through our community facilities and activities and to make them as positive contributors not only to the local community but also to the society at large.

Strategies

We want to make our Mosque an accessible and welcoming venue where all Muslims and those who wish to know more about our faith, can gather together to learn about their religion and worship. The Mosque is open at all times for daily prayers and other activities including the Friday prayers being a focus of our weekly activities.

Use of volunteers

Volunteers are an important resource in both our faith and community work. Volunteers are involved in most of our faith and community activities and we have over 10 people regularly giving their time towards these activities. All our trustees also give their time freely. We encourage all members of our Mosque to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others. All those volunteers working with projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked.

Grant-making policy

Those attending our Mosque have given generously to disaster appeals arising from natural calamities affecting various countries around the world. These are normally through appeals by other specialist UK charities that facilitate the distribution to the needy areas for which the appeals were made.

Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit:

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who worship at our Mosque and the wider community of Barking and Dagenham.

Religious activities

Our Mosque provides a centre for our prayers and worship and for the activities associated with our faith. However during the year under review and because of the Covid pandemic, we offered a limited range of religious services and activities as per the Government Public Health and Safety guidelines.

Prayers: The Mosque was opened where Government lockdown restrictions allowed for daily and Friday prayers. There was restriction because of Covid social distancing rules as to how many people could attend daily prayers and Friday prayers.

Festivals: The Mosque provided limited facilities during Ramadan for those attending due to Covid lockdown restrictions. Eid prayers were also facilitated at the Mosque but in line with Covid lockdown restrictions and in line with the risk assessments that were in place.

Funeral facilities: The Mosque provided limited funeral services in line with the Covid Government guidelines.

Civil marriage and Nikkah: The Mosque provided limited service in line with Covid Government guidelines. Over the course of this year a number of couples were married at the Mosque.

Madrassah and Hifz classes: The learning and memorisation of the Qur'an is considered an important element of religious education and training. We continue to provide this service however due to Covid restrictions this was done through our online facility.

Islamic awareness (Interfaith week): This year the facilities were not available to public to celebrate Interfaith week.

Inter-faith dialogue: We use this platform to promote inter-faith dialogue and social cohesion and we work closely with Barking and Dagenham Faith Forum.

Community activities

The mosque is an invaluable resource to all and especially the Muslims in our local community. A wide variety of activities are organised and take place as it is also used as a community centre. However this year because of the Covid pandemic most of the time the facilities were not available.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. The 2011 acquisition of our own facilities at 170 Gascoigne Road, Barking, IG11 7LH has meant that the trust had had to borrow towards the purchase and refurbishment programme of the building. Additional maintenance and refurbishment work have progressively been carried out over the years towards satisfying the planning requirements. As at financial year end 2020 the outstanding loan was around £20,000.

Principal funding sources

The charity's main source of income is from donations. For these various fund-raising activities are taking place around the year. Also, the weekly collection at Friday prayers amounts to around £35,000 per year.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity has no long-term investments. Our cash reserves are held in the AlRayan and Barclays bank accounts.

Possible future long-term investments are planned to be in the redevelopment plan of the Masjid.

Plans for future periods.

Our premises at 170 Gascoigne Road, Barking, IG11 7LH became operational in April 2014. However, refurbishment and maintenance work are on-going requirement. Our 2020 plans to strengthen security by building the outer perimeter wall and fencing to secure the entrance and exit to the premises was successfully completed, even though it took us little bit longer than the original plan. Furthermore, we managed to complete the provision of a funeral and food bank facilities, which proved to be extremely helpful to the community especially during pandemic period.

The 2021/22 plan is to get planning application to redevelop the full site of our masjid to meet the future need of our ever-growing community. Our plans include a new purpose built Masjid with additional more needed community and income generation facilities.

We intend to maintain our existing range of community activities working in partnership with the community and to further develop existing and new projects.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Regulations and the provisions of the association's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the members and signed on its behalf by:

Ali Nassor Ali (Secretary) *A. N. ALI*

September 2021