

OXFORD INITIATIVE FOR BRITISH ISLAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1179049

Details

Other names OXFORD INSTITUTE FOR BRITISH ISLAM

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-07-03

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:1.TO ADVANCE THE ISLAMIC RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE QUR'AN.2.TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN THE SUBJECT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH WITHIN BRITISH SOCIETY.3.TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS HARMONY BY PROMOTING GOOD RELATIONS THROUGH THE EDUCATION IN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS INCLUDING A RESPECTFUL AWARENESS OF THE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES AND THE COMMON GROUND SHARED AMONGST VARIOUS CREEDS.

Activities: OIBI is a pioneering research academy advancing the scholarly study of Islam in the UK. Through a range of educational initiatives, including public seminars, workshops, symposia and conferences as well as publications, the institute disseminates cutting-edge findings and objective investigations into British Islam. These academic activities also provide posts for graduates and other scholars. .

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£24,230	£25,063	-	-
2023-12-31	£17,023	£16,337	-	-
2022-12-31	£12,954	£24,208	-	-
2021-12-31	£19,783	£26,207	-	-
2020-12-31	£21,359	£9,730	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr TAJ HARGEY	Chair	2021-01-01
Dr Jacqueline Woodman		2021-12-30
PAIGHAM MUSTAFA		2021-01-01

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Accounts

TAPE UK

Receipts and Payments Accounts

The Oxford Initiative for British Islam
2nd Floor,
65 Banbury Road, Oxford,
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Charity reg: 1179049

Year Ended: 31-12-24

The Oxford Initiative for British Islam

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The Oxford Initiative for British Islam

Legal and Administrative Details

Trustees

Dr Taj Hargey
Dr Jacqueline Woodman
Mr. Hanif Mohammad
Mr. Paigham Mustafa

Bankers

Metro Bank PLC
One Southampton Row
London WC1B 5HA

Independent Examiner

The Tape Group Ltd
Association of International Accountants
45, Whitmore Close
London, N11 1PB

Registered Address

Second Floor
65 Banbury Road
Oxford, OX2 6PE

Charity Number

1179049

Trustees Report

Following a successful and fruitful previous 12 months, there has been an unfortunate dilution and diminution of the normal activities of the Oxford Initiative for British Islam (OIBI) for the year 2024. This is the direct result of the lingering consequences precipitated by the Covid pandemic. Owing to the drastic and unexpected reduction in general membership donations during and immediately after Covid, this has obliged OIBI to move from its prominent high-rent city centre premises in Oxford because the commercial landlords, unlike other property owners obdurately refused to forgive or ameliorate the rental backlog that had accumulated during the Covid lockdowns. They insisted on full payment of all outstanding rent. OIBI was then forced to down scale and is now located in a smaller office unit elsewhere in the city.

While OIBI's usual public lectures and monthly seminars now take place mainly online, regular meetings and individual consultations are still held in the office to coordinate the promotion of an integrated, inclusive and indigenous Islam in the United Kingdom. Among other inter-related endeavours, the OIBI convenes weekly Qur'an seminars online that critically dissects, discusses and debates Islam's transcendent text. These structured classes attract many progressive and other thinking Muslims not only from Britain but from across the world as well. This declared mission to educate and empower UK Muslims to become theologically self-empowered in order to resist non-scriptural extremism and Islamic militancy remains a consistent OIBI priority. This crucial objective is also reinforced on a weekly basis when trailblazing hybrid Friday congregational prayers are held to inform and inspire Muslims to reject the toxic warping and the brazen contamination of their faith by the orthodox (unaccountable) Islamic clergy.

Aside from the unique weekly Qur'an seminars as well as the forward-looking Friday prayers that welcome both females and males with its resonating message on inclusivity and integration, OIBI has boldly championed a tolerant and liberal Islam in Britain through important public speaking engagements, press articles and media interviews. In addition to presenting scholarly papers at the Academy of Ideas conference in London in August 2024, giving evidence to a Parliamentary Select Committee on Islamic fundamentalism and speaking at several educational institutions, Dr Taj Hargey has courageously advanced – in the face of stiff ultra-conservative opposition – a truly authentic Qur'anic Islam that is erudite, egalitarian and enlightened. Unlike populist Islam that is entirely dependent on the latter-day fabricated human sources (*hadith*, *shari'ah*, *fatwahs*, etc) that has insidiously warped the pristine teachings of the faith, OIBI upholds exclusive loyalty to Islam's sacred scripture alone. This profound message of a solely Qur'anic Islam advancing mutual coexistence and ideological tolerance has been amplified by Dr Hargey in his many well-received newspapers articles, various radio interviews, podcasts and TV appearances during the past year.

The resumption of OIBI's full academic programme, together with its allied scholarly activities is realistically contingent upon securing regular income streams and larger individual donations. Without adequate financing, its laudable mission in facilitating beneficial multi-faith interaction in the United Kingdom will be impeded or sadly delayed. So, it imperative that new and enduring sponsorship for OIBI is acquired so that this essential task can be realised sooner than later.

Finally, on behalf of all trustees, I would like to thank all our members, donors, supporters, volunteers, staff and the local community for their continued support during the year.

The report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Taj Hargey

Independent Examiner's Report on the Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the members of The Oxford Initiative for British Islam on the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 4 and 5

Charity reg. 1179049

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The Tape Group Ltd

Association of International Accountants
45, Whitmore Close
London
N11 1PB

Date: 30-October-2025

The Oxford Initiative for British Islam

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31-Dec-24

Unrestricted Funds 2024 £

Receipts

Grants

Donations and other gifts from Trustees 24,230.00

Income tax refunds

Interest received

Total receipts 24,230.00

Payments

Missions and other donations

Property rent, insurance, water and heating 24,553.62

Repairs and maintenance 469.65

Professional fees

Stationery and sundries 40.00

Telephone

Total payments 25,063.27

Net receipts/(payments) -833.27

Cash funds last year end 1571.34

Cash funds this year end 39.84

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds at bank and in hand 39.84

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Detailed Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31-Dec-24

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Donations from Trustees	14,130.00	Trustee's net salary	
Gilf aid offerings		Trustee's tax & NI	
Missionary and other offerings		Trustee's Expenses	
Loan from Dr Hargey	4,900.00	Safeguarding fees	
Loan from Meco	5,200.00	Motor vehicles Expenses	44.65
		Stationery	
		Staff Expenses	40.00
		Charity other expenses	
		Property Insurance	
		Rent and Water Rates	24,553.62
		Computer and IT	120.00
		Heating and Lighting	
		Repairs and renewals	
		Telephone Travelling	
		Accountancy Fees	
		Loan Repayment Dr Hargey	305.00
Deficit for the Year	833.27	Surplus for the Year	
	25,063.27		25,063.27
Balances at 31 December 2024			
Bank Current Account	39.84		
Other Bank Account			
Cash in Hand			
	39.84		

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Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Dr Taj Hargey

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Bergen Associates (Chartered Certified Accountants)
68 Carden Place
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Scotland
AB10 1UL

Dated

The Oxford Initiative for British Islam

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2023

Unrestricted Funds

2023

£

Receipts

Grants	-
Donations and other gifts from Trustees	17,023.12
Income tax refunds	-
Interest received	-
Total receipts	<u>17,023.12</u>

Payments

Missions and other donations	-
Property rent, insurance, water and heating	2,500.00
Repairs and maintenance	13,130.00
Professional fees	337.5
Stationery and sundries	369
Telephone	-
Total payments	<u>16,336.50</u>

Net receipts/(payments) **686.62**

Cash funds last year end **884.72**

Cash funds this year end **1,571.34**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds at bank and in hand **1,571.34**

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Chartered Certified Accountants

Dated

The Oxford Initiative for British Islam

Detailed Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2023

Receipts

	£
Donations from Trustees	11,888.12
Gilf aid offerings	-
Missionary and other offerings	-
Loan from Dr Hargey	5,135.00

Deficit for the Year

17,023.12

Payments

	£
Trustee's net salary	-
Trustee's tax & NI	-
Trustee's Expenses	-
Safeguarding fees	-
Motor vehicles Expenses	-
Stationery	364
Staff Expenses	-
Charity other expenses	5
Property Insurance	-
Rent and Water Rates	2,500.00
Heating and Lighting	-
Repairs and renewals	12,480.00
Telephone	-
Travelling	-
Accountancy Fees	337.5
Loan Repayment Dr Hargey	650

Surplus for the Year

686.62

17,023.12

Balances at 31 December 2023

Bank Current Account	1,571.34
Other Bank Account	-
Cash in Hand	-
	<u><u>1,571.34</u></u>

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Year Ended 31 December 2022

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The Oxford Initiative for British Islam

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2022

Unrestricted Funds

2022

£

Receipts

Grants	-
Donations and other gifts from Trustees	12,964.01
Income tax refunds	-
Interest received	-
Total receipts	<u>12,964.01</u>

Payments

Missions and other donations	-
Property rent, insurance, water and heating	13,500.00
Repairs and maintenance	9,693.80
Professional fees	600
Stationery and sundries	374.4
Telephone	40
Total payments	<u>24,208.20</u>

Net receipts/(payments) **-11,244.19**

Cash funds last year end **12,128.91**

Cash funds this year end **884.72**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds at bank and in hand **884.72**

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The Oxford Initiative for British Islam

Detailed Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2022

Receipts

	£
Donations from Trustees	10,964.01
Gift aid offerings	-
Missionary and other offerings	-
Loan from Dr Hargey	2,000.00

Deficit for the Year

12,964.01

Payments

	£
Trustee's net salary	-
Trustee's tax & NI	-
Trustee's Expenses	-
Bank Charges	-
Motor vehicles Expenses	-
Postage	-
Stationery	374.4
Staff Expenses	-
Charity other expenses	-
Property Insurance	-
Rent and Water Rates	13,500.00
Heating and Lighting	-
Repairs and renewals	9,693.80
Telephone	40
Travelling	-
Accountancy Fees	600
Loan Repayment Dr Hargey	-

Surplus for the Year

24,208.20

Balances at 31 December 2022

Bank Current Account	884.72
Other Bank Account	-
Cash in Hand	-
	<u><u>884.72</u></u>

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

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Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Oxford Initiative for British Islam

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2021

Unrestricted Funds

2021

£

Receipts

Grants

-

Donations and other gifts from Trustees

26,207.65

Interest Received

Total receipts

-

26,207.65

Payments

Missions and other donations

Property rent, insurance, water and heating

-

Repairs and maintenance

24,474

Professional fees

345

Stationery and sundries

338

Telephone

864

Total payments

-

26,021

Net receipts/(payments)

186.49

Cash funds last year end

0

Cash funds this year end

186.49

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds at bank and in hand

186.49

The Oxford Initiative for British Muslims

Detailed Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2021

Receipts

	£
Donations from Trustees	19,783.4
Gift aid offerings	-
Missionary and other offering	-
Loan from Dr Hargey	6,424.30

Deficit for the year

-

26207.7

Payments

	£
Trustee's net salary	-
Trustee's tax & NI	-
Trustee's Expenses	300.0
Bank Charges	5.0
Motor Vehicles Expenses	-
Postages	40.0
Stationery and Printing	864.3
Charity other expenses	-
Property insurance	-
Rent and Water Rates	24,474.4
Heating and lighting	-
Repairs and renewals	-
Telephone	-
Travelling	-
Accountancy Fees	337.5

Surplus for the year

186.49

26207.7

Balances at 31st December 2021

Bank Current Account	186.49
Other Bank Account	-
Cash in Hand	-
	<u><u>186.49</u></u>

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Year Ended 31 December 2020

Unrestricted Funds **2020**
£

Receipts

Grants	0
Donations and other gifts from Trustees	21359.13
Income tax refunds	0
Interest Received	0
Total receipts	<u>21359.13</u>

Payments

Missions and other donations	0
Property rent, insurance, water and heating	2,000
Repairs and maintenance	6,657.50
Professional fees	500
Stationery and sundries	0
Telephone	572.72
Total payments	<u>9730.22</u>

Net receipts/(payments) **11,628.91**

Cash funds last year end 0

Cash funds this year end **12,128.91**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Cash funds at bank and in hand **12,128.91**

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Detailed Receipts and Payments Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2020

Receipts

	£
Donations from Trustees	21,359.13
Gift aid offerings	0
Missionary and other offerings	0
Tax Refunds	0

Deficit for the Year	0
	<u><u>21359.13</u></u>

Payments

	£
Trustee's net salary	0
Trustee's tax & NI	0
Trustee's Expenses	0
Safeguarding fees	0
Motor Vehicles Expenses	0
Postages	0
Staff expenses	0
Charity other expenses	0
Property insurance	0
Rent and Water Rates	2,000
Heating and lighting	0
Repairs and renewals	6,657.50
Telephone	572.72
Travelling	0
Accountancy Fees	500

Surplus for Year	11,628.91
	<u><u>21359.13</u></u>

Balances at 31st December 2020

Bank Current Account	12,128.91
Other Bank Account	0
Cash in Hand	0
	<u><u>12128.91</u></u>

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