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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 Dabharla
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 Dabharia – 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 Ulamah's from both locally and nationally. We pray that the Ulamah'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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**DAWATAL ISLAM MOSQUE
ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

Responsibilities and basis of report Independent examiner's statement

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Dawatal Islam Soothill Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

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 ----- 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
Madresah Fees		104,887		104,887	87,804
Food/Kitaab income		11		11	2,762
Madresah 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>1,088,523</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>- 4,955</u>
		<u>1,078,844</u>	<u>10,986</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