

Registered Charity Number
1177268

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 December 2024

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Report and accounts
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ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Charity Information

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ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The report of the trustees for the period ended 31 December 2024

Introduction

The trustees present their final report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2024. The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31 December 2024 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

31/08/2025



Abdallah Said Othman
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 2024**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2024 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

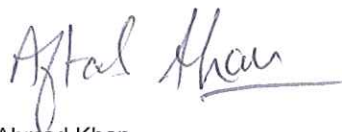
(i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act;

(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 : 31 August - 2021

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Period Ended 31 December 2024

	NOTES	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	1	137,025	233,219
Other Incoming Resources		126,878	-
Total incoming resources		<u>263,902</u>	<u>233,219</u>
Costs of charitable activities		<u>(240,950)</u>	<u>(199,255)</u>
Total resources expended		<u>(240,950)</u>	<u>(199,255)</u>
Net income /(loss) resources before transfers between funds		<u>22,953</u>	<u>33,964</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>201,442</u>	<u>167,478</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>224,395</u>	<u>201,442</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities
For The Period Ended 31 December 2024

Income and Expenditure Account
For The Period Ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary income	137,025	233,219
Other operating income	126,878	-
Costs of charitable activities	(240,950)	(199,255)
Gross surplus/ (loss)	22,953	33,964
Surplus / (loss) on ordinary activities before tax	22,953	33,964
Surplus / (loss) for the financial year	22,953	33,964
Gift Aid Payments	-	-
Retained surplus / (loss) for the financial year	22,953	33,964


ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
The assets and liabilities of the charity :			
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	<u>695,768</u>	<u>696,388</u>
Total fixed assets		695,768	696,388
Current assets			
Debtors	6	70,311	50,545
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>169,347</u>	<u>173,957</u>
Total current assets		239,658	224,502
Amounts due within one year	7	<u>(23,972)</u>	<u>(32,389)</u>
Net current assets		<u>215,686</u>	<u>192,113</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		911,454	888,501
Net assets including pension asset / liability		<u>911,454</u>	<u>888,501</u>
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds	8	<u>911,454</u>	<u>888,501</u>
Total Funds		<u>911,454</u>	<u>888,501</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees
on..... signed on its behalf by:

A. N. A.

A Nassor - Trustee



Daud Juneja - Trustee

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 December 2024

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.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Revenue turnover from ordinary activities	126,878	233,219
Revenue turnover from donations	<u>137,025</u>	<u>-</u>

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 December 2024

3 Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Salaries	133,399	98,914

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 2024 brought forward	690,188	9,450	699,638
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>690,188</u>	<u>9,450</u>	<u>699,638</u>
Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions			
At 1 January 2024	-	(3,250)	(3,250)
Charge for the year	-	(620)	(620)
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,870)</u>	<u>(3,250)</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>690,188</u>	<u>5,580</u>	<u>695,768</u>
At 1 January 2024	<u>690,188</u>	<u>5,580</u>	<u>695,768</u>

6 Debtors

	2024 £
Prepayments	2,394
Interest free loan	62,214
Staff loans	<u>5,703</u>
	<u>70,311</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £
Accrued expenses	1,931
Other creditors	2,292
Interest free loan	<u>19,750</u>
	<u>23,973</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 December 2024

8 Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 January 2024	888,501	854,537
Bought forward	-	-
Unrestricted revenue / (loss) for the financial year	22,953	33,964
At 31 December 2024/ 31 December 2023	<u>911,454</u>	<u>888,501</u>

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities
For The Period Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted /Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted/ Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming Resources				
Donations – Un Restricted Funds	103,840	103,840	233,219	233,219
Donations - Restricted Funds	33,185	33,185	-	-
Total Voluntary Income	137,025	137,025	233,219	233,219
Other Incoming Resources				
Other operating income	126,878	126,878	-	-
Total Other Incoming Resources	126,878	126,878	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	263,903	263,903	233,219	233,219
Costs of generating funds				
Direct support costs				
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities	133,399	133,399	98,914	98,914
Other direct cost	6,286	6,286	-	-
Staff training and welfare	-	-	984	984
Equipment expended	6,623	6,623	-	-
	146,308	146,308	99,898	99,898
Premises Costs				
Rates, water and service charges	3,181	3,181	3,153	3,153
Insurance	2,341	2,341	2,151	2,151
Light and heat	11,357	11,357	6,617	6,617
Repairs and renewals	5,873	5,873	16,684	16,684
	22,752	22,752	28,605	28,605
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and fax	765	765	639	639
Bank charges	874	874	2,665	2,665
Motor expenses	1,083	1,083	841	841
Stationery and printing	932	932	265	265
Other legal and prof	28,439	28,439	8,994	8,994
Depreciation	620	620	689	689
Equipment hire	2,219	2,219	3,495	3,495
	34,932	34,932	17,588	17,588
Professional fees in support of charitable activities				
Advertising and PR	716	716	624	624
Donations	34,003	34,003	50,790	50,790
Accountancy fees	2,240	2,240	1,750	1,750
	36,959	36,959	53,164	53,164
Total Support costs	240,950	240,950	199,255	199,255
Net income / (loss) resources	22,953	22,953	33,964	33,964

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

ALNOOR CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Trustees Report - For the Year Ending 31st Dec 2024

1. Reference and Administrative Details

- Charity name: Alnoor Cultural & Educational Trust
- Registered office : 170 Gascoigne Road, Barking IG11 7LH
- Registered charity number: 1177268

Trustees:

Mr. Abdallah Said Othman - Chairman
Mr. Daud Juneja
Mr. Ali Nassor Ali
Mr. Mbarak Hussein
Mrs. Asha Saeed Abdallah
Mr. Mbarak H Ally
Mrs. Fatma Amin Said
Mr. Ahmed Ali
Mr Omar Salim Awadh
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2. Introduction

Alnoor Cultural & Educational Trust exists to serve the needs of the community of Barking and Dagenham and beyond. Established as a registered charitable organisation, the Trust provides a centre of worship, education, social support, and cultural understanding.

In line with our charitable objectives, we are committed to advancing faith, delivering accessible education for children and adults, fostering community wellbeing, and offering relief to those in hardship. Each year we strive to create opportunities for learning, dialogue, and inclusion, while responding flexibly to the changing needs of our community.

This Annual Report presents our activities, achievements, and financial stewardship during 2024, and outlines our plans for future growth, including the redevelopment of our site to meet the needs of a growing and diverse population

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust operates within a flat governance structure. Trustees are recruited from within the local community, reflecting our ethos of inclusivity and representation. Upon appointment, all new trustees receive an induction to familiarise themselves with their duties and the operational framework of the Trust.

The trustees hold collective responsibility for the overall direction, strategy, and stewardship of the charity, ensuring compliance with charity law and alignment with its charitable objectives.

No trustee receives any form of remuneration; all income is reinvested directly into community services and charitable activities.

4. Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are:

- To advance the Islamic faith and provide accessible spaces for worship.
- To promote education, particularly religious and supplementary education, for children, young people, and adults.
- To provide facilities for recreation, wellbeing, and social cohesion in the interests of the local community.
- To offer relief and support to vulnerable members of the community, including funeral and emergency accommodation services. As well as worldwide.

In fulfilling these objectives, trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

5. Achievements and Performance

5.1 Worship and Faith Provision

The Trust has witnessed significant growth in religious service provision:

Friday Prayers – Attendance has risen dramatically up to 900 worshippers weekly, with an additional 100+ turned away due to lack of capacity.

Eid Prayers – Attract between 2,500–3,000 worshippers, requiring overspill facilities at Abbey Green Park due to insufficient indoor space.

Funeral and Mortuary Services – Supported 40–70 families annually, with an enhanced role during the COVID-19 pandemic in providing vital bereavement services.

Interfaith Engagement – Regular open days and dialogue events welcomed local schools, civic leaders, and non-Muslim residents, strengthening mutual understanding and respect.

5.2 Education

Education remains at the heart of the Trust's mission:

Madrasah enrolment stands at 323 students, organised into 21 classes held on weekdays and weekends.

Adult learning provision currently reaches 40 learners per week through ESOL, Arabic, and Swahili classes, with projections to expand to 75–100 learners once dedicated facilities are available.

4.3 Youth and Women's Programmes

Youth activities including 5 aside football, table tennis, wrestling, and arts & crafts engaged 40–60 young people weekly, though currently delivered within prayer areas due to space limitations. The planned redevelopment will increase this provision to 150–200 children and young people weekly.

Women's engagement currently involves 200–250 participants weekly, constrained by available facilities. A future dedicated women's prayer hall and mother–toddler facilities will expand participation to 600+ women and children weekly.

4.4 Wellbeing and Community Services

The Trust continues to broaden its social impact through a range of wellbeing and community services:

Plans for a Gym & Wellbeing Centre are projected to benefit 150–200 adults weekly, with activities including MMA, fitness, and health programmes.

Future Community Temporary Hospitality accommodation will provide emergency accommodation for 10–15 families annually, alongside dedicated housing for the Imam and caretaker to ensure 24/7 operations.

5 Development & Regeneration

Trustees have advanced the redevelopment of 170 Gascoigne Road, with a second Pre-Application submitted in August.

The scheme directly addresses the 2017 Faith Groups and Meeting Places Study, which identified Barking & Dagenham as critically undersupplied in mosque and faith-related infrastructure. This aligns with LBBD's regeneration strategy, supporting inclusive growth and social cohesion.

5. Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

- Total income: £263,902
- Total expenditure: £240,950
- Reserves held: £224,395

During the reporting year, the Trust experienced a notable increase in both income and expenditure, reflecting the scale and ambition of our ongoing services and redevelopment plans.

Income was generated primarily from regular donations, standing orders and Sadaqah contributions, fundraising events, charitable activities. This growth reflects both the community's trust in the Trust's work and the expanding demand for its services.

Expenditure

Expenditure increased during the reporting year, driven by operational costs and pre-development planning. Key areas of spending included:

- Planning & Development Costs – payments to architects, planning consultants, surveys, and statutory fees associated with redevelopment plans.
- Utilities – increased energy and water bills, reflecting higher facility usage and national inflation.
- Operational Costs – salaries for full-time staff and several part-time employees, plus sessional teachers and youth workers.
- Community Programmes – support for Madrassah provision, youth engagement, and women's programmes.
- Bank & Professional Fees – charges linked to financial management, compliance, and governance.

Overall Position

Despite the increase in expenditure, the Trust remains in a stable financial position, with reserves maintained at prudent levels to ensure both continuity of services and support for future development. Trustees are conscious of the need to balance immediate community service delivery with long-term investment in the redevelopment project.

The Trust continues to follow a reserves policy designed to ensure the organisation can meet its obligations in the event of unforeseen financial pressures.

The coming financial year will see a continuation of investment in planning and design work for the redevelopment, alongside sustained delivery of core services. The Trustees are committed to ensuring that all income is reinvested into services that benefit the local community and that financial stewardship remains robust, transparent, and in line with charity law and best practice

6. Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, the Trust will:

- Progress the planning application for 170 Gascoigne Road, securing long-term facilities for worship, education, and community services.
- Expand Madrassah and adult learning programmes to meet unmet demand.
- Strengthen youth engagement through sports, arts, and leadership programmes.
- Develop wellbeing programmes in partnership with local health providers.
- Grow interfaith and outreach initiatives, embedding Alnoor as a hub for inclusivity and cultural understanding.

7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. They must ensure proper records are kept, financial statements give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities, and that the charity remains compliant with all statutory requirements.

8. Conclusion

This year has demonstrated both the critical importance of Alnoor Cultural & Educational Trust to the community and the limitations of current facilities. The proposed redevelopment represents

a once-in-a-generation opportunity to provide sustainable, community-led infrastructure that meets faith, educational, social, and wellbeing needs.

The trustees respectfully submit this report as a reflection of the Trust's commitment to public benefit, inclusivity, and long-term service to Barking and Dagenham and wider community

We extend heartfelt gratitude to our trustees, volunteers, donors, and community members for their unwavering support and dedication. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

Approved by the members and signed on its behalf by:



Ali Nassor Ali

General Secretary

Alnoor Cultural & Educational Trust