



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To	Period end date		
		01	04	2022		31	03	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	AI-ASHARAF COMMUNITY WELFARE ASSOCIATION
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1179893
Charity's principal address	VOLUNTARY ACTION ISLINGTON 200A PENTONVILLE ROAD LONDON Postcode N1 9JP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Role (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MANA FATIMA AL-SHARIF ABBAS AL-SHARIF (Previously Mana Abbas)	SECRETARY		
2	MANA SITI KHALIF HABIB	CHAIR		
3	SHARIFA MUSALLAM	TREASURER		
4	SHEKHA SHARIF ALI	VICE CHAIR		
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Islington Ward Councillor	PAUL COVERY	Islington Town Hall, Upper St, N1 2UD
Islington Ward Councillor	SARA HYDE	Islington Town Hall, Upper St, N1 2UD
Islington Ward Councillor	UNA O'HALLORAN	Islington Town Hall, Upper St, N1 2UD
Community Development Officer	JAMES BARRELL	Islington Council, 222 Upper Street, N1 1XR
Policy/Procedure	YVETTE ELLIS	Voluntary Action Islington, N1 9JP
Community Advisor	MULKI QANI	Somali Speakers Women's Group, N1 9JP

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

'Al-Asharaf Community Welfare Association' strongly believes that working together is the only way to succeed. We supported the forming and establishment of 'Somali Speakers Women's Group' in 2000 and have continued to cooperate with them ever since, forming a strong partnership. Likewise, in 2008, we built a solid partnership with 'Help on Your Doorstep'. We also successfully cooperated and bonded with 'JAN Trust' as well as Islington Council's 'School Improvement Service'.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Providing relief for those living in Bemerton Estate and the surrounding areas, focusing on '**Health & Wellbeing**'. In particular, but not exclusively, those of 'Al-Asharaf' origin, as well as those in need (e.g. elderly, ill health/disabled and those in financial hardships).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

After years of closure, we managed to resume using the Jean Stokes Community Centre. We restarted our weekly activities on Saturdays, between 11am-1pm. Among them were:

- 'Stay and Play' activities for parents and children.

Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In accordance with our organisation's focus on '**Health & Wellbeing**' – we continued our services of supporting families afflicted with mental health. We achieved this by establishing a link between families and **Camden Crisis Resolution** and liaising between them.

Moreover, we also intervened in marital disputes between young parents by attempting reconciliation – along with recommending 'Couples Therapy' & mediation sessions.

We also assisted elderly residents that were seeking support during the '**Cost of Living**' crisis, by filling out forms – as well as accompanying them with GP/hospital visits.

We also assisted young parents in securing nursery places for their children.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We were nominated by Voluntary Action Islington as one of the few organisations that showcased and demonstrated their values under their campaign of '**Working for a Fairer Islington**'.

Throughout the year, we were supported by the honorary councillors: Paul Covery, Una O'Halloran, and Sara Hyde. Including offering us 'free-use' of the Jean Stokes Community Hall.

Our volunteers single-handedly cooked and provided lunch for the general public during the Cally Festival.

We registered our organisation with an insurance company, with the support of James Barrell (We Are Cally).

Our volunteers also organised and ran regular 'faith-based' celebrations at Finsbury Park Mosque.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Monthly contributions into the company's account, by the trustees, ensure sufficient reserves in place.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- The main funding came primarily from the trustees themselves, as well as the community members.
- With this communal effort, we managed to successfully continue our services throughout the year.

Section F

Other optional information

History:

1998 – Initially 'Asharaf Welfare Association' based in Manor Garden. Then after moving to West Library Hall. After years of community growth, we relocated to Bemerton Children's Centre, before transferring to Copenhagen Primary School (on Saturdays)

2008 – Our name was fraudulently stolen by another entity, who tried to tarnish our image

2009 – Subsequently, we 'rebranded' to 'Al-Asharaf Women & Children Association', before finally changing to 'Al-Asharaf Community Welfare Association' in 2018.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Mana Fatima Al-Sharif Abbas Al-Sharif	
Full name(s)	Mana Fatima Al-Sharif Abbas Al-Sharif	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	17/12/2023	