



**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

**The Oxford Initiative for British Islam**

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**Charity reg: 1179049**

**Year Ended 31 December 2023**

## **Trustees Report**

The Oxford Initiative for British Islam (OIBI) had a productive year for 2023. Although its relative novelty and lack of adequate funding has constrained expected progress, its formal launch (that had been delayed by Covid for two years), eventually took place. It was a great relief that when pandemic restrictions were eventually lifted, OIBI activity could slowly return to some semblance of anticipated normality. Three main events pre-occupied OIBI in 2023. First, in May, the OIBI was publicly introduced at St Peter's College, Oxford University with a wide-range of Muslim and non-Muslims participating. In addition to those attending in person, this inaugural event was also livestreamed with participants from Britain and all over the world also logging in. Then, in August, OIBI convened its first major academic conference on the subject of Why British Islam? at St John's College, Oxford University. This scholarly gathering attracted a diverse range of interested academics, intellectuals and activists from around the United Kingdom as well as abroad. They all engaged on the necessity or otherwise of an indigenous-based British Islam for Muslims living in Britain. This three-day conference featured around two dozen inter-related panels and associated workshops with distinguished speakers presenting well-researched papers on a broad range of subjects including theology, politics, religion, education, sociology and philosophy, with special reference to Islam in Britain. The third main activity of OIBI was in November 2023 with the formal launch of its first publication at St Anne's College, Oxford University. This volume is an edited collection of papers and contributions submitted at OIBI's first annual conference. Professor Steven Greer and Dr Taj Hargey served as editors for this publication that was well-received by the general public and specialists in the field. It is anticipated that all future annual OIBI conferences will produce similarly high-quality publications that promote the principal mission of advancing a truly British and integrated Islam in the UK. Aside from these three public functions, OIBI is regularly asked by the print and broadcast media to comment on Muslims and Islam in Britain. Dr Hargey has written articles regarding the public perceptions of the faith and its followers in several mainstream newspapers and has also been interviewed on numerous occasions on radio and television. Despite its small base, this public visibility has helped OIBI to punch above its weight. Most of the OIBI income is generated through membership fees and from individual donations. This limited revenue has thus far funded the public events hosted by the OIBI but is clearly not sufficient. So, a concerted effort has to be made to secure the additional resources that will be needed in the future to expand OIBI's operational remit and scholarly presence.

**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 2023 set out on pages 2 and 3**

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#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed under the 1993 Act.

It is my responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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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	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b><u>17,023.12</u></b>

**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	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b><u>16,336.50</u></b>

**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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**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	-
	<b><u>1,571.34</u></b>

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