

THE BARKING MUSLIMS ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

Registered Charity No: 1068507

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TRUSTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

31 March 2025

TRUSTEES:

Ashfaq A Siddique
Mohammed Abdul Majeed
Rahbarshaan Rasheed - Retired 16/08/2025
Omair Ali Shah
Christina Rowe
Moqees Siddiq - Retired 18/08/2025
Arshad Mahmud - appointed 10/08/2024
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Ali Aouane - Appointed 10/08/2024

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAR 2025

Since 1986, the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham has experienced sustained population growth and significant infrastructure investment. These changes have transformed the borough into one of London's most dynamic and diverse communities. With new housing developments, regeneration schemes, and improved transport connectivity, the borough has welcomed thousands of new residents—many of whom are from ethnically and religiously diverse backgrounds. This demographic shift has placed increased demand on local services, including voluntary and faith-based organisations such as the Barking Muslims Association.

The Barking Muslims Association has responded proactively to this challenge, evolving from a small community initiative to create a place of worship, into a borough-wide provider of essential services. Its portfolio now extends well beyond religious provision, encompassing educational programmes, youth engagement, family support, food distribution, mental health awareness, and interfaith dialogue. These services are accessed by residents across multiple wards—from Barking Riverside to Becontree—demonstrating the organisation's reach and relevance across the borough.

In doing so, the Association plays a vital role in supporting the borough's broader community infrastructure. By offering culturally sensitive and inclusive services, it helps reduce pressure on statutory services, promotes social cohesion, and contributes to the borough's public health and wellbeing objectives. The organisation's work complements council-led initiatives, particularly in areas such as early intervention, youth development, and community safety.

To meet growing demand, the Barking Muslims Association has invested in expanding its physical infrastructure, strengthening its governance, and building strategic partnerships with local schools, charities, and council departments. Over nearly four decades, the organisation has developed a community complex that now delivers 47 distinct services to over 17,000 weekly visitors, resulting in an annual footfall of approximately 816,000 site visits.

These efforts ensure that the organisation remains agile, accountable, and aligned with the borough's long-term vision for inclusive growth and community resilience.

As Barking and Dagenham continues to grow, the Barking Muslims Association stands ready to play an even greater role in supporting residents, fostering unity, and contributing to a thriving, connected borough.

BMA – it's impact today

Food Security & Relief

We provide essential food support through:

- Food Club
- Subsidised supermarket
- Weekly free meal services, including:
 - Free lunches for the elderly
 - Fresh meals open to all communities

Over the past two years, we have distributed 1000 loaves of bread weekly to 19 community organisations, including schools and charities, extending our reach across the borough.

Sports & Wellness

Our comprehensive programme includes:

- Badminton, yoga, MMA, boxing, Pilates, ballet, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, circuit training
- Walking, running, and cycling clubs
- Massage therapy, Indian head massage, and cupping

These services promote physical health, reduce stress, and foster social interaction across all age groups, and are

open to the wider community.

Mental Health & Creative Engagement We

offer:

- Professional in-house talking therapy services
- Counselling, bereavement support, peer support groups
- A chaplaincy service supporting chronic illness & palliative care
- Arts and crafts, calligraphy, tea and chat, knitting, and sewing groups

These initiatives provide safe spaces for expression, healing, and connection. Family &

Educational Support

We run:

- Al Madina secondary school for girls
- Multiple diverse weekly activity sessions for mothers and toddlers
- Language learning, digital literacy, and career preparation programmes
- CV writing, interview skills, and exposure to AI and tech opportunities These

empower individuals to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

Elderly & End-of-Life Support

We provide:

- Games sessions, social gatherings, excursions
- Full community funeral service, ensuring dignity and care during difficult times

Specialist Services

Community Zakat Project (CZP)

- Piloted at AL Madina, nationally accredited by the National Zakat foundation, rolled out to 26 organisations with the aim of being fully established in 300 organisations nationwide
- Led by 12 trained volunteers
- Distributed over £150,000 in zakat aid (2025 target)
- Receives referrals from local authority departments
- Provides holistic support including food, counselling, education, youth & health programmes

The Sensory Hive

- Supports children and young people aged 3–25 with:
 - Autism, ADHD, ADD, sensory processing disorders
 - Developmental or learning disabilities
 - SEMH challenges, NEET status, and disadvantaged backgrounds
- Staffed by 2 occupational SEND therapists and 8 support staff
- Offers weekly support to 41 families, including borough referrals
- Services include feeding, nappy changing, sensory play, ADL workshops, yoga, mentorship, and performing arts
- Bespoke interventions for those with neuro diverse diagnoses

Square Circle Care

- Our in-house domiciliary care provider
- Preparing for CQC accreditation
- Focused on community recruitment, enhanced training, and local employment
- Aims to build a circular economy of compassionate care and community benefit
- Currently training a registered manager and nominated individual Health

& Registrar Services

- Adult and child health awareness programmes
- Development of the BMA Neighbourhood health strategy
- Targeted health initiatives for specific communities
- Registrar services for marriage ceremonies
- Full funeral services

Together, these services form a comprehensive and compassionate support system that uplifts lives, strengthens families, and builds a connected, inclusive community. Our work reflects a deep commitment to social justice, wellbeing, and long-term impact, honouring our legacy since 1986 and evolving to meet the needs of today and tomorrow.

The road ahead

Our small, voluntary community organization faces inherent challenges typical of a volunteer-led body. Our operational strength is directly tied to the engagement levels of our volunteers, which can often be sporadic. This inconsistency creates instability in our growth and development planning. The natural turnover of key personnel, employees, and trustees also significantly impacts our capacity for sustainable expansion.

The past year has been a period of strategic reorganization aimed at mitigating some of these challenges. We initiated a comprehensive restructure of our trustee management framework, redistributing portfolios and realigning responsibilities to reflect actual workloads more accurately. While further refinement is necessary, this streamlining process is already yielding beneficial results in operational efficiency.

Looking ahead, our expanding services and increasing community engagement are creating new pressures. The BMA complex is now experiencing significant strain, operating beyond its intended capacity. To continue delivering safe, inclusive, and high-quality services, we face the challenge of a facility that requires a comprehensive upgrade.

Key areas requiring immediate attention include:

1. Replacement of aging windows in the main building to improve energy efficiency and safety.
2. Urgent upgrades to the female restroom facilities to accommodate increased usage.
3. Development of a dedicated small event space to diversify offerings.
4. Expansion of the café area within the community complex to better serve our growing number of visitors.

Securing the significant financial outlay needed for this essential investment is critical and our most pressing priority. These upgrades are vital to ensure the BMA complex remains a resilient and responsive hub, equipped to meet current demands and future growth for years to come.

A. Siddique

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Ashfaq Siddique

Secretary to the board of trustees of the BMA

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAR 2025 (CONTINUED)

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice).

The law applicable to Charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are required to;

- 1 Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- 2 Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- 3 Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 4 State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 5 Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate the presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accurate at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provision of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detention of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by.

A. Siddique

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Mr Ashfaq Siddique

Trustee

Date: 31 March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Barking Muslims Association

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 07 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

Q. Abbas

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Qaisar Abbas (FCCA)
Global Accountancy Services
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Date: 31 March 2025

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Draft Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		Restricted	General	Restricted	General
INCOME FOR THE YEAR	6	102,217	569,001	30,924	509,325
		102,217	569,001	30,924	509,325
LESS: RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6	75,678	232,647	108,826	248,833
Governance costs	6		35,586		62,336
Support costs	6		126,153		124,168
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		75,678	394,386	108,826	435,338
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		26,539	174,615	(77,902)	73,987
Prior year adjustments					
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		153,644	3,364,789	231,546	3,290,802
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		180,183	3,539,404	153,644	3,364,789

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these accounts.

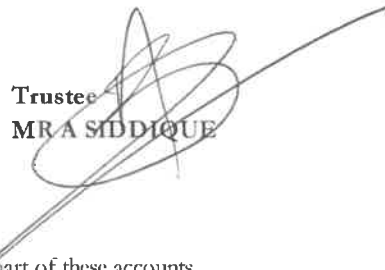
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Draft BALANCE SHEET
At 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investment		60,273	60,272
Tangible Assets	3	3,147,994	3,236,071
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	56,093	18,138
Cash at bank and in hand		927,051	502,322
		983,144	520,460
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Creditors	5	3,366	25,943
		3,366	25,943
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		979,778	494,517
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		4,188,045	3,790,860
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR			
Payment received on account for contracts or performance related grant		468,456	272,427
The total net assets of the charity			
		3,719,589	3,518,434
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Restricted Reserves	7	180,183	153,644
Unrestricted Reserves	7	3,539,405	3,364,790
		3,719,589	3,518,433

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all the information and explanations for their preparation.

Trustee
MR MUHAMMED ABDUL MAJEED

 Date : 31 March 2025

Trustee
MRA SIDDIQUE


The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Current asset investments

The charity has invested into religious education venture incorporated as Qalam Education Ltd.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

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Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs undertaken to further the process of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities.

Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Freehold Building	2.5% on reducing balance
Freehold Land	0%
Plant and Machinery	20% reducing balance

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and at hand

The charity's cash at bank and in hand includes the availability of funds as at 31st March 2024

Reserve Policy

This includes funds that are freely available to be spent on any of the charity's purposes. As part of these unrestricted funds, the charity holds a reserve of £80,000 to meet its reserves policy, which aims to cover 6 months of core operating expenditure.

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Draft NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 March 2025

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Building	Fixture, fittings & equipments	TOTAL
COST	£	£	£
At 1 April 2024	3,873,000	235,569	4,108,569
Additions			
At 31 March 2025	3,873,000	235,569	4,108,569
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	668,822	203,675	872,497
Charge for the year	80,104	7,974	88,078
At 31 March 2025	748,926	211,649	960,575
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	3,124,074	23,921	3,147,994
At 1 April 2024	3,204,178	31,894	3,236,072

4. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Advances	(9,284)	10,180
Other	65,377	7,958
	56,093	18,138

4.CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1800	1,800
Wages control account		720
Other creditors	1,566	23,423
	3,366	25,943

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6. DRAFT ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	31 March 2025			31 March 2024		
	General	Restr- icted	Total	General	Restr- icted	Total
Income						
General donations	381,473		381,473	445,447	21,090	466,538
Fitrana donation		21,185	21,185		2,352	2,352
Zakat donation		29,174	29,174		3,597	3,597
Gif aid from HMRC	611		611	994		994
PK Homes Project 1 & 2			-		3,885	3,885
Water Pump Project		17,583	17,583			-
Nikkah	8,525		8,525	5,865		5,865
Other		34,275	34,275	559		559
Property rental income	178,392		178,392	56,460		56,460
			-			-
	569,001	102,217	671,218	509,325	30,924	540,249
Expenditure on charitable activities;						
Heat& lights	30,149		30,149	28,548		28,548
Repairs and Renewals	17,156		17,156	55,704		55,704
Charity & donation	8,310	71,978	80,288		18,826	18,826
Social services & education	27,148	3,700	30,848	32,864	90,000	122,864
Water charges			-			-
Travel & subsistence	85		85	450		450
Telephone	1,540		1,540	1,655		1,655
Wages & Salaries and Pension	148,259		148,259	129,612		129,612
	232,647	75,678	308,325	248,833	108,826	357,659
Governance Costs;						
Accountancy & Payroll	3,275		3,275	1,850		1,850
Other legal & professional	30,410		30,410	59,545		59,545
Bank charges	1,902		1,902	941		941
	35,586	-	35,586	62,336	-	62,336
Support Costs;						
Printing, stationery & postage			-	2,989		2,989
Software licences & expenses	15,121		15,121	8,312		8,312
Staff training	3,585		3,585	1,302		1,302
Books & magazines			-	-		-
Hygiene supplies			-	-		-
Insurance	18,817		18,817	18,066		18,066
Security cost	552		552	709		709
Depreciation	88,078		88,078	92,789		92,789
	126,153	-	126,153	124,168	-	124,168
NET INCOME	174,615	26,539	201,154	73,987	- 77,902	- 3,915
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	3,356,166	162,265	3,518,431	3,282,179	240,167	3,522,346
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	3,530,781	188,804	3,719,589	3,356,166	162,265	3,518,431

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7. ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	GENERAL FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTAL £
Balance at 31 March 2024	3,364,790	153,644	3,518,433
Net income	174,615	26,539	201,154
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>3,539,405</u>	<u>180,183</u>	<u>3,719,589</u>

8. CONTROLLING PARTY

Charity in under the share control of Trustees named on page 1 of the accounts.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

There has been no transaction with the trustess during the year in any form. (2024 nil)

