

DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1179462

Details

Other names DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-08-06

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE ISLAMIC RELIGION IN THE SOOTHILL AREA OF BATLEY WEST YORKSHIRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE ÆAREA OF BENEFITÆ) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A MASJID (PLACE OF WORSHIP) AND MADRESSAH (PLACE OF LEARNING), TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE ISLAMIC FAITH BY ALL MEANS CONSISTENT WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY QURAN AND AHAADITH AS INTERPRETED BY THE SUNNI HANAFI DEOBANDI SCHOOL OF THOUGHT AND FOR THE PROVISION OF ISLAMIC FUNERAL SERVICES.

Activities: Place of worship for members of the public.Out of hours Islamic education for children.Islamic marriage ceremony's.Funeral services.Educational talks (Both Islamic/health/general well being)Outreach activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-30	£235,575	£266,547	-	-
2023-12-30	£275,337	£274,031	-	-
2022-12-30	£233,798	£238,752	-	-
2021-12-30	£180,599	£218,224	-	-
2020-11-30	£184,291	£215,720	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Suleman Aswat	Chair	2018-07-01
ABDULHAY DOKRAT		2018-07-01
ADAM RAVAT		2018-07-01
Adam Aswat		2023-02-26
Akbar Dabharia		2022-03-20
Ayaz Ayub Vardalia		2022-03-20
BASHIR KHALIFA		2018-07-01
ISMAIL MAKDA		2025-07-05
Shiraz Valimulla		2024-09-22
ZAID UMARJI		2018-07-01

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

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CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Chairman	Suleman Aswat
Vice Chairman	Adam Ravat
Secretary	Hafiz Akbar Dabharria
Assistant Secretary	Bashir Khalifa
Treasurer	Zaid Umarji
Assistant Treasurer	Mohammed Dawood

REGISTERED OFFICE

West Acre Drive
Soothill
Batley
West Yorkshire
WF17 6PE

**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

1179462

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DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

TRUSTEES REPORT

All praise to the Almighty and peace and blessings upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. By the mercy of the Almighty and the heartfelt Duas of our beloved Muslim brothers and sisters, we humbly acknowledge 20 years since the establishment of Dawatal Islam Mosque.

It is an immense privilege to present this annual review, reflecting on a year of blessings and achievements. Through the Almighty's guidance, Dawatal Islam Soothill Trust has continued to serve both the local community and the wider society with unwavering dedication. Our focus remains on maintaining excellence in services while developing new initiatives that benefit all. With a vision rooted in the local community and a far-reaching impact through interfaith and social engagement, we strive to strengthen bonds and make a positive difference. The continuous feedback from those who visit, engage, and benefit from our efforts motivates us to keep aiming higher and, most importantly, to please our Creator.

This year, our primary goal as always has been to ensure the Masjid is a welcoming focal point for the Soothill community—frequented not just as a place of worship but as a hub for connection and support. We have expanded our efforts to engage all members of the community through regular programs, newsletter and events, all with a commitment to honesty, transparency, and accessibility.

Key Highlights of 2024:

- The Masjid continues to thrive with an average weekly footfall of over 1,000 attendees for congregation prayers, a testament to its enduring role in the community.
 - Regular talks in English, Urdu, and Arabic have enriched understanding and knowledge of our faith.
 - The Madresah has achieved significant milestones, nurturing the next generation in their spiritual journey.
 - Our outreach work flourishes, benefiting various sections of the community. The Annual Fun Day brought joy, unity, and successful fundraising for the Masjid and Madresah.
 - Adult classes remain a consistent success, with strong participation throughout the year.
 - The synergy with The Soothill Community Association and Kirklees Youth Alliance continues to be a gateway to exciting initiatives for boys and girls. Moreover, our collaborations with Yorkshire Housing, University of Huddersfield, Change Grow Live, North Kirklees Insight Team, South West Yorkshire Mental Health Trust, Kirklees Wellbeing Services, and EPIKS continue to drive impactful community initiatives.
 - Our ongoing liaison with the Council and other key partners ensures we're well-positioned to tap into available resources. As the cost of living soars, our commitment to aid wherever possible remains unwavering.
 - Over the summer, we undertook a vital project with The Soothill Community Association, securing funding from One Community to support families struggling with gas and electric arrears, food costs, and essential items like white goods and uniforms. The need remains significant, and we pray for ease for all those facing challenges. Ameen.
 - Collaboration with local, national, and international charities has amplified our mission of serving humanity. May the Almighty accept these efforts and ease hardships worldwide.
- Our scholars have continued to provide invaluable guidance on religious matters, addressing a variety of personal, social, and family concerns.

This brief review showcases the breadth of activities undertaken this year. We pray the Almighty accepts everyone's efforts, blesses our Masjid, and strengthens our resolve to serve. We deeply regret any inconvenience caused and remain committed to continuous improvement.

Suleman Aswat
Chairman

DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

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M Lakhi .

24/04/2025

----- Date -----

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DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Incoming Resources					
Donations received		45,803	22,053	67,856	118,450
Membership fees		28,028	-	28,028	26,548
Marriage fees		55	-	55	220
Madressah fees		104,778	-	104,778	104,887
Food / kitaab income		1,243	-	1,243	11
Madressah donations		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid		11,663	-	11,663	13,147
Bike fund		-	-	-	-
Other income		21,951	-	21,951	12,074
Total Incoming Resources		<u>213,522</u>	<u>22,053</u>	<u>235,575</u>	<u>275,337</u>
Resources Expended					
Management and administration	6	179,985	86,562	266,547	274,031
Total resources expended		<u>179,985</u>	<u>86,562</u>	<u>266,547</u>	<u>274,031</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income		<u>33,536</u>	<u>- 64,509</u>	<u>- 30,973</u>	<u>1,306</u>

DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Property		836,368	-	836,368	803,191
Fixtures & fittings		<u>15,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,247</u>	<u>17,938</u>
	2-3	851,615	-	851,615	821,129
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Balance at Bank		186,119	22,053	208,172	261,022
Cash		<u>1,711</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,711</u>	<u>9,514</u>
	4	187,830	22,053	209,883	270,536
		1,039,445	22,053	1,061,498	1,091,665
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>2,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,641</u>	<u>1,835</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,036,804</u>	<u>22,053</u>	<u>1,058,857</u>	<u>1,089,830</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>					
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>					
Accumulated fund		1,089,830	-	1,089,830	1,088,524
Movement		-	-	-	-
Loan		-	-	-	-
Surplus Income for Year		<u>33,536</u>	<u>- 64,509</u>	<u>30,973</u>	<u>1,306</u>
		<u>1,123,366</u>	<u>- 64,509</u>	<u>1,058,857</u>	<u>1,089,830</u>

DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Bases of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Restricted funds are those which are used in accordance with specific requirements of the funding body.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2024	1,094,410	33,348	1,127,758
Additions	<u>86,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,562</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2024	<u>1,180,972</u>	<u>33,348</u>	<u>1,214,320</u>

3. DEPRECIATION

Balance as at 1 January 2024	291,219	15,410	306,629
Charge for the Year	<u>53,385</u>	<u>2,691</u>	<u>56,076</u>
	<u>344,604</u>	<u>18,101</u>	<u>362,705</u>
Net Value as at 31 December 2024	<u>836,368</u>	<u>15,247</u>	<u>851,615</u>
Net Value as at 31 December 2023	<u>803,191</u>	<u>17,938</u>	<u>821,129</u>

2024

4. CURRENT ASSETS

Balance at bank	208,172
Cash	<u>1,711</u>
	<u>209,883</u>

5. ACCRUALS

Wages	-
Repairs and maintenance	551
Professional fees	<u>2,090</u>
	<u>2,641</u>

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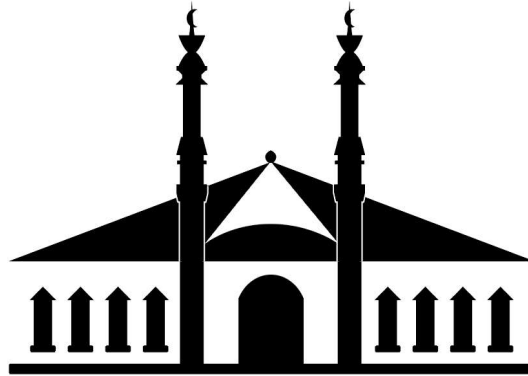
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>6. EXPENDITURE</u>		
Wages	170,422	155,741
Insurance	3,902	4,705
Rates and water	1,470	1,420
Light and heat	15,787	10,886
Repairs and maintenance	7,280	38,492
Postage and stationery	397	708
Telephone	451	394
Children's gifts	-	-
Event expenses	720	2,505
IMWS fees	1,920	1,880
Website	-	-
Subscriptions	1,056	463
Legal and management fees	1,109	886
Professional fees	355	355
Bank charges	194	28
General expenses	5,409	636
Bike fund	-	500
Depreciation	56,076	54,433
	<u>266,547</u>	<u>274,032</u>

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday 21st April 2024

TIME: AFTER ZOHAR SALAH – 1:30PM

**VENUE: DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE,
West Acre Drive, Soothill**

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Agenda

Item	Description
1	Tilawat-E-Quran – 1:50pm
2	Apologies – 1:55pm
3	Introduction – 2:00pm
4	Minutes of last AGM – 2:05pm
5	Matters Arising from Minutes of Last AGM – 2:10pm
6	Accounts – 2:25pm
7	Principal/Madrassah Report – 2:45pm
8	Any other business – 3:00pm
9	Duaa and close – 3:45pm
	<i>Timings are approximate and maybe delayed by 30 minutes if quorum is not initially met.</i>

Executive Committee Members, Trustees and Office Bearers Responsible for the Year 2023

Honorary Office Bearers and Trustees

Chairman:	Suleman Aswat
Vice Chairman:	Adam Ravat
Secretary:	Akbar Dabharria
Assistant Secretary:	Bashir Khalifa
Treasurer:	Zaid Umarji
Assistant Treasurer:	Mohammed Dawood

Additional Trustees

Abdul Hai Dokrat
Hafiz Habib Dadhiwala
Ayaz Vardalia
Adam Aswat

Executive Committee Members

Ahmed Aswat
Aref Vachhiat
Ebrahim Vachhiat
Hafiz Masihulla Sacha
Yusuf Bodiat
Hafiz Ismail Lambat
Asif Kazi
Ahmed Lambat
Hafiz Mohsin Mulla
Shiraz Valimulla

AGM 2022 Meeting Minutes– Sunday 26th February 2023

Qiraat by Hafiz Habib Dadhiwala

Apologies – Hafiz Masihulla Sacha

Introduction by SA thanking those giving up time. Everyone reminded to keep to one meeting, offer opinions and ask questions.

Minutes of last AGM / Matters – Secretary advised all to refer to report and copies were available if anyone wished to read/pose any follow up questions.

No matters were brought forward. Minutes approved by Mohammed Laher and seconded by Ahmed Lambat.

Accounts - presented by treasurer (Zaid Umarji) who confirmed they have been audited by Chopdats. There is always a receipt backing up any income and accountant report is based upon figures in background. Shared both accountant report and internal figures with members via big screen.

Expenditure is generally approved by the exec and payments have to be authorised by a second payee.

Current overall balance was approximately £215k.

Query raised regarding shortfall on Madresah. This is correct but is balanced through the general account. Fees have been increased and contracts tweaked to reduce shortfall. Ideally we would like to break even but big focus on quality and want to ensure this remains strong. Deficit has been reduced from £28k to £15k per year even after employing an additional deputy head.

Question raised on if we need to approve auditors. The answer was no as we have a rolling contract.

Accounts proposed by Ahmed Aswat and seconded by Ahmed Lambat, also approved by all.

Madrassah Report

Good working relationship with Headteacher and committee. Challenges on new applications and class sizes especially as the numbers are growing.

Safety and safeguarding is highly important. Tweaks made such as utilising doors for better access with fob system in place. Additional individual employed to help drive standards. More huffaaz have completed and now 2 Hifz classes running with 20 children.

Query raised on how new joiners are assessed. 2 weeks at Madresah then placed in relevant classes.

How are salah and madrasah times clash handled. Ensure ustadhs generally look after their class and someone will cover Imam's class.

AOB

Roof – after meeting on 15/01/2023, another estimate of £115k+ VAT for aluminium roof. Planning application also needs to be submitted. Work will proceed once this has been submitted and approved.

Babes in the wood conversion – has not been discussed with us, have been looking at options towards the top as the consensus is that a 2nd space is required.

Bikes – how were they funded. £5k grant, 10 bikes plus other items secured. Query in regards to the container in the Masjid grounds. This was also clarified with a Mufti. Questions raised over sisters classed, female coached are being used.

Headway with getting new members/maintaining but this is very difficult. Have interacted and looked at ways with engaging others to ensure they are connected to the masjid. Membership system needs to be looked at, also looking at setting up monthly payments.

Ramadhan and Taraweeh – additional taraweeh's for the future, potentially in the next few years.
Iftari time – looking at having more time for iftari before Maghrib salah – to be discussed with Imams.

Election of new committee – Ebrahim Vachhiat stepped down as secretary and trustee but stayed on as exec member.

Chair confirmed anyone on the exec needs to have desire to make a difference and work everyday to make a difference.

No additional members added and existing office bearers stayed on in current posts.

Akbar Dabharria – Secretary

Trustee – Adam Aswat (to replace Ebrahim Vachhiat and keep minimum quota of 10)

Short Duaa by Moulana Ebrahim Miya

Chairman's Report

AWW

All praise to the Almighty and peace and blessings upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. Through the mercy of the Almighty and Duas of all our beloved Muslim Brothers and Sisters we are now in the 19th year, since the opening of Dawatal Islam Mosque.

The main objective throughout the year has been to try and make the Masjid the focal point for the community of Soothill and to try and ensure that it is frequented as much as possible by those living in the community. To try and achieve this objective we have tried various ways to engage with all members of the community through regular programmes, newsletters, various events and in general just being as honest, transparent, accessible and as open as possible.

Throughout the year we have been blessed to have 3 Imams in Moulana Suleman Saheb, Kari Ebrahim Saheb and Moulana Azhar Saheb who have provided great dedication. We pray that the Almighty accept all their efforts. Ameen. We pray that the Almighty enables us all to work well with all our Imams and benefit the community. May the Almighty accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

The Advanced Islamic Studies Classes under the supervision of Moulana Suleman Saheb and Moulana Abubakar Saheb continue to thrive. We now have two male classes established, one for Adults and one for the younger lads. In addition to this the Senior Girls Class (for teenagers and upwards) that has been set up on certain evenings to help the girls that have left Madresah have been well attended. Furthermore, the Sisters Islamic Knowledge Class that runs for 2 mornings during the week has provided a brilliant platform for sisters to increase their knowledge on a number of subjects. We pray that all the classes continue for many years and provide further knowledge to all. May the Almighty accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

Our Madresah, Alhamdulillah continues to go from strength to strength. Our Headteacher, Molana Zakariya Saheb, all the Ustads, the Apas, Caretaker and Madresah Committee have provided dedication and commitment to ensure that our Madresah continues to move in the right direction. We appreciate the efforts of all the parents who ensure that their children attend the Madresah as regularly as possible. May the Almighty safeguard all our children and bless all the families. Ameen.

We express our gratitude to the sisters who continue to strive to put on events to help the local and wider community. From programmes in the Masjid, to varied activities in the community centre. The sisters are trying very hard to provide things for all section of the community. We pray that this continues all with our objective to help all sections of the community.

We have a great need to record our appreciation to our Moazzins for the promptness in delivering the Adhan on time for each Salat. In addition to this, we need to record our sincere gratitude to the individuals who observe/d Itikaf during Ramadhan, all the people who assist/ed with feeding the many guests throughout the year for the various programmes, this includes individuals who come for chanda collections, individuals who assist with cleaning the Masjid, the individuals who assist with the food/clean-up programmes and to all the individuals who have contributed or assisted in any capacity. May the Almighty accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

We continue to be enlightened by the presence of many prominent Ulama's from both locally and nationally. We pray that the Ulama's continue to keep coming to the Masjid and blessing us with their presence and advices. We have to take up these opportunities to participate in such programmes. A humble request for all to participate whenever possible as it will only be beneficial.

In relation to the roof, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone for their duas, support and concern. We have had many conversations with many people, shared updates via our newsletters/internal notice boards

and we have been up front and honest. Work has not gone at the speed we would all have liked but it is progressing and we hope that the remainder of the roof works will be completed in the not too distant future.

Over the last year we did look into the possibility of acquiring the Soothill Working Mens Club building with the intention to assist the brothers/sisters living at the top end of Soothill. We did call a meeting to look at progressing this, however the meeting was very poorly attended and it was felt from the attendees of the meeting that it was not appropriate to take on such a project which would have resulted in the trust taking on a significant debt. Our intention remains to work together to address the needs for the whole of the Soothill area which is ever growing especially with the planned housing developments.

The connection with the Huddersfield Town Foundation, The Soothill Community Association and the Kirklees Youth Alliance has enabled us to continue with the Premier League Kicks Sessions. In addition to this, we continue to partner with various organisations such as: EN:Procure, Spark Skills, In Communities, Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust, Kirkwood Hospice, North Kirklees Insight Team, South West Yorkshire Mental Health Trust, Zarach and Juniper Foods. This is all to help people within the community. We pray that the Almighty accepts everyone's support and eases the situation for anyone in any troubles and hardships.

The plan for the future is to continue working as hard as possible to ensure that the Masjid is full for every Salaat and to create an environment like that of our Prophet (SAW)'s beloved Masjid-E-Nabawi in Madinah Al Munawwarah.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a Mashura for the year*. We sincerely hope that you can come to discuss how we can take things forward. The harsh reality is that we often do not get the required quorum which means that the Mashura is delayed. We are asking for individuals to spare a couple of hours for the sake of the Masjid. There are many challenges ahead which I am sure that we can collectively meet through Mashura.

We ask for forgiveness for our shortcomings and again thank everyone for their support in any capacity. May the Almighty reward everyone. Ameen.

Wsalam

Suleman Aswat

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M Lakhi ----- Date 26-02-2024-----

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**DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
Incoming Resources					
Donations Received		77,000	41,450	118,450	88,937
Membership Fees		26,548		26,548	26,670
Marriage Fees		220		220	440
Madrasah Fees		104,887		104,887	87,804
Food/Kitaab income		11		11	2,762
Madrasah donations		-		-	729
Gift Aid		13,147		13,147	11,575
Bike Fund		-		-	5,000
Other Income		<u>12,074</u>		<u>12,074</u>	<u>9,880</u>
Total Incoming Reserves		<u>233,887</u>	<u>41,450</u>	<u>275,337</u>	<u>233,797</u>
Resources Expended					
Management and administration 6		243,567	30,464	274,031	238,752
Total Resources Expended		<u>243,567</u>	<u>30,464</u>	<u>274,031</u>	<u>238,752</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) of Income		<u>-9,680</u>	<u>10,986</u>	<u>1,306</u>	<u>-4,955</u>

**DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Property	803,191		803,191	854,459
Fixtures & Fittings	<u>17,938</u>		<u>17,938</u>	<u>21,104</u>
2-3	821,130		821,130	875,563
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Debtors				
Balance at Bank	219,572	41,450	261,022	211,815
Cash	<u>9,513</u>		<u>9,513</u>	<u>3,111</u>
4	229,085	41,450	270,535	214,926
	1,050,215	41,450	1,091,665	1,090,489
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>1,835</u>	<u>1,835</u>	<u>1,966</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,048,380</u>	<u>41,450</u>	<u>1,089,830</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>				
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>				
Accumulated Fund Movement		1,088,524	1,088,524	1,093,478
Loan				
Surplus Income For Year		<u>- 9,680</u>	<u>10,986</u>	<u>1,306</u>
		<u>1,078,844</u>	<u>10,986</u>	<u>1,089,830</u>
			<u>1,089,830</u>	<u>1,088,523</u>

**DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Bases of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Restricted funds are those which are used in accordance with specific requirements of the funding body.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2023	1,094,410	33,348	1,127,758
Additions	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u>1,094,410</u>	<u>33,348</u>	<u>1,127,758</u>

3. DEPRECIATION

Balance as at 1 January 2023	239,951	12,244	252,195
Charge for the Year	<u>51,268</u>	<u>3,166</u>	<u>54,433</u>
	<u>291,219</u>	<u>15,410</u>	<u>306,628</u>
Net Value as at 31 December 2023	<u>803,191</u>	<u>17,938</u>	<u>821,130</u>
Net Value as at 31 December 2022	<u>854,459</u>	<u>21,104</u>	<u>875,563</u>

4. CURRENT ASSETS

	2023
Natwest Bank A/C No – 02838613	5,362
Natwest Bank A/C No – 40592189	50,000
Lloyds Bank A/C No – 01625172	25,521
Lloyds Bank A/C No – 39317960	129,347
Lloyds Bank A/C No – 00489747	3,066
Barclays Bank A/C No – 83893154	44,020
Barclays Bank A/C No – 93233383	3,707
Cash	<u>9,513</u>
	<u>270,535</u>

5. ACCRUALS

Wages	-
Repairs and Maintenance	100
Professional Fees	<u>1,735</u>
	<u>1,835</u>

**DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<u>6. EXPENDITURE</u>	2023	2022
Wages	155,741	141,318
Insurance	4,705	4,287
Rates and Water	1,420	1,399
Light and Heat	10,866	12,269
Repairs and Maintenance	38,492	3,703
Postage and Stationery	708	800
Telephone	394	393
Children's Gifts	-	2,870
Event Expenses	2,505	963
IMWS Fees	1,880	2,160
Website	-	-
Subscriptions	463	1,222
Legal and Management Fees	886	1,129
Professional Fees	355	345
Bank charges	28	29
General Expenses	636	3,324
Bike Fund	500	4,277
Depreciation	<u>54,433</u>	<u>58,264</u>
	<u>274,031</u>	<u>238,752</u>

Headteacher's Report

I pray this report meets you all in the best of health and Imaan.

I am pleased to present to you the annual report highlighting the remarkable accomplishments and progress made by the Madrasah over the past year. It is with great pride that I reflect on the dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm displayed by our staff, students, and parents.

Academic Excellence: Students have achieved outstanding targets and quality across all levels of study; Qaidah, Qur'aan, Kitaab and the highlight being our two Hifz classes who continue to excel and break records. Through our rigid curriculum and supportive learning environment, students have consistently excelled. Our teachers' commitment to delivering high-quality education has undoubtedly played a pivotal role in our students' success.

Extra-Curricular Activities: Beyond academics, the Madrasah has provided numerous opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular activities, fostering their personal growth and development. From sports to Hifz competitions, our students have demonstrated their talents and abilities in various domains. These activities have not only enriched their educational experience but also instilled important values such as teamwork, leadership, and resilience.

Community Engagement: Our madrasah has continued to strengthen its ties with the local community, actively participating in initiatives aimed at promoting social cohesion and unity. Through charity drives such as kids4kids where our students fundraised a whopping £7041.71 to outreach programs such as visiting the care home; we have been able to make a positive impact on the lives of those around us. This spirit of service and compassion reflects the core values of our institution and reinforces our commitment to making a difference in the world.

Infrastructure and Facilities: In line with our commitment to providing a conducive learning environment, significant improvements have been made to our facilities. From classroom and main door security upgrades to additional CCTV in and around the building. These enhancements have not only benefited our students and parents but have also contributed to the overall growth and development of our madrasah.

For the coming academic year extensive discussions have taken place with the Madrasah committee members along with acquiring quotations to upgrade classroom infrastructure. As the Madrasah continues to grow in student number along with supporting our parents in easing their drop off and pick up duties as well as creating more study time for our students, we have devised a plan to accommodate up to 80 percent of our students at one time. We have endeavoured to create a space that inspires creativity, innovation, and excellence. I would greatly appreciate if this can be completed before the last term of the academic year so we may formulate class structure and prepare for any recruitment needs.

Challenges and Opportunities: While we celebrate our achievements, it is essential to acknowledge the challenges that we have faced along the way. The past year has presented some obstacles; from the disruptions caused by the roof works and roof leaks to losing valued members of our teaching staff. However, through resilience, adaptability, and the unwavering support of our community, we have overcome these challenges and

emerged stronger than ever before.

Looking Ahead: As we look ahead to the future, I am confident that Madrasah Dawatal Islam will continue to thrive and excel in its mission of providing quality education rooted in Islamic principles. With the continued support of the Madrasah committee members, community, dedicated staff, and enthusiastic students, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and the positive impact we will continue to make in the lives of our students and the broader community.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of the Masjid/Madrasah for their unwavering support and guidance throughout the past year. Together, we have achieved remarkable success, and I am confident that our collective efforts will propel the Madrasah to even greater heights in the years to come.

May the Al-Mighty reward you all abundantly in both worlds and May He accept us to serve his Deen with sincerity, Aameen.

And all praises belong to the Al-Mighty.

Zakaria Seedat
HeadTeacher

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Accounts



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday 26th February 2023

TIME: AFTER ISHA SALAH – 7:30PM

**VENUE: DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE,
West Acre Drive, Soothill**

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Agenda

Item	Description
1	Tilawat-E-Quran – 7:50pm
2	Apologies – 7:55pm
3	Introduction – 8:00pm
4	Minutes of last AGM – 8:05pm
5	Matters Arising from Minutes of Last AGM – 8:10pm
6	Accounts – 8:25pm
7	Principal/Madrassah Report – 8:45pm
8	Any other business – 9:00pm
9	Election of New Committee – 9:30pm
10	Duaa and close – 9:45pm
	<i>Timings are approximate and maybe delayed by 30 minutes if quorum is not initially met.</i>

Executive Committee Members, Trustees and Office Bearers Responsible for the Year 2022

Honorary Office Bearers and Trustees

Chairman:	Suleman Aswat
Vice Chairman:	Adam Ravat
Secretary:	Ebrahim Vachhiat
Assistant Secretary:	Bashir Khalifa
Treasurer:	Zaid Umarji
Assistant Treasurer:	Mohammed Dawood

Additional Trustees

Abdul Hai Dokrat
Hafiz Habib Dadhiwala
Ayaz Vardalia
Hafiz Akbar Dabharla

Executive Committee Members

Adam Aswat
Ahmed Aswat
Areff Vachhiat
Hafiz Masihulla Sacha
Yusuf Bodiat
Hafiz Ismail Lambat
Asif Kazi
Ahmed Lambat
Hafiz Mohsin Mulla
Shiraz Valimulla

AGM 2021 Meeting Minutes– Sunday 20th March 2022

Qiraat by Moulana AbuBakr Diwan

Apologies - Adam Ahmed Aswat, Hafiz Ismail Lambat, Zahid Chacha Patel

Introduction by SA thanking those giving up time. We are chosen by the Almighty to be here.

Minutes of last AGM / Matters - Proposed by Mohammad Chacha Laher and seconded by Ahmed Aswat as a true copy of last years AGM.

Accounts - presented by treasurer (Zaid Umarji) who confirmed they have been audited by Chopdats. Query raised why we have lots of accounts - treasurer confirmed that most have a use and he leaves some open as it's onerous to open new accounts nowadays.

Wages cost query? £24k for 2 imams or 3? Confirmed 2 as 3rd imam has been appointed post accounting period - will cost extra £5k per year. Chair confirmed that all imams have now all signed up to contracts to try and cover all eventualities insha'Allah. Costs may increase - we will do our best to ensure money is spent and accounted for.

What is gift aid claimed on? Mainly from member fee and lillah donations. Can madrassah fees be included? No - due to legal technicality. We should try and maximise income from this area. We claimed back more the year before? Advised due to back claiming for previous years.

Energy bills possibly going up? Advised that we're currently on a fixed contract and we're trying to minimise usage - have installed NEST and new boilers which should be more energy efficient.

Accounts proposed by Ahmed Chacha Lambat and seconded by Hassan Chacha Lambat.

Madrassah Report

Query raised on space? Committee confirmed that we may need to go to the sunnat area but will look into options. Query on development of building / madrassah. Chair advised that we keep looking into different options. Alhamdulillah, in a decent place.

AOB

Roof - lots of patchwork has been done over the years and roofers have advised that the whole roof now needs redoing. One quote for £178k - waiting for additional quotes. Quality of slates isn't good - needs re-doing. Plan is to fundraise asap. We were originally looking at a phased approach but most roofers have said that we should consider doing in one go. Member suggested that we may need to look into Qarze Hasne - approx. lifespan is 6 months so this may be something we consider.

Is it worth adding another floor at the same time? Probably not feasible at this stage.

Cash reserves - how much do we need to save and then raise as roof needs doing asap. Committee confirmed that we need to leave approx. £100k.

Timescale for work? 2-3 months to complete from start to finish.

Could we raise funds by having a recommended donation amount from each member to raise funds for the roof?

Could we sell houses that we currently have? This can be looked into as an option depending on costs?

Current plan is to highlight the cause to the community via a newsletter to raise funds. SGM for anything else.

Membership model? SA advised that someone asked last year regarding abolishing the member fee model and that has been discussed with individuals. We need a governance structure and how we replace it. Newer masjids don't have a member fee model so it raises Questions in the community. It's a challenge that we as a community face. Engagement is a challenge. Should we look at online payments? Yes Insha'Allah

Efforts in community and Rabetah - gap in women's taalim. Meeting has been held with them to try and do more. Focus on youth - looking at options. Commended us on bits that we're already doing - alhamdulillah. Rabetah will receive feedback from across and we are also looking at what other organisations do.

Women's prayer space. We try to give access as and when required but don't have a dedicated space.

Office bearers stepped down as per constitution. Members elected the following:

Suleman Aswat - Chair - proposed by Ahmed Chacha Lambat and seconded by Bashir Bhai Khalifah.

Adam Ravat - Vice-chair - proposed by Ahmed Chacha Lambat and seconded by Ahmed Bhai Aswat.

Zaid Umarji - Treasurer - proposed by Hassan Chacha Lambat and seconded by Ahmed Aswat.

Badre Alam Aswat stepped down as vice-treasurer. Replaced by Hafiz Mohammad Dawood - proposed by Kalim Lajporia and seconded by Adam Bhai Ravat.

Ebrahim Vachhiat & Hafiz Akbar Dabharria - proposed by Kalim Lajporia and seconded by Hafiz Masihulla Sacha.

Bashir Bhai Khalifah - Vice-Secretary - proposed by Adam Bhai Ravat and seconded by Ahmed Chacha Lambat.

Other Trustees:

Abdul Hai Dokrat - stayed on

Hahiz Habib Dadhiwala - stayed on

Ismail Chacha Makda - stepped down - Replaced by Ayaz Vardalia - proposed by Ahmed Bhai Aswat and seconded by Ahmed Chacha Lambat.

Additional Committee Members:

Shiraz Vallimulla

Faizal Lambat

Aref Vachhiat

Kalim Lajporia - stepped down

Short Duaa by Moulana AbuBakr Diwan - meeting concluded by Isha

Chairman's Report

AWW

All praise to the Almighty and peace and blessings upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. Alhamdulillah, through the mercy of the Almighty and Duas of all our beloved Muslim Brothers and Sisters we are now in the 18th year, since the opening of Dawatal Islam Mosque.

It is through the grace of the Almighty that I had been given an opportunity in the role and it is a role that I with the assistance of my fellow trustees, committee members and community in general have tried to do to the very best of my ability over a number of years. I sincerely apologise for any trouble or difficulty I or any member of the Executive Committee has caused to any brothers or sisters. Although we are now in our 18th year, we as a community should never forget the blessings that the Almighty has bestowed upon us and the duas, work and sacrifice done by brothers/sisters over a number of years to enable us to have such a beautiful Masjid/Madrasah. Some of the brothers/sisters are no longer with us, we pray that the Almighty elevates their status in Jannat and accepts everyone's efforts. Ameen.

Over the last 12 months the main objective has been to try and make the Masjid the focal point of our community and to try and ensure that it is frequented as much as possible by those living in the community. We have had and continue to have challenges from various angles. We pray that the Almighty protects us and all the Masajids and Madrasahs. I humbly request the whole community to respect, encourage, assist and show love to each other. It is only through working together and having some kind of worry and concern that we can tackle these challenges. I pray that the Almighty keeps us united and improve the situation of our community and the wider Ummah. Ameen.

Throughout the year we have been blessed to have 3 Imams in Molana Azhar Patel Saheb, Moulana Suleman Laher Saheb and Kari Ebrahim Mayet Saheb who have provided great dedication. They continue to do so and we pray that the Almighty accept all their efforts. Ameen. We pray that the Almighty enables us all to work well with all our Imams and benefit the community. Molana Abubakr Divan Saheb and Molana Zakariya Abid Saheb continue to provide excellent support and dedication. May the Almighty accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

We continue to be enlightened by the presence of many prominent Ulama's from both locally and nationally. We pray that the Ulama's continue to keep coming to the Masjid and blessing us with their presence and advices. We have to take up these opportunities to participate in such programmes. A humble request for all brothers and sisters to participate whenever possible as it will only be beneficial.

Our Madrasah, Alhamdulillah continues to improve. Our Headteacher, Molana Zakariya Sidat Saheb, all the Ustads, the Apas, Caretaker and Madrasah Committee have provided dedication and commitment to ensure that our Madrasah continues to move in the right direction. We appreciate the efforts of all the parents who ensure that their children attend the Madrasah as regularly as possible. May the Almighty safeguard all our children and bless all the families. Ameen.

We have a great need to record our appreciation to our Moazzins for the promptness in delivering the Adhan on time for each Salat. In addition to this, we need to record our sincere gratitude to the individuals who observed Itikaf during Ramadhan, all the people who assisted with feeding the many guests throughout the year for the various programmes, this includes individuals who come for chanda collections, individuals who assist with cleaning the Masjid, the individuals who assist with the food/clean-up programmes and to all the individuals who have contributed or assisted in any capacity. May the Almighty accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

In relation to the roof, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone for their duas, support and concern. We have had many conversations with many people and we have been up front and honest. Furthermore we acknowledge the attendance of the brothers who could attend the update/awareness meeting on Sunday 15th January. This was a really productive meeting and provided a clear picture to every one of the plans going forward. A further update will IA be given at the AGM/Mashura.

We have continued to build on our Outreach work which has enabled us to help all sections of the community. Last summer we saw the return of our Annual Fun Day for brothers and sisters. After a number of years where we were unable to hold a Fun Day, we had an amazing turnout and a good amount of money was raised to help the Masjid/Madrasah. We express our sincerest gratitude to all brothers and sisters who contributed/assisted and attended the event. We pray that we continue to have such events where we can bring the community together.

The enthusiasm from the youth has led to the setting up of the first Advanced Islamic Studies Class under the supervision of Moulana Suleman Laher Saheb and Moulana Abubakr Diwan Saheb. We now have two classes set up, one for Adults and one for the younger lads. All praise to the Almighty we are in the process of having a similar initiative for the Sisters.

The connection with the Huddersfield Town Foundation and the Kirklees Youth Alliance has enabled us to continue with the Premier League Kicks Sessions.

Over summer we had a number of sessions for the younger generation and their parents which placed a focus on reading and the benefits of reading Islamic books. A number of books were borrowed and brought back from the earlier sessions. The sessions were really well attended and we hope to develop this further.

Towards the latter part of summer and over the last few months we have undertaken a project in connection with The Soothill Community Association which involved applying for funding from One Community and looking to help people who were struggling with gas/electric arrears, food costs, one off items such as white goods, uniform etc. All praise to the Almighty through our connection with a number of organisations we were able to help a number of families. Sadly, in these difficult times, if we already did not know many people are struggling. We pray that the Almighty makes it easy for everyone. Ameen

Through this project it has become more evident that there are many people, in particular single mothers who need help. Furthermore domestic violence is rife. We cannot turn a blind eye to this and have to continue to look at ways to support everyone. We continue to liaise with the Council and other partners to ensure that we access any support available to help.

We have worked in partnership with a number of local, national and international charities to help humanity. We pray that the Almighty accepts everyone's support and eases the situation for anyone in any troubles and hardships.

The cycling club has been established which has enabled us to provide a number of different sessions for all sections of the community. From learn to ride event to bike repairs/maintenance. We would like to acknowledge the support of all the volunteers who have assisted and everyone who has participated. We expect the club to develop and continue to help all sections of the community with a focus on physical, mental and social wellbeing.

We express our gratitude to the sisters for their duas, support and enthusiasm to put on events. The support they have provided throughout the year is not unnoticed and we pray that the Almighty accepts all their efforts and keep them involved in the work of the Masjid/Community. Ameen

We were nominated for 3 awards at the Beacon Mosque Awards which highlighted the work of the Masjid/Community on a national level. Our intention as you will know is not for recognition, the number of hours that all the volunteers put in is to make a difference and to enable everyone to become connected to the Masjid. We pray that the work continues with sincerity. Ameen

The plan for the future is to continue working as hard as possible to ensure that the Masjid is full for every Salaat and to create an environment like that of our Prophet (SAW)'s beloved Masjid-E-Nabawi in Madinah Al Munawwarah.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a Mashura for the year*. We sincerely hope that you can come to discuss how we can take things forward. The harsh reality is that we often do not get the required quorum which means that the Mashura is delayed. We are asking for individuals to spare a couple of hours for the sake of the Masjid. There are many challenges ahead which I am sure that we can collectively meet through Mashura.

We ask for forgiveness for our shortcomings and again thank everyone for their support in any capacity. May the Almighty reward everyone. Ameen.

Wsalam

Suleman Aswat

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

DAAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE

CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Chairman	Suleman Aswat
Vice Chairman	Adam Ravat
Secretary	Ebrahim Vachhiat
Assistant Secretary	Bashir Khalifa
Treasurer	Zaid Umarji
Assistant Treasurer	Mohammed Dawood

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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

Responsibilities and basis of report Independent examiner's statement

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Daawatal Islam Mosque for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 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 examiner's statement

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 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.

M Lakhi .

13/02/2023

Date -----

Muddassir Lakhi AFA
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DAAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2021</u>
				<u>2022</u>
Incoming Resources				
Donations received		66,540	22,397	56,994
Membership fees		26,670	-	
Marriage fees		440	-	26,165
Madressah fees		87,804	-	88,937 385
Food / kitaab income		2,762	-	26,670 75,005
Madressah donations		729	-	440 438
Gift Aid		11,575	-	87,804 1,260
Bike fund		5,000		2,762
Other income		<u>9,880</u>	-	729 9,306
				11,575 -
				5,000
				<u>9,880</u> <u>11,046</u>
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Total Incoming Resources		<u>211,401</u>	<u>22,397</u>	<u>233,798</u> <u>180,599</u>
Resources Expended				
Management and administration	6	238,752	-	238,752 218,224
Total resources expended		<u>238,752</u>	-	<u>238,752</u> <u>218,224</u>
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Surplus / (Deficit) of Income		<u>- 27,352</u>	<u>22,397</u>	<u>- 4,955</u> <u>- 37,625</u>
<u>DAAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE</u>				

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Property		854,459			908,999
Fixtures & fittings		<u>21,104</u>	-	854,459	<u>24,828</u>
	2-3	875,563		<u>21,104</u>	933,827
				875,563	
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors		-	22,397		-
Balance at Bank		189,418	-	-	
Cash		<u>3,111</u>		211,815	159,614
				<u>3,111</u>	<u>1,073</u>
	4	192,529	22,397	214,926	160,687
		1,068,092	22,397	1,090,489	1,094,514
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>1,966</u>	-	<u>1,966</u>	<u>1,035</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,066,126</u>	<u>22,397</u>	<u>1,088,523</u>	<u>1,093,479</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>					
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>					
Accumulated fund		1,093,478	-	1,093,478	1,131,104
Movement		-	-	-	-
Loan		-	-	-	-
Surplus Income for Year		<u>27,352</u>	<u>22,397</u>	<u>4,955</u>	<u>37,625</u>
		<u>1,066,126</u>	<u>22,397</u>	<u>1,088,523</u>	<u>1,093,479</u>
<u>DAAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE</u>					

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Cash	<u>3,111</u>
	<u>214,926</u>

5. ACCRUALS

Wages	-
Repairs and maintenance	586
Professional fees	<u>1,380</u>
	<u>1,966</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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6. EXPENDITURE

Wages	141,318	129,160
Insurance	4,287	3,772
Rates and water	1,399	736
Light and heat	12,269	7,033
Repairs and maintenance	3,703	4,373
Postage and stationery	800	370
Books and planners	-	659
Telephone	393	409
Children's gifts	2,870	3,600
Event expenses	963	1,222
IMWS fees	2,160	2,280
Website	-	559
Subscriptions	1,222	100
Legal and management fees	1,129	902
Professional fees		
Bank charges	345	345
General expenses	29	-
Bike fund	3,325	
Depreciation	4,277	301
	<u>58,264</u>	
	<u>238,752</u>	<u>62,403</u>
		<u>218,224</u>

Headteacher's Report

I pray this report meets you all in the best of health and Imaan.

The Madrasah continues its journey to improve with your support and duaas. We currently have 225 students on roll which is a significant increase considering we would usually hover around 185 – 190 mark in the past years. The increase in number brings its own challenges of admin work, providing extra support for less able students, staff recruitment etc but alhumdulillah we have been able to operate smoothly.

Throughout the course of the year, the Madrasah hosted various programs including sports activities during the summer, our Ramadhaan radio show which concluded with a “build an ark” competition, trip to Lydgate Lodge, Fajr Knights initiative and a parenting seminar. May the Al-Mighty reward all those who supported us towards each initiative.

In February 2022 we were honoured to host Hifz Quran Khatam for three of our students. We were blessed with the presence of Mufti Moosa Badat Saheb, Moulana Abdur-Rauf saheb and Sheikh Suleman Moola saheb of South Africa. It was truly a momentous occasion for our community. May Allah keep the Quran in the hearts of the three huffaaz and make them a beacon of light for the community of Soothill and for the Ummah at large.

After months of consultation with the Madrasah Committee, fees were increased from £30.00 per month to £37.50 for Nazirah classes and from £35.00 per month to £45.00 per month for Hifz classes. For the coming years, I would recommend working towards a five-year plan clearly presented to parents of any fee increase. As we all ride through the high cost of living, it is important we help and support the vulnerable.

Assessments have taken place daily since the beginning of the 2022-23 academic year. With the arrival of our respected Imaam; Moulana Suleman Laher saheb, a strong leadership team (SLT) has been enacted and generally all matters are decided through mashwarah.

The Madrasah invested in much needed smart screens and tablets to help staff deliver lessons. Alhumdulillah they are being put to great use and inshaAllah will aid our students learning in this digital age.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Madrasah Committee members who have, as always provided huge support and guidance. Helping the Madrasah navigate through the many different challenges. Their service is one of the toughest volunteer roles of all, and they performed with dedication and tenacity.

May the Al-Mighty reward you all abundantly in both worlds and May He accept us to serve his Deen with sincerity, Aameen.

And all praises belong to the Al-Mighty.

Zakaria Seedat
HeadTeacher

DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Chairman	Suleman Aswat
Vice Chairman	Adam Ravat
Secretary	Ebrahim Vacchiat
Assistant Secretary	Bashir Khalifa
Treasurer	Zaid Umarji
Assistant Treasurer	Badre Alam Aswat

REGISTERED OFFICE

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**REGISTERED CHARITY
NUMBER**

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DAAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE

TRUSTEES REPORT

AWW

All praise to the Almighty and peace and blessings upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. Alhamdulillah, through the mercy of the Almighty and Duas of all our beloved Muslim Brothers and Sisters we are now in the 17th year, since the opening of Dawatal Islam Mosque.

It is through the grace of the Almighty that I had been given an opportunity in the role and it is a role that I with the assistance of my fellow trustees, committee members and community in general have tried to do to the very best of my ability over the last 6 years. I sincerely apologise for any trouble or difficulty I or any member of the Executive Committee has caused to any brothers or sisters. Although we are now in our 17th year, we as a community should never forget the blessings that the Almighty has bestowed upon us and the duas, work and sacrifice done by brothers/sisters over a number of years to enable us to have such a beautiful Masjid/Madrasah. Some of the brothers/sisters are no longer with us, we pray that the Almighty elevates their status in Jannat and accepts everyone's efforts. Ameen.

Over the last 18 months we have had to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, which has been a wake-up call for humanity, a timely reminder of the Almighty's supreme power and of our vulnerability. Dawatal Islam responded accordingly. Alhamdulillah, thanks to our capable and dedicated volunteers, we provided vitally needed services. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers who assisted throughout the pandemic.

The main objective throughout the year has been to try and make the Masjid the focal point of our community and to try and ensure that it is frequented as much as possible by those living in the community. To try and achieve this objective we have tried various ways to engage with all individuals within the community through regular programmes, newsletters, general discussions, various events and in general just being as honest, transparent, accessible and as open as possible.

Alhamdulillah, the Muslim population continues to increase in Soothill. To ensure that everyone feels part of the area, we have to look out more for our Muslim Brothers and Sisters to ensure that we stay united. We continue to have great challenges. To meet these challenges each individual in the community really needs to start thinking about how they can play a part in taking the community forward. You do not need to be part of the committee to try and make a difference. If we are coming to the Masjid, let's make worry and concern for our family members, neighbours and friends who are not coming to the Masjid. We cannot be happy for our Masjid to be full only at Jumma and during Ramadhan. Furthermore, the challenges in terms of islamaphobia, LGBT, mental health, isolation, drugs, alcohol, social media, etc. facing our community are huge. In order to ensure that each and every individual is protected we cannot turn a blind eye to anyone, we need to strive to help everyone as much as possible. Soothill as an area has never had so many Muslim brothers/sisters. In addition to this the amount of different skills that people have need to be utilised to benefit the community. I humbly request the whole community to respect, encourage, assist and show love to each other. It is only through working together and having some kind of worry and concern that we can tackle these challenges. I pray that the Almighty keeps us united and improve the situation of our community and the wider Ummah. Ameen.

Throughout the 17 years and the many years before we have been blessed to have 2 Imams in Molana Azhar Patel Saheb and Kari Ebrahim Mayet Saheb who have provided great dedication. They continue to do so and we pray that the Almighty accept all their efforts. Ameen. In addition to this we have recently appointed Moulana Suleman Laher Saheb as an Imam/Community Development Worker. Moulana brings a wealth of skills and enthusiasm. We pray that the Almighty enables us all to work well with all our Imams and benefit the community. Molana Abubakr Divan Saheb and Molana Zakariya Abid Saheb continue to provide excellent support and dedication. May the Almighty accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

We continue to be enlightened by the presence of many prominent Ulama's from both locally and nationally. We pray that the Ulama's continue to keep coming to the Masjid and blessing us with their presence. Unfortunately the reality is that many brothers and sisters are not taking up these opportunities to participate in such programmes. A humble request for all brothers and sisters to participate whenever possible as it will only be beneficial.

Our Madrasah, Alhamdulillah continues to improve. Our Headteacher, Molana Zakariya Sidat Saheb, all the Ustad's, the Apas, Caretaker and Madrasah Committee have provided dedication and commitment to ensure that our Madrasah continues to move in the right direction. This year we saw 3 lads complete their Hifz. May the Almighty preserve the Quran in their hearts and accept everyone's efforts. We appreciate the efforts of all the parents who ensure that their children attend the Madrasah as regularly as possible. May the Almighty safeguard all our children and bless all the families. Ameen.

We have a great need to record our appreciation to our Moazzins for the promptness in delivering the Adhan on time for each Salat. In addition to this, we need to record our sincere gratitude to the individuals who observed Itikaf during Ramadhan, all the people who assisted with feeding the many guests throughout the year for the various programmes, this includes individuals who come for chanda collections, individuals who come to clean on Thursdays and at weekends, the individuals who assist with the food/clean-up programmes and to all the individuals who have contributed or assisted in any capacity. May the Almighty accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

We have continued to build on our Outreach work and this has seen us help all sections of the community. We had 265 children over 2 weekends who took part in free boxing sessions that were provided by Training Cave. The smiles on the children's faces and giving them the platform to try something different was amazing. Our continued links with the Huddersfield Town Foundation enabled us to facilitate a week of separate activities for boys and girls aged 13-16. Approximately 50 boys and girls took part in the activities. Some of the participants took part in public speaking workshops and interviewing each other to build confidence as part of a Premier League Youth summit. We facilitated the first Inter Madrasah football league which involved over 300 children. This was run over 4 weeks and was a huge success. This has enabled us to work closely with the youth and has lead us to having programmes dedicated to the youth on a regular basis. One example is the Friday Evening Study Circle for the young boys with Moulana Abubakr Saheb. We hope to set up something similar for the young girls who have left Madrasah.

Due to the strong links we have with the South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust, Ey Up Charity and NHS Charities Together we were able to deliver a talk on the Psychological Impact Covid has had on both the community and places of Worship. This was delivered by a clinical psychologist from the NHS service.

Following on from this talk with a view to promoting social, emotional and physical well-being we arranged walks for all sections of the community. 3 separate walks were delivered over 3 weeks for brothers, sisters and the youngsters within the community to Dove Stone Reservoir. The feedback we received was amazing. This enabled a dedicated sisters group to be set up which has gone from strength to strength. Our intention has always been to have a sisters group who we can help empower to work within our community. The sisters have held various programmes and arranged several fundraising activities which have raised in excess of £1000 for charities. We pray for all the best for all the sisters and that the group continues to go from strength to strength.

The plan for the future is to continue developing activities for the benefit of the community. We have strong links with the council, sporting organisations and voluntary organisations which can help the community. We do need to think about the housing development at the top end of Soothill and how we can cater for the Muslim community. The biggest challenge is how can we connect everyone to the Masjid?

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a Mashura for the year*. We sincerely hope that you can come to discuss how we can take things forward. The harsh reality is that we often do not get the required quorum which means that the Mashura cannot go ahead. We are asking for individuals to spare a couple of hours for the sake of the Masjid. There are many challenges ahead which I am sure that we can collectively meet through Mashura.

We ask for forgiveness for our shortcomings and again thank everyone for their support in any capacity. May the Almighty reward everyone. Ameen.

Wsalam
Suleman Aswat

Headteacher's Report to the Governing Body

I pray this report meets you all in the best of health and Imaan.

The Madrasah has been steadily improving year on year alhumdulillah. Students have shown immense character and zeal to come to Madrasah and learn despite having to learn online for a considerable amount of time beginning of 2021.

From January 2021 to May 2021 students were taught online due to National lockdown 3.0. We were much well prepared to teach online this time round than during the first lockdown of the pandemic. Students swiftly switched to online learning after returning from December 2020 holidays and staff members were well equipped and experienced to teach online. There was lots of positive feedback from parents as they took part in assisting their child reading online. And when we had the occasional technical difficulties, our admin staff and madrasah committee members were brilliant at resolving matters efficiently. There was an amazing teamwork spirit all round.

Since May 17th 2021, when the Madrasah premises reopened, the Madrasah has returned back to normality and I believe we have overcome the online learning shortcomings and reached back to a very good standard of learning. This was evident in our belated annual Jalsah a few weeks back in December.

Throughout the course of the year, the Madrasah hosted various programs including sports activities during the summer, our Ramadhaan radio show which concluded with a "build a Ka'bah" competition. May the Al-Mighty reward all the generous local sponsors who donated the prizes.

During the spring of 2021, we set out to refine our hifz program and after implementing various new strategies, we are quite pleased with the results and confident that the new group of students selected for Hifz class will progress on much better and more efficiently.

Assessments have taken place daily since the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year. On average each class is assessed once every fortnight.

Parents evening was a huge success with a 94% attendance over the two days. A huge thanks to all parents who attended and participated with a keen interest in how their child was progressing in the Madrasah. This I believe is foundation to a strong network and essential for each one of our students to excel.

The Madrasah is pleased to announce the Hifz completion of three of our students. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to their Tahfeezel Qur'aan Jalsah.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Madrasah Committee members who have provided huge support, especially during lockdown. This was a difficult time for all, but Alhamdulillah many lessons have been learnt and many new positive strategies have evolved from the difficulties.

May the Al-Mighty reward you all abundantly in both worlds and May He accept us to serve his Deen with sincerity, Aameen.

And all praises belong to the Al-Mighty.

Zakaria Seedat
HeadTeacher

DAAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the period to 31 December 2021 set out on pages 6-7 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the 2011 Act, does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of 2011 Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners made under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accountants.

Independent examiner's statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 130 of 2011 Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records, or comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M Lakhi .

22/02/2022

Date -----

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DAAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Incoming Resources					
Donations received		56,994	-	56,994	48,013
Membership fees		26,165	-	26,165	27,025
Marriage fees		385	-	385	550
Madressah fees		75,005	-	75,005	61,593
Food / kitaab income		438	-	438	329
Madressah donations		1,260	-	1,260	-
Gift Aid		9,306	-	9,306	19,024
HMRC JRS grant		-	-	-	17,956
Other income		11,046	-	11,046	9,801
Total Incoming Resources		<u>180,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,599</u>	<u>184,291</u>
Resources Expended					
Management and administration	6	218,224	-	218,224	215,720
Total resources expended		<u>218,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,224</u>	<u>215,720</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income		<u>- 37,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- 37,625</u>	<u>- 31,429</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Property		908,999	-	908,999	967,020
Fixtures & fittings		<u>24,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,828</u>	<u>10,776</u>
	2-3	933,826	-	933,826	977,796
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Balance at Bank		159,614	-	159,614	154,563
Cash		<u>1,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,638</u>
	4	160,688	-	160,688	156,201
		1,094,514	-	1,094,514	1,133,997
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>					
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>1,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>2,893</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,093,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,093,479</u>	<u>1,131,104</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>					
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>					
Accumulated fund		1,131,104	-	1,131,104	1,162,533
Movement		-	-	-	-
Loan		-	-	-	-
Surplus Income for Year		<u>37,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,625</u>	<u>31,429</u>
	-	<u>1,093,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,093,479</u>	<u>1,131,104</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Bases of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Restricted funds are those which are used in accordance with specific requirements of the funding body.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2021	1,094,410	14,915	1,109,325
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>18,433</u>	<u>18,433</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2021	<u>1,094,410</u>	<u>33,348</u>	<u>1,127,758</u>

3. DEPRECIATION

Balance as at 1 January 2021	127,390	4,139	131,529
Charge for the Year	<u>58,021</u>	<u>4,381</u>	<u>62,403</u>
	<u>185,411</u>	<u>8,520</u>	<u>193,932</u>
Net Value as at 31 December 2021	<u>908,999</u>	<u>24,828</u>	<u>933,826</u>
Net Value as at 31 December 2020	<u>967,020</u>	<u>10,776</u>	<u>977,796</u>

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4. CURRENT ASSETS

Natwest Bank A/c No - 02838613	5,342
Natwest Bank A/c No - 40592189	50,000
Lloyds Bank A/c No - 01625172	1,837
Lloyds Bank A/c No - 39317960	70,055
Lloyds Bank A/c No - 00489747	4,177
Barclays Bank A/c No - 83893154	25,178
Barclays Bank A/c No - 93233383	3,025
Cash	<u>1,073</u>
	<u>160,688</u>

5. ACCRUALS

Wages	-
Light and heat	-
Professional fees	<u>1,035</u>
	<u>1,035</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>6. EXPENDITURE</u>		
Wages	129,160	124,133
Insurance	3,772	3,495
Rates and water	736	725
Light and heat	7,033	8,075
Repairs and maintenance	4,373	7,126
Postage and stationery	370	953
Books and planners	659	733
Telephone	409	242
Childrens gifts	3,600	765
Teachers gifts	-	255
Event expenses	1,222	312
IMWS fees	2,280	2,320
Website	559	-
Subscriptions	100	100
Legal and management fees	902	987
Professional fees	345	345
Bank charges	-	34
General expenses	301	1,493
Depreciation	62,403	63,627
	<u>218,224</u>	<u>215,720</u>

DAWATAL ISLAM SOOTHILL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1179462

Accounts

Trustees Report

2020

AWW

All praise to the Almighty and peace and blessings upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. It is a great blessing to be able to present the annual review that shows how through the Almighty's blessings and the duas of all of our beloved Muslim Brothers and Sisters, Dawatal Islam Soothill Trust has continued to operate.

Time has flown and continues to go at a rapid pace, however we as a community should never forget the blessings that the Almighty has bestowed upon us in having such a beautiful Masjid/Madrasah. Furthermore, the work and the sacrifice done by our elders, many of whom are no longer with us, should never be overlooked. May the Almighty accept their efforts and contributions, elevate the Marhum/Marhumeen's status in Jannat and accept their efforts. Ameen. Additionally a number of individuals are unwell, may the Almighty grant them and everyone who is unwell, cure, ease and comfort. Ameen.

The year 2020 from March onwards has seen us all face unprecedented times and challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For a number of months, due to the restrictions placed by the government, sadly the Masjid and Madrasah's normal activities were suspended. We have to take this as a warning and reflect on this period where even in Ramadhan, the Masjid was closed. We have to pray that we never see a time again when the Masjid and Madrasah are closed. Due to the pandemic we have had to follow guidelines as set out by the government. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the sacrifice/effort undertaken by all the committee members and volunteers in ensuring as much as possible that the guidelines have and continue to be followed. Secondly the cooperation from all the Musallees has been second to none and this is appreciated.

At a time when the country was in lockdown, all praise to the Almighty that he enabled individuals from within the community to set up a Food Bank between the Masjid and the Soothill Community Association with the sole aim to help people in need. The support that the local and wider community provided through duas and donations also played a big part in making the project a success. All praise to the Almighty that:

- Over 500 food parcels were delivered to people who were self isolating, vulnerable, elderly, single parents and those in financial difficulty
- A project was undertaken with the Leeds Teaching Hospitals which resulted in the donation of 500 hampers to staff and patients. Specific items were requested, sourced and provided.

- Over 50 Ramadhan gift packs were distributed to the elderly, single mothers and widows within the community of Soothill.
- Food packs and hot meals were delivered to refugees through working in partnership with a charity supporting such individuals.
- A project was undertaken to ensure our Muslim brothers and sisters in prison were provided with prayer mats, dates, Qurans etc.
- Hot meals were provided to regular users of the Food Bank.
- 400 fruit and date platters were distributed to households in the Soothill area.
- Consultancy support was provided to other organisations to help them set up Food Banks where appropriate.

Please remember that our Prophet Muhammad SAW has said that the best of people are those who benefit mankind. May the Almighty make us all such people and accept everyone's efforts. Ameen.

The key objectives throughout the year/s has continued to be, to try and make the Masjid the focal point of our community and to try and ensure that the Masjid is frequented as much as possible by those living in the community. To achieve the objectives we have tried/continue to try and engage with all members of the community and be as honest, approachable and transparent as possible. We have always tried to have a number of different programmes and events which through the grace of the Almighty have been successful. Guidance comes from the Almighty and the objective of trying to remind individuals, in particular brothers to frequent the Masjid as much as possible will always remain.

Pre Covid-19 we had great challenges but now due to the lock downs and society in general, our challenges have multiplied. To meet these challenges each individual in the community really needs to start thinking about how they can play a part in taking the community forward. We need to think as to where we were; where we are and where do we want to be. If we are coming to the Masjid, let's make worry and concern for our family members, neighbours and friends who are not coming to the Masjid. We cannot be happy for our Masjid to be full only at Jumma and during Ramadhan. Furthermore, the challenges in terms of mental health, drugs, alcohol, social media, etc. facing our youth are huge.

In order to ensure that our youth are protected we cannot turn a blind eye to them, we need to strive to help them as much as possible. Recently, we have started an engagement process with the youth which we hope to build on to ensure that they are listened to and supported. Soothill as an area has never had so many youngsters, I humbly request the elders of the community to encourage, assist and show love to the youngsters. Equally we all need to ensure that our elders are respected, looked after and prevented from becoming isolated. It is only through working together and having some kind of worry and concern that we can tackle these

challenges. I pray that the Almighty keeps us united and improves the situation of our community and the wider Ummah. Ameen.

Outreach work continued which enabled us to further establish good community relations with: our fellow residents, Lydgate Lodge Care Home, Lydgate J, I & N School and the local GP surgery/pharmacy through the distribution of Eid Gift Packs. We continued to have visits from scout groups and local schools. The regular visits from the schools enabled us to become the first Masjid in Kirklees to gain the "Schools Welcome, Quality Visits" accreditation.

We ask for forgiveness for our shortcomings and again thank everyone for their support in any capacity. May the Almighty reward everyone. Ameen.

Suleman Aswat

On behalf of the Trustees of Dawatal Islam Soothill Trust