

JAMIA ALMAARIF

England & Wales · Charity number 1186352

Details

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE ISLAMIC RELIGION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE HOLDING OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE ON ISLAM TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE ISLAMIC RELIGION. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: To advance the Islamic religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Islam to enlighten others about the Islamic religion and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£131,273	£117,716	-	-
2024-07-31	£120,981	£131,045	-	-
2023-07-31	£125,767	£107,719	-	-
2022-07-31	£114,312	£73,934	-	-
2021-07-31	£101,739	£47,522	-	-
2020-07-31	£63,981	£33,916	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mohammed Irfan Mohammed Irfan	Chair	2022-12-11
Adeeba Khan		2019-12-06
FIRYAL IQBAL		2021-08-01
Fatma Bibi Bodhee		2018-07-19
Ishrat Parween		2023-12-15
Naveed Ahmed Kiani		2026-01-27
Shamrez Iqbal		2026-01-27

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 11473276 (England and Wales)
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Trustees' Report and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

Trustees (Directors)

Firyal Iqbal	(Trustee)
Fatma Bodhee	(Treasurer)
Adeeba Khan	(Trustee)
Mohamed Irfan	(Chairman)
Ishrat Parween	(Vice Chairman)
Naveed Ahmed	(Trustee) appointed 27.01.26
Shamrez Iqbal	(Trustee) appointed 27.01.26

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Executive committee

Muhammad A Karim	(Imam)
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Adeeba Khan	(Youth Lead & Event Manager)
Sobia Amin	(Youth Curriculum)
Kinzah Iqbal	(Youth Lead Birmingham)
Shamrez Iqbal	(Reverts & Men's Classes Coordinator)
Naureen Azhar	(Activities Coordinator London)
Ishrat Parween	(Activities Coordinator Oldham)
Suneela Iqbal	(Activities Coordinator Peterborough)
Nusrit Khatun	(Teaching Support)
Hooria Hussain	(Activities Coordinator Birmingham)

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Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

COMPANY HISTORY

The madrasa, which has offered all its services free of charge since its inception, began modestly within a home setting, serving children from the families and close friends of its founders. As the initiative grew, the trustees recognised the opportunity to benefit the wider community and, in January 2017, formally established a free madrasa at the Barking Community Centre. This move enabled the organisation to reach a broader group of children and families within the local area.

Initially operating on weekday evenings, the madrasa quickly gained popularity. With this growth came a rising demand for daytime activities that could better support local women and provide meaningful engagement for young people. In response, weekend and school holiday recreational programmes were introduced, offering children a safe and welcoming environment to build friendships while learning about their faith in an enjoyable and interactive way.

Understanding the differing needs of various age groups, Jamia Al Maarif developed dedicated kids' clubs for younger children and youth clubs tailored specifically for teenagers. These initiatives have since expanded across multiple UK cities-including London, Birmingham, Oldham, and Peterborough-where they have been warmly received and continue to flourish.

To accommodate diverse schedules, meditation classes were introduced throughout the week, including evenings and weekends. The organisation also broadened its support by offering religious guidance and pastoral care to address the spiritual and emotional needs of the community. As more volunteers with a wide range of skills and professional expertise joined the charity, the scope of activities expanded further, allowing the organisation to enhance and diversify its services.

Over time, the charity extended its reach to additional regions across the UK, ensuring that its programmes became accessible to an even wider audience. The introduction of online services has further strengthened this accessibility, enabling the madrasa to connect with individuals who may otherwise have been unable to participate and ensuring that support remains available to all who seek it.

Broome Mosque in Norfolk has enabled the charity to promote awareness of the religion of Islam as well as providing a place for worship and learning for local Muslims and New Muslims.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and public benefits

The objectives of Jamia Almaarif, as set out in its Articles of Association, are:

- a) To promote the Islamic faith within the United Kingdom for the public good by organizing prayer gatherings, lectures, and public celebrations of religious festivals, as well as producing and distributing literature on Islam to educate others about the religion.
- b) To enhance the well-being of residents in the United Kingdom by providing recreational facilities and leisure activities for individuals in need due to youth, infirmity, disability, financial difficulties, or challenging social and economic conditions, thereby contributing to the overall social welfare and improving the quality of life for these individuals.
- c) To reduce poverty and enhance the social and economic welfare of those eligible to receive Zakat and Sadaqa, in accordance with Islamic principles, for individuals both in the UK and globally.
- d) To further the education of Muslim children in line with Islamic teachings by establishing an online learning platform that offers instruction in national curriculum subjects alongside their Islamic studies.

In alignment with these objectives, the charity organises a variety of activities aimed at benefiting the public.

Jamia Almaarif has continued to deliver its charitable objectives through religious, educational, and community-based activities that are open to people of all faiths and those of no faith.

The organisation has promoted the Islamic faith for the public benefit through prayer gatherings, educational sessions, and community learning activities, delivered in an inclusive and respectful environment that encourages understanding and mutual respect.

It has also supported community well-being by providing activities that reduce social isolation and strengthen cohesion, including shared meals, youth engagement, and family-oriented events open to all members of the community.

In addition, the charity has helped relieve poverty through the collection and distribution of zakat and sadaqa in accordance with the charity's zakat and sadaqa policy supporting individuals and families in need in the UK and abroad, regardless of background.

The organisation has supported education through Islamic learning programmes and supplementary educational activities for children, contributing to personal development and educational attainment within a safe and inclusive setting.

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Significant activities

The charity measures success through user feedback and educational achievements. The charity always welcomes and acts upon feedback. We have received ample positive feedback and continue to strive to improve our services. Our range of activities, including reviews can be found on our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages.

The charity has remained steadfast in its commitment to supporting the community through a wide range of services and initiatives to fulfil its objectives as set out above. The continuation of in person activities at our centres in Barking, Peterborough, and Broome has been impactful, enabling us to reconnect with our users and deliver services more effectively.

Jamia Almaarif has continued to promote inclusivity and community engagement by delivering activities that are open and accessible to individuals from all faiths and backgrounds. Through educational programmes, community gatherings, shared meals, and welfare initiatives, the organisation created a welcoming environment that encouraged mutual respect, positive interaction, and stronger community relations.

The organisation has remained committed to promoting British values throughout its activities and engagement with the wider community. This included encouraging mutual respect and tolerance for people of different faiths and beliefs, promoting individual responsibility and positive citizenship, and fostering an environment where participants felt safe to express themselves respectfully. Activities were delivered in a manner that supported community cohesion, equality, and constructive dialogue between people from diverse backgrounds.

Our programmes have continued to prioritise nurturing meaningful connections, fostering friendships, and celebrating key community events. Alongside this, we have created opportunities for individuals to deepen their understanding of their faith and strengthen their relationship with God. The significant growth of our volunteer team has played a vital role in expanding our reach and enhancing the quality of our services.

Our support services for New Muslims and youth have continued to flourish, remaining accessible to all. Many of these offerings have been available online, including one-to-one mentoring and classes tailored for various age groups.

Thanks to the generosity of our local donors in Barking, we were able to continue our activities to include weekly children's sessions and half term clubs. Our Peterborough centre became well established, consistently delivering a diverse range of activities for the local community. The Oldham volunteers have taken remarkable steps, offering weekly kids' clubs, regular sisters' gatherings, and community events such as Ramadan iftaars, Eid celebrations, and social gatherings for women funded by the generosity of local people.

We have continued to maintain and strengthen our online initiatives, including our YouTube channel, social media engagement, online classes, the Online Madrassa Programme, and virtual support networks. Our Let's Learn Series has proven to be an effective educational tool for both children and parents, helping us achieve our spiritual and learning objectives. Additionally, our revert stories have served as a source of encouragement and inspiration for those exploring Islam.

Our Youth Professional Development Programme has remained a key pillar of our work, equipping young people with valuable knowledge, confidence, and teamwork skills while providing enjoyable and enriching activities.

The Reverts Mentoring Programme has continued to be a vital support system for new Muslims. Through personalised guidance and one-to-one mentoring, we have supported many individuals as they navigate their journey into faith, ensuring they feel welcomed, understood, and empowered.

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Broome Mosque has hosted a wide range of activities and events that have significantly strengthened community relations. These have included cultural food themed gatherings, cooking workshops, and other initiatives designed to bring people together. A standout highlight was the Visit My Mosque event, which offered visitors an in depth look at the mosque's activities and its positive contribution to the wider community, fostering greater understanding and appreciation of the services we provide. We were also delighted to welcome Adrian Ramsey MP for a visit at the mosque in December 2024 who was impressed with how the mosque was benefitting local people and those from afar.

In addition, we have welcomed the opportunity to partner with schools to support the delivery of RE education. These visits were received with great enthusiasm and have helped build stronger connections between the mosque and the local community.

VOLUNTEERING

During the reporting period, the charity employed four part-time staff members to deliver key and specialist services.

This approach ensured that services requiring professional expertise were delivered effectively, while maintaining a cost-efficient, volunteer-supported model. Trustees continued to review staffing requirements in line with organisational growth.

Volunteers remained central to the delivery of the charity's activities, contributing significantly to its ability to achieve its objectives.

Our dedicated team of volunteers has continued to work with exceptional commitment, ensuring that the charity maintains high standards across all areas of administration and service delivery. We are fortunate to benefit from a diverse group of highly qualified volunteers, many of whom hold degrees in various disciplines. Several are actively serving in essential professions such as teaching, nursing, and mental health support, while others are pursuing studies in fields including medicine and dentistry.

Throughout this reporting year, we welcomed new volunteers who brought valuable skills and experience, further enhancing our capacity to meet our organisational objectives. Up to 100 volunteers contributed during this period, with many offering regular weekly hours. Collectively, this resulted in an impressive average of 250 volunteer hours each week.

All volunteers who work directly with children undergo DBS checks and receive comprehensive health and safety training. We have also delivered Data Protection training and ensured that all organisational policies remain up to date and fully compliant with current legislation, safeguarding everyone involved in our work.

We are also proud to see a growing number of youth volunteers contributing their time across various activities. Their involvement has provided them with valuable experience that will strengthen their university applications and enhance their CVs, while nurturing a strong sense of responsibility, leadership, and community service.

"I currently volunteer as a Tajweed teacher for children at Jamia Almaarif. This experience has significantly contributed to my professional development by enhancing my teaching skills and providing practical, hands-on experience. It has further strengthened my communication abilities and built my confidence in engaging effectively with others. I find the role highly fulfilling, particularly in contributing to the children's progress and supporting them in achieving their learning objectives".

Mahveen - Oldham

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"Volunteering at Jamia Almaarif has been the best experience of my life. It gave me the opportunity to grow personally and spiritually. Teaching Arabic to children was a wonderful time that I enjoyed for 5 years by helping them understand the language of the Qur'an whilst working on my patience, creativity and communication skills. Also teaching fiqh classes to youth and women was immensely rewarding too! It expanded my own knowledge and helped me feel more secure speaking confidently with different age groups. Being part of the youth club has made me relate to young people a lot more and create an environment that is supportive and inspiring. These experiences have provided me with valuable qualities such as leadership, time management, and adaptability. Above all, it has provided me with a greater sense of duty and determination to serve our community. I am grateful to be part of it as it is a place of growth, support, and opportunity for all" - **Ammarah - Bolton**

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Religious teachings and programmes

During the reporting period, Jamia Almaarif delivered a structured programme of classes designed to meet a range of learning needs. This included targeted sessions for non-Muslims to improve understanding and accessibility. Jamia Al Maarif remains committed to strengthening community bonds through education, engagement, and shared spiritual growth. By aligning our programmes with significant themes and events from the Islamic lunar calendar, we have ensured that learning remains relevant, meaningful, and deeply rooted in tradition.

A key strength of Jamia Almaarif's programmes has been the flexibility offered through both online and onsite delivery. Many classes and events were made accessible via online platforms such as Zoom, allowing participants to engage regardless of location or personal circumstances. This hybrid approach has significantly increased participation and ensured that learning opportunities are available to a broader audience.

"Jamia almaarif has been a bit of a safe haven for me. I attend the weekly meditation sessions and look forward to the yearly retreats. The peace I feel is incomparable to anything else, I feel connected to my Community and my religion. The different classes held throughout the year and particularly Ramadan really helped me prosper. Everyone is always friendly, welcoming and non-judgemental- this is exactly what is needed more of in our communities" - **Safa Khan - Student - London**

"I attended the Qur'an Explanation class; it was very informative and delivered at a good pace for beginners." **Robin, London**

"The online Ramadan Quran class is absolutely great. Very easy to understand. I listen with headphones whilst I'm doing some things if I can't watch screen same time but it's very good. Really helps a lot x. I don't think I could say anything better than what you do already. It's great!" **Daniella Malik - Gravesend**

Islamic Scholarship -The scholarship course has been a cornerstone of our academic offerings and has seen exceptional progress this year. Students in both Year 1 and Year 2 successfully completed their studies, covering:

- The life and Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
- Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence)
- Hadith studies (The preserved sayings and actions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH))
- Arabic language and grammar

The programme completed its first academic year, with students undertaking formal assessments and moved onto the second year successfully. Outcomes were reviewed, and the curriculum was refined to improve delivery and learner progression. New students were enrolled, and additional academic support was provided where required.

Review from a student that completed 1st year moved onto second year "Alhamdulillah, completing the first year of the Almiyah programme and progressing to the second year was a truly rewarding and transformative journey. Over the past year, I have gained a deeper understanding of Islamic knowledge and developed a stronger connection with my faith. The teaching has been clear, engaging, and well-structured, creating an environment that encourages both learning and reflection. The support from teachers and fellow students has also played a significant role in making the experience both enjoyable and motivating. Progressing to the second year felt like a meaningful milestone, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue building on this foundation. I look forward to further developing my understanding and applying what I learn in a way that benefits both myself and others, insha'Allah. **Safa Mahmood- London**

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Review from a new enrol (2nd cohort) - "As a first-year Alimiyah student, I've found this journey incredibly beneficial and enriching. Each subject is taught in depth, helping me build a strong foundation and confidently answer both my own questions and others. The support from the headteacher, teachers, and admin at Jamia Almaarif has been amazing—they are always approachable and make complex topics easier to understand. I especially enjoy learning the context behind the sayings of the Prophet (PBUH) and the revelation of verses has deepened my connection to faith.. Self-reflection has also been transformative, helping me purify my heart and improve my character through learning etiquettes in depth. Overall, this experience has strengthened my faith and given me a deeper love and understanding of Islam."- **Raibah Oldham**

Classes for all the family- Our foundational classes have continued to serve a diverse student body, offering age appropriate instruction in essential Islamic subjects. These classes ensured that learners build strong foundations in belief, worship, character, and daily practice.

To ensure that Islamic education remains accessible to all, Jamia Almaarif has offered its classes in both Urdu and English. This dual language approach allowed us to meet the linguistic needs of a diverse community and ensures that no learner is left behind.

Specialised Islamic studies classes for children continued to flourish, providing structured learning for various age groups. In addition, our monthly workshops have become a valued part of the curriculum, focusing on themes such as:

- Articles of faith
- Personal development
- Practical application of Islamic teachings

These sessions emphasised self-improvement, reflection, and the cultivation of good character.

Workshops were held Islamic history, Life of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), Quranic Arabic, Arabic Language, Q&A on Fasting, Islamic burial workshop, Canvas making, Henna workshop and Jewellery creating. The workshops offered a hands-on and engaging experience for youth participants. Attendees were invited to explore various aspects of Islamic culture, including calligraphy, and charity initiatives, in a relaxed and supportive setting. These sessions have provided practical skills and have encouraged meaningful conversations and mutual respect amongst those taking part.

By facilitating interactive learning, the workshops played a key role in promoting understanding and building bridges across the community whilst having a good time. They gave everyone the chance to share their stories, ask questions, and connect on a deeper level, reinforcing the Jamia Almaarif centre's dedication to inclusivity and education. The positive feedback from participants highlighted the lasting impact of these events, with many expressing eagerness to return for future sessions.

After School Madrassa - The face-to-face madrassas in Barking and Peterborough continued to offer a nurturing and structured learning environment. As of 31 July 2025, enrolment stood at 188 students including the online madrassa launched during the pandemic.

The dedication of the teaching team—predominantly volunteers—has been central to the strong academic and spiritual progress of students. Islamic values are embedded throughout the curriculum, and students are encouraged to develop into responsible, community minded individuals. Parents consistently provided positive feedback, reflecting the madrassa's meaningful impact on children's development.

Students were offered opportunities to participate in community activities that build confidence, leadership, and character. This supportive environment fostered both spiritual growth and personal development, strengthening the sense of unity within the madrassa community.

The madrassa also hosted annual events around significant celebrations in Islam, which attracted large audiences and encourage student participation through recitations, speeches, role plays, and performances. Volunteers played a vital role in organising these events, contributing to logistics, hospitality, and programme delivery

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"I am very pleased with my children's madrassa classes and the positive impact they have had. The teachers are kind, patient and dedicated to helping children growing knowledge and character, making it easy for the kids to stay interested while learning important values and Islamic teachings." - **Abhia, Amal & Zulaikha's Mother Peterborough**

"As a Single parent the thought of private Islamic studies and travelling to a mosque local to myself was daunting, however I was grateful enough to be able to have my daughter admitted to the Jamia Almaarif academy for online learning from the comfort of our own home. With parents' consultations and reports of development and easy access to the head of Madrassah school my daughter is thriving despite her SEN needs. She has made friends from different backgrounds and enjoys her classes from day to day." - **Khaira's mum (online student)**

Spiritual and social well-being

The charity delivered regular sports activities and outdoor programmes to promote physical and mental wellbeing. Countryside excursions and retreats were organised, incorporating reflective and mindfulness practices. Sport activities included football and cricket at local facilities.

Workshops on health, nutrition, and general wellbeing were delivered with input from qualified professionals. Introductory life-saving skills sessions were also provided to young participants.

Social and Interfaith Engagement - Jamia Almaarif delivered a range of inclusive community activities, including open days, social gatherings, and interfaith initiatives. The charity strengthened relationships with local organisations and commenced planning for community support services, including food provision initiatives in selected locations. Examples of such work is set out below under activities carried out by individual centres.

Meditation Classes (Dhikr) - Jamia Almaarif provided inclusive meditation classes open to both Muslims and non Muslims, offering a calm and welcoming environment that supports mental wellbeing and inner peace. These sessions were provided weekly at our centres in London, Peterborough, Broome Mosque. These sessions were also conducted by the Imam and Shaykha once a month in other cities across the UK including Oldham, Birmingham, Cambridge and Luton.

Participants came from diverse backgrounds and often travelled from other cities to attend the nearest venue. To meet increasing demand, additional sessions were introduced, and the programme was expanded to cities including Nottingham, Milton Keynes and Manchester.

"Jamia Almaarif was a godsend, the best Google search I'd ever undertaken. Shaykha and the sisters were angels in disguise. Not only did the meditation & unity help strengthen my spirit to fight cancer, the learning and progress I'd never experienced in my entire journey of being a revert, I'd never understood what a true Muslim was until I came across Jamia Almaarif. The bonds I'd created I'm forever grateful for you all became the family I was always searching for" - **Late Michelle Williams - Birmingham**

"Dhikr has brought me a great sense of peace, and it allows us to strengthen our connection with Allah. The guided dhikr sessions with the Shaykha are especially beneficial, as they create a calming and reflective environment that helps deepen spirituality and mindfulness. The reminders and collective atmosphere make the experience even more meaningful and uplifting." **Parveen Shabir - Luton**

"It's a great opportunity for us here in Manchester when Shaykha is here for the dhikr session, so that we can brighten up our soul and heart which is the greatest connection with Allah." **Robina - Manchester**

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"I have been a student at Jamia Al Maarif for a number of years now. Since joining this school I have found that my life has changed for the better. By learning how to do the silent meditation, there's a calmness in my heart that keeps me grounded. No matter what happens in my life whether it's good or bad, happy or sad I know it's for the betterment of me. We have plans and then Allah swt has better plans. There's always a hidden wisdom behind what surfaces. Alhumdulillah with the guidance and teachings of Sheikh and Sheikha, with their continuous support, mentoring, counselling, Dhikr has become my life line. It's my oxygen. I can't imagine my life without Dhikr and the tranquility and joy it brings to my soul. My whole household observes meditation within their hearts and slowly but surely our paths have become one. I recommend everyone to come to Norwich Broome Mosque and sit in the blessed gatherings and experience this feeling for yourself. Connecting to the one who created us is a beautiful moment, one where gratitude and repentance comes hand in hand. Where time stops and it's just you and your Lord. Subhan'Allah" **Tahira - Oldham**

"I really enjoy attending zikr and it's something I look forward to every week. It helps me feel calmer, more grounded, and spiritually connected. The sense of community is also amazing and makes the experience even more meaningful." **Emaan-London**

"The Sunday dhikr sessions have been so beneficial for me spiritually. They provide a peaceful space to disconnect from the worldly aspects of life and reconnect with Allah. I always leave feeling calmer, and spiritually recharged. It gives me the time to reflect on how to become a better person for Allah's sake" **Zehna - London**

"I work in a madrasa in Chelmsford and I do all the Administration work. At my workplace I kept talking about our Shaykha and about Dhikr, and I've actually had one of our Quran teachers say to me, you have to tell me more about Dhikr, because I think I need this, so I'm hoping to bring more people in as well. It's just you can do your five daily prayers but there is more to it, and I'm just experiencing that and I think I'm only just at the beginning of the journey, and I feel already so grateful, and I'm just extremely excited to see what the journey will bring to me in sha Allah!" **Karina, London**

"I feel truly blessed to have joined this beautiful zikr gathering and to have met Sheikha. This experience has changed my life in such a peaceful and beautiful way. The zikr is deeply calming and fills the heart with peace and connection to Allah. Being part of these gatherings has touched my inner self and brought comfort, positivity, and spiritual peace into my life. I feel grateful and blessed to have found such guidance and such a peaceful path. May Allah always keep us connected to these beautiful gatherings and righteous people." **Atia Milton Keynes**

Social Welfare -The Imam has continued to provide essential religious guidance on matters such as marriage, family issues, and personal challenges. Support was offered both in person and through social media platforms, ensuring broad accessibility. By addressing contemporary issues through an Islamic lens, the Imam has helped community members apply Islamic principles to modern day challenges.

The Imam also delivered weekly classes, Q&A sessions, morning broadcasts, and meditation sessions. These online and in person offerings attracted participants from multiple cities and have encouraged many individuals and families to begin their day with spiritual reflection. Friday sermons have addressed key social concerns and inspired attendees to strengthen their religious practice.

Retreat Days - A number of retreats were delivered during the reporting period, with positive participant feedback. In response, additional formats, including shorter and day retreats, were piloted to increase accessibility and participation. They offered a welcoming and inclusive space for reverts, youth, and individuals from all faiths and backgrounds. Held in a relaxed and friendly environment, these sessions provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to build meaningful connections, engage in learning and creative activities, as well as enjoy open, supportive conversations. The retreat days were designed to foster belonging, encourage cross-cultural understanding, and create a safe space for reflection and social engagement.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DXeLcUNiAQ1/?igsh=MTJqYmFlZm4wcHF0bw>

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"Alhamdulillah, attending the Quran camp retreat during Ramadan was truly an opportunity not to be missed. Starting the day with beautiful Quran summary classes explained thoroughly by shaykha, set a meaningful tone for the rest of the day. Spending time reciting the Quran under the blessed verses of the Quran, opening the fast in the Sunnah way, praying taraweeh together, and peacefully ending the day with the Dhikr.

Having these two days to deeply connect with the Quran and engage in the remembrance of Allah was truly invaluable. Alhamdulillah, it was a spiritually uplifting and rewarding experience." **Mahreen - London**

"The women's retreats, both in summer and winter, are genuinely such a lovely experience. It's a really good opportunity to step away from everyday life and reconnect with your deen in a calm, supportive environment.

Spending time with Shaykha is always so beneficial - you come away feeling more grounded, peaceful, and guided. You also meet so many kind, like-minded women and naturally build meaningful friendships. There's something really comforting about being surrounded by sisters who are on a similar journey.

The summer retreats are especially nice with the outdoor time and fresh air, while the winter ones have a cosy feel with hot drinks and more intimate conversations. It's more than just a retreat, it's an experience that stays with you and an escape from reality." **Khadija - Oldham**

Ramadan Iftar community parties - During the blessed month of Ramadan, Jamia Almaarif hosted weekly weekend iftar gatherings in the centres, bringing together a diverse cross-section of the community.

These events were designed to create a warm, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all ages and backgrounds. Each gathering provided not only the opportunity to breakfast together, but also to foster a sense of belonging, unity, and spiritual reflection. Attendees were able to connect with others, build supportive relationships, and strengthen their ties to the community in a relaxed and friendly setting. The consistent turnout and positive feedback reflected the importance of such initiatives in nurturing cohesion, inclusivity, and shared purpose within the wider community. Details of these events can be found below under the work carried out by individual centres.

Youth Development

Our youth classes continued to play a vital role in supporting the spiritual and personal development of young people from the wider community. These programmes were opened to all youth and ensured participants remained connected, informed, and inspired in a positive and supportive environment.

Mentoring - The one to one youth mentoring sessions have been highly successful. As a result, the Shaykha has increased the time dedicated to youth mentoring to meet the growing needs of young participants.

"My one-to-one sessions with Shayka have honestly been such a positive experience. They really help me get everything off my chest without feeling judged. It feels like a safe space where I can open up freely and be myself. The sessions have really helped ease my anxiety and leave me feeling much more peaceful afterwards. Shayka always gives helpful, thoughtful advice that actually makes a difference. Overall, the support is just perfect and something I genuinely look forward to. I'd definitely recommend it to anyone who needs someone to talk to and guidance through things". **Khadijah- Oldham**

"My one-to-one sessions with Shaykha have brought me so much peace. Whether we are doing Zikr together or discussing Islamic knowledge and insights, I always feel incredibly supported and grounded. It's been such a helpful space for me to find clarity and calm". **Saira- Peterborough**

"The one-to-one sessions with Shaykha have been incredibly beneficial and supportive. It is comforting to know that I have someone to turn to for advice or even just to engage in dhikr. These sessions bring me a real sense of peace, especially during times of stress or when I feel overwhelmed". **Mahveen - Oldham**

Careers & Skill Development - Career talks and life skills workshops were delivered across centres, providing guidance on career pathways, qualifications, and employability.

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External professionals were engaged to deliver specialist sessions, including career-focused workshops and discussions on relevant social topics. One such specialised session was our CPR training session. A qualified Paramedic delivered the training and discussed pathways to starting a career as a paramedic.

Jamia Almaarif expanded its focus on community engagement through initiatives such as the monthly forums. These sessions, held both online and onsite, provided a platform for professional discussions, career guidance, and learning on relevant contemporary topics for all attendees.

For example, the Medicine Forum held in June 2025, held both face to face and online, offered valuable insights into career pathways, admission routes, and student life in the medical field. These sessions aimed to support individuals of all ages by providing both an Islamic perspective and practical knowledge to help them make informed decisions about their education and careers.

Youth Iftar Party event- As part of our Ramadan programme, Jamia Almaarif hosted dedicated Youth Iftar parties, creating a vibrant and engaging space tailored specifically for young people.

These events featured various traditional food alongside a range of enjoyable activities, including henna art, face painting, and opportunities for socialising in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. This initiative aimed to encourage youth participation, strengthen peer connections, and provide a positive and memorable Ramadan experience. The event was well received, with strong attendance and enthusiasm, highlighting the value of creating inclusive, youth-focused spaces within the community.

'The iftar at the centre had such a beautiful atmosphere. It was warm, organised, and felt like a genuine community gathering that made Ramadan even more special.'- **Rovale**

"The iftar gatherings at the centre during Ramadan were truly special. The sense of unity and togetherness was so strong, and it really captured the spirit of the month. Sharing iftar with others created a warm and welcoming environment where everyone felt included. The organisation was excellent, and it was clear that a lot of care went into making the experience enjoyable for everyone. It was not just about the food, but about building connections, supporting one another, and strengthening community bonds. A really memorable and meaningful experience" **Safa M - London**

"Attending iftar with everyone was such a meaningful experience for me. There's a really warm and welcoming atmosphere from the moment you arrive and it makes breaking fast feel even more special. Sitting together, sharing food, and having conversations creates a strong sense of connection that you don't really get elsewhere. Overall, it's something I truly value and always look forward to every year" - **Emaan - London**

Youth Retreats - The Youth Retreats aimed to provide young people with a space for reflection, learning, and fun. Activities included workshops, team-building exercises, and discussions about faith and identity. The retreat helped foster leadership skills and strengthen friendships among participants.

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"The mix of workshops and nature walks at the retreat was perfect. The workshops were engaging and gave us things to really think about, while the nature walks brought a sense of calm and balance to the day. It didn't feel overwhelming at all - just a really well-paced and refreshing experience overall. **Hinna Oldham**

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"such a beautiful time honestly you learn so so much every single day and it's all through fun interactive ways ! Alhamdulillah grateful to have the experience to be blessed with an amazing teacher and good people around you. Overall just makes you feel so fresh and more connected with your religion" **Leibah Birmingham**

"All the youth retreats have been great and I look forward to when the next one is. The youth retreat last year was a valuable experience. It was the perfect balance of learning, reflection, and bonding with others. I came away feeling spiritually uplifted, more connected, and with a lot of beneficial reminders that have stayed with me. I love that I can spend time with my friends and also connect with Allah." **Zehna - London**

"One of my favourite parts of the Youth Summer Retreat 2024 was the art session where we designed our own tote bags. It was such a fun and relaxing activity, and a nice way to express yourself. The whole atmosphere of the retreat was really positive and welcoming, and it felt like a space where you could just be yourself and enjoy the moment." **Sannah- Oldham**

New Muslims

The charity continued to deliver a structured programme of support for new Muslims, including mentoring, educational classes, and community integration activities. Monthly spirituality days and regular social initiatives were delivered across centres.

Recognising the unique needs of new and revert Muslims, Jamia Almaarif offered dedicated classes tailored specifically for them. These sessions, delivered entirely in English, provided a supportive environment where learners were able to build confidence, ask questions freely, and develop a strong foundation in their faith.

"Being part of Jamia Almaarif mosque has been an amazing experience and I'm very glad to be part of the mosque. I've learnt a lot from our api jaan as a revert. Jamia Almaarif is amazing because they also do Quran lessons and have revert groups to help us learn more about Islam. Being part of it has been amazing and very welcoming. We also go out on dinners and have fun activities to do at the mosque during this Ramadan. I thought I'd be celebrating alone for my Iftar but Jamia Almaarif also held a Iftar which was an amazing experience" **Lenise - Oldham**

Online Learning Opportunities - Classes were specifically designed to support new Muslims. Reverts' classes provided a structured and comprehensive introduction to foundational Islamic knowledge over the past year, tailored specifically for beginners. The curriculum was designed to gradually build understanding, starting with essential acts of worship and progressing into Qur'anic learning and studying the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), equipping students with essential knowledge of worship, Qur'an recitation, and Islamic history in a clear and accessible manner suitable for beginners.

"The Tuesday reverts class has honestly been such a blessing for me. As someone completely new, I was quite nervous at the beginning, but the way everything is explained so simply made it easy to follow. I've learned how to pray properly and understand the basics of Islam in a way that finally makes sense. It's a very welcoming and comfortable environment." **Leslie- Norwich**

"I've really enjoyed attending the reverts class this year. The structure of the lessons has been amazing, starting from the basics and gradually building up. The Salah sessions especially helped me correct things I didn't even realise I was doing wrong. It's been a really supportive space to learn and ask questions without feeling judged." **Michaela Maton- Milton Keynes**

"This class has helped me grow so much in my journey. I've gone from knowing very little to feeling more confident in my prayer and understanding of Islam. I particularly loved learning the short chapters of the Quran and the Seerah-hearing about the life of the Prophet ﷺ made everything feel more meaningful and connected." **Melissa London**

"The reverts class has been such a positive and encouraging experience. The teaching style is very clear and patient, which makes a big difference for beginners. I've especially benefited from learning about purification and prayer properly, as these are things I always found confusing before. I always look forward to the sessions." **Mahriya - Peterborough**

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"I can't recommend this class enough for anyone starting their journey. It covers everything you need step by step, without being overwhelming. The Seerah lessons were my favourite-they really helped me understand the struggles and strength of early Islam. It's been both educational and spiritually uplifting" **Shyan- Peterborough**

Emotional Support - The Shaykha has continued to provide consistent spiritual and emotional support to new Muslims through both online and in person mentoring, dedicating 7-8 hours each week to one to one sessions. As with the previous year, the number of new Muslim enrolments has continued to rise steadily.

In response to the growing demand and the proven success of personalised mentoring, additional staff members were appointed as mentors and buddies. This expansion ensured that every new Muslim enrolling onto the programme received appropriate support, structured learning, guidance with integration, and care for their emotional wellbeing.

The one-to-one sessions with Shaykha have offered a safe and confidential space to seek guidance. These sessions have supported individuals through personal challenges, strengthening their emotional wellbeing while nurturing their connection with Allah. Through compassionate listening and tailored advice, the Shaykha has helped many sisters navigate their journeys with clarity, confidence, and spiritual grounding.

"Having that one-to-one time made such a difference for me. I felt heard, understood, and guided in a way that brought me real peace."- **Khadija C-Peterborough**

"The counselling sessions helped me realign myself spiritually and emotionally. I left feeling lighter, more focused, and closer to Allah."- **Ayesha F- Peterborough**

"Alhamdulillah good and always reassuring when it's Shaykha. I miss seeing her but in sha Allah there's a time written for that" **Dina - Worksop**

Attendance at classes and events has also increased significantly, further demonstrating the effectiveness and positive interaction

Pilgrimage Programme

Following the successful delivery of the 2024 Umrah programme, the charity reviewed participant feedback, which demonstrated positive spiritual and personal outcomes. Building on this success, initial steps were taken to develop a framework for facilitating "Hajj", the annual pilgrimage that Muslims perform once in a lifetime. This included preparatory planning, guidance sessions, and the development of support mechanisms for prospective participants.

"I really appreciated the series of lectures delivered by Jamia Almaarif which helped me to be better prepared for this important spiritual journey. The hajj involves a number of rites to be carried out over specific times and location. The detailed explanation and practical advice given from the lectures enabled me to fulfil the hajj rites correctly and gain the most from what is a once in a lifetime experience." **Fatma from London**

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Activities at our established centres

Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre

The Siddiqa Nawaz mosque in Broome has continued to play a vital role in the local community, providing a welcoming space for prayer, spiritual development, and education about Islam. Over the past year, a variety of events including Friday prayers, Ramadan retreats, iftar parties, cooking and meditation sessions, have brought people together, fostering understanding, friendship, and a sense of belonging among residents and those who visit the mosque from other cities.

"The mosque has been a very positive and great experience for me as it provides a calm and peaceful environment for the prayers and the most important thing is that the Imam is very supportive which makes me want to attend the mosque regularly." **Abu Bakr- Lowestoft**

"A revert's journey to Islam can be very confusing and bring strong positive and negative emotions. The Mosque in Broome and their community, consistently support revert's in their journey with kindness, respect and understanding. They offer support around praying and Islamic etiquette and free courses across a range of topics which help revert's understand Islam. I am so grateful to have begun my journey with this mosque it has made the experience so beautiful and easy to embrace. "

Lesley - Beccles

"Meditation sessions (Dhikr) at Siddiqa Nawaz Mosque continue to transform my life in many ways. For me, Dhikr offers a time to reflect, to deepen my connection with Allah swt and remember all of the ways that I have been blessed in life. It teaches me gratitude, patience and an awareness of the constant presence of Allah swt. It is a deeply emotional experience and gives me an opportunity to seek forgiveness and cleanse my heart. After Dhikr, I feel calm and less burdened with daily worries, placing all of my trust in Allah. It helps me to refocus and remind myself of the purpose of my existence in the world; to do good by others and follow the guidance of our creator." **Georgie- Halesworth**

"The mosque has become a place that has genuinely helped me grow. It gives me space to step away from the noise of daily life, clear my mind, and reflect with purpose. Spending time there with Shaykh has strengthened my sense of discipline, patience, and gratitude towards my religion. Through quiet reflection and meditation, I have found more calm and balance. The atmosphere encourages me to slow down, think more clearly, and reconnect with what matters most. It has helped me handle stress better, and approach life with a steadier mindset. Having regular 1-2-1 with Shaykh have helped me come to terms/acceptance of grieving my elder brother's death. More than just a place of worship, the mosque has been a source of guidance, community, and personal elevation. I leave feeling grounded, focused, and more at peace." **Usman Ghani - Birmingham**

Cooking Classes - The mosque hosted monthly cooking classes at the Village Hall to encourage participation from the local community. These sessions offered practical culinary skills and insights into the health benefits of spices used in Islamic cuisine. The classes encouraged interaction and enjoyment, with the chef creating a lively and informative atmosphere. Several attendees valued visiting the mosque after the cooking class; for most, it was their first time, and they noted its calm, peaceful atmosphere.

Participant Feedback:

"The new chef was amazing. She is light in energy which is appealing. I loved how she shared the health benefits of some of the spices. It made for a more interactive experience compared to what could have been uninteresting. It made me want to make it again at home." - **Shamin Broome**

"Great food on Saturday. I preferred the more spicy chicken as you developed our taste for spicy food but understand that it is not to every western taste! But the non-spicy version was good also. Ishrat did a great demonstration." - **Peter Broome**

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"We really enjoyed the class and felt welcomed. The chef was a natural. She was informative and interesting. The chicken was delicious and I think all 3 of us will try making it. Many of the girls were friendly and welcoming and we were particularly impressed with the 3 who showed us around the mosque." - **Rosemary, Anne & Marie Broome**

The links below provide a photo gallery and recipes from the cooking classes, showcasing the dishes prepared and the community's enthusiasm. Testimonials from past participants, reflected on the skills and friendships developed through the classes and the welcoming environment of the mosque community.

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School Link -Local schools in the Norfolk area have welcomed the opportunity to develop a link with the mosque. The team at Broome Mosque were delighted to visit the Albert Pye and Ravensmere School in Beccles, Suffolk and Bungay Primary school for an assembly on the teachings of Islam. This was a great opportunity for developing children's understanding and acceptance of other religions, beliefs and races in modern Britain whilst breaking down stereotypes.

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Eid Celebrations - The mosque hosted Eid celebrations, inviting community members to mark this significant religious occasion together.

The event encouraged unity and provided an opportunity to learn about the traditions associated with Eid. The Eid Day party brought together people of all backgrounds, promoting the mosque's message of peace and enhancing understanding of Islamic traditions. Activities organised included games, food stalls, and informative talks on Islam. These links feature reviews of some of the attendees at the Eid celebrations, capturing moments of joy and togetherness.

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Eid Supper -The Eid Supper was a splendid evening where community members shared a meal, strengthening bonds and celebrating together. The event was open to all, reflecting the mosque's inclusive ethos.

This link presents reflections from the Eid Supper, including comments from guests about the evening's significance.

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Revert Eid Party Feedback

The Revert Eid party was designed to welcome new members of the Muslim community, offering support and friendship as they celebrated Eid. Feedback highlighted the welcoming environment and the sense of belonging fostered during the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1AUW59geMs/> - Here, a personal story can be found from a participant who recently embraced Islam, sharing how the mosque community has helped her develop her new faith.

VE Day Community Engagement

On VE Day, the Imam and his children engaged in conversations with local residents, focusing on shared values and the importance of unity. The event provided an opportunity for community members to discuss history and reflect on the meaning of peace and togetherness.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1NdoRsViQF/> - The link includes photos and insights from VE Day, highlighting the mosque's involvement and the positive response from attendees.

Youth Retreat - The Youth Retreat at the mosque aimed to provide young people with a space for reflection, learning, and fun. Activities included workshops, team-building exercises, and discussions about faith and identity. The retreat helped foster leadership skills and strengthen friendships among participants.

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New Muslim Retreat -The idyllic environment around Broome Mosque provided the perfect place to unwind and to enable people to reflect on the spiritual growth.

The New Muslim Retreat offered a welcoming environment for those new to Islam, providing participants with a chance to connect, learn, and share their experiences. The retreat featured interactive sessions on faith, practical guidance for daily life, and opportunities for open discussion, helping attendees build confidence and find support within the community. Many participants expressed appreciation for the sense of belonging and encouragement they received, forging lasting friendships and deepening their understanding of Islamic values.

The Jamia Almaarif Summer Retreat provided sisters with a unique opportunity to step away from daily routines and immerse themselves in a spiritually uplifting and refreshing environment.

The retreat combined meaningful mosque sessions with outdoor experiences, including visits to the beach and guided meditation sessions with the Shaykha. This balance of reflection, relaxation, and connection allowed participants to recharge both mentally and spiritually while building strong bonds with one another.

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"The retreat was honestly unforgettable. From the peaceful mosque sessions to the calmness of the beach, everything felt so intentional and healing."- **Mercedes C- Peterborough**

"Spending time in nature, reflecting, and having meditation sessions with the Shaykha gave me a sense of clarity I didn't realise I needed. It was truly special."- **Vilter- Peterborough**

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Ramadan Iftar parties -The Ramadan iftar parties were vibrant gatherings that brought together community members of all ages to break their fast and celebrate the spirit of the holy month.

Traditional dishes were served, and the atmosphere was filled with warmth and laughter as people shared stories and reflected on the significance of Ramadan. The events encouraged a sense of unity and offered an opportunity for attendees to foster goodwill and mutual understanding amongst everyone present.

The links associated with the Ramadan iftar parties offer further details and insights into the events, highlighting the communal spirit and diverse participation. They feature testimonials from attendees, photographs capturing the lively atmosphere, and breakdowns of the activities that took place.

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Ramadan Men's Retreat

The Ramadan Men's Retreat offered a transformative experience for men in the community, combining prayer, meditation (dhikr), and meaningful conversations. Attendees described the retreat as enriching and heart-opening, deepening their sense of connection and spirituality.

"One of the most fascinating and transformative weekends of my life. Come with an open mind and you'll grasp the open hearts in the prayers, zikr (meditation) and conversations." - **Merlin, London UK**

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"My experience of the retreat was deeply beneficial and spiritually uplifting. Being able to spend that time in the company of my Shaykh was a great blessing for me, as it helped me reconnect, reflect, and refocus myself spiritually. The environment of dhikr, worship, learning, and sincere brotherhood had a very positive effect on the heart. Being surrounded by brothers who were also there seeking closeness to Allah created a beautiful atmosphere of support, encouragement, and unity. Personally, I felt the Ramadan retreat gave me a chance to step away from the distractions of daily life, strengthen my connection with Allah, and benefit from the guidance and presence of my Shaykh and the companionship of good people" **Shamrez - Oldham**

"I spent 10 days during Ramadan 2024 at the mosque in Broome, Norwich for the Mens retreat. It was a life-changing experience. In that quiet place, remembering god felt like a journey of the soul. I felt calm, peaceful, and truly connected. It helped me understand the real meaning of living with ALLAH.. I encourage everyone to experience this at least once, especially with the blessed guidance of our respected Shaykh.If you are looking for peace and purpose, this is a beautiful path". **Wajid Ali - London**

Visit to the mosque - Adrian Ramsey MP

We were honoured to welcome Adrian Ramsey, Member of Parliament, whose visit highlighted the positive impact the mosque has had on the local community. Mr Ramsey expressed his admiration for the way the mosque fosters connections among people, both residents and visitors from further afield. His engagement underscored the mosque's role in promoting inclusivity and supporting the well-being of all who attend.

"Pleasure to visit Broome Mosque & Meditation Centre. Great to see how popular the centre is with Muslims from near and far, and with the wider local community. Thanks to everyone for making me welcome and I would encourage people to visit on open days." **Adrian Ramsey MP December 2024**

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Open Day -The mosque's Open Day proved to be a vibrant and welcoming occasion, drawing in visitors from across the local community and beyond. Guests were given the opportunity to tour the mosque and engage in conversations with community members and leaders.

The event fostered a spirit of openness and mutual understanding, with many attendees expressing appreciation for the friendly atmosphere and the chance to learn more about Islamic traditions and the mosque's activities. Through interactive workshops and informal dialogue, the Open Day helped break down barriers and encouraged greater community cohesion. It served as a testament to the mosque's ongoing commitment to inclusivity, making everyone feel valued regardless of background. Many visitors left with a deeper sense of connection and a renewed appreciation for the diversity within Broome.

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Workshops - Workshops were held on CPR, Muslim Burial, Will making and PCOS.

The workshops offered a hands-on and engaging experience for participants of all ages. Attendees were invited to explore various aspects of Islamic culture, including calligraphy, cooking, and charity initiatives, in a relaxed and supportive setting. These sessions not only provided practical skills but also encouraged meaningful conversations and mutual respect amongst those taking part.

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By facilitating interactive learning, the workshops played a key role in promoting understanding and building bridges across the community. They gave everyone the chance to share their stories, ask questions, and connect on a deeper level, reinforcing the mosque's dedication to inclusivity and education. The positive feedback from participants highlighted the lasting impact of these events, with many expressing eagerness to return for future sessions.

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Throughout the year, the Siddiqa Nawaz mosque has hosted a diverse range of activities that have enriched the lives of residents. These events have fostered community cohesion, broke down barriers, and built lasting friendships. By encouraging participation and dialogue, the mosque has continued to strengthen the fabric of Broome's community, making it a welcoming place for all.

Barking Centre London

Jamia Almaarif has continued to serve as a vibrant center for Islamic education, spiritual growth, and community engagement at in Barking, London. Over the past year, the organisation has expanded its reach and impact by delivering a diverse range of programmes tailored to women, youth, children, and families. Through a combination of regular classes, daily learning, large-scale events, and targeted initiatives, Jamia Almaarif has strengthened its mission of nurturing faith, knowledge, and a strong sense of community.

Educational Programmes - A selection of images from this programme is available via the following link:

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Throughout the year, the Barking Centre delivered a wide range of structured educational programmes designed to cater to learners at all stages. A key development has been the weekday daily madrassah, which provided consistent, structured Islamic education for children during the week. These daily sessions focused on Qur'an recitation, tajweed, Islamic studies, duas, and character development, ensuring students benefitted from continuity in learning and regular engagement with their faith. As of 31st July there were 60 children enrolled at the Barking Madrassa. A significant achievement this year was the provision of a Special Needs Madrassah, offering tailored support for children with learning difficulties or additional needs. This initiative reflects the organisation's commitment to inclusivity and ensuring that every child has access to Islamic education in a supportive environment.

Weekly adult classes continued to function as a Level 1 Islamic Studies programme, providing a structured and inclusive educational platform open to all sisters. The curriculum was designed to introduce foundational Islamic knowledge within a supportive and academically guided environment. It encompassed core disciplines such as fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence), seerah (the life of the Prophet ?), and the Arabic language, alongside the study of the Sahabah (companions of the Prophet PBUH) and other exemplary figures in Islamic tradition. The programme aimed to develop a sound foundational understanding, encourage critical reflection, and support the practical application of Islamic principles in everyday life.

Weekly Meditation Gatherings - Spiritual development remained central to Jamia Almaarif's activities throughout the year. A range of structured weekly gatherings and large-scale religious events designed to nurture spiritual growth and strengthen communal bonds were held at the centre and the hall at Barking mosque was hired to accommodate bigger gatherings.

Tazkiyah (spiritual purification) classes were held multiple times a week, offering participants the opportunity to deepen their connection with Allah through Qur'an recitation, bayans (talks), nasheeds, silent meditation, and supplications (duas). Meditation circles brought together members of the community for collective remembrance, reflection, and spiritual development, fostering inner tranquility and consistency in worship. On average, approximately 150 people attend the weekly gatherings held at the Barking Centre.

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"Meditation has truly helped me in ways I can't fully explain. I feel more relaxed, peaceful, and content with myself than ever before. It has also brought me a deeper spiritual connection that I didn't have before, and I'm incredibly grateful for that. I'm so glad I started this journey, and I hope to continue it for a long time, in sha' Allah." **Malika, London**

"I've been attending the meditation classes for over three years now, and they've become something I genuinely look forward to every week. As a teenager, it's easy to get caught up in all the distractions around us, but these sessions have helped me step back and see things more clearly. They've played a big role in strengthening my connection with Allah and have given me a consistent space to focus on my personal growth and my faith." **Affiyah, London**

"The meditation classes feel like a reward at the end of a busy week. They provide me with a quiet space to focus on my faith without the usual distractions. It is a peaceful and calming environment that helps me set aside worldly concerns and concentrate on what is important. It's a simple practice that reinforces discipline and motivates me to strengthen my relationship with Allah." **Samina - London**

Major Spiritual Events and Commemorations - Throughout the year important Islamic events were celebrated bringing local people and those from other cities to enjoy together,

One of the key highlights of the year was the Gathering of Gratitude in May 2025, a large spiritual gathering centred on gratitude and remembrance of Allah. The event included Qur'an recitation, meditation, nasheeds, and supplications, and was conducted under the guidance of respected scholars, with appropriate arrangements for both men and women.

Significant Islamic occasions, including the life events of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), were also commemorated with well-attended gatherings. This event saw the participation of approximately 200-300 people, reflecting strong community engagement and enthusiasm. These programmes included talks, recitations, and reflections on the life and character of the Prophet (PBUH), fostering a deeper love, understanding, and connection within the community. Qur'an learning remained a central focus, with weekly memorisation classes dedicated to helping participants build consistency and confidence in their recitation. These sessions, led by qualified teachers, focused on specific chapters from the Quran, while also emphasising proper recitation and understanding. Alongside this, Tajweed and Islamic Studies classes were offered at both beginner and advanced levels, covering Arabic phonetics, Qur'an recitation rules, explanation of chapters from the Quran, and sayings of Prophet Muhammad. The flexibility of both onsite and online delivery ensures accessibility for a wider audience.

Community Engagement and Sisterhood Initiatives - A key focus of the year was building a strong and supportive community for all sisters.

The Sisters Lunch and Lounge, held in May 2025, provided a relaxed and welcoming space for sisters to connect, share their experiences, and build friendships, fostering a strong sense of belonging. In addition, a variety of social and well-being activities were organized to encourage both physical and mental health.

During the summer, additional initiatives were organised for sisters to encourage learning and connection. This included a Sisters Book Club, which provided a space for reading, reflection, and discussion in a relaxed and supportive environment. It created a space for reflection and discussion, with participants engaging in meaningful conversations around personal development, including books such as Reclaim Your Heart.

These initiatives contributed significantly to building a strong sense of sisterhood within the community.

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"I really enjoyed the event I attended. I was able to meet new sisters, and the engagement was calm, welcoming, and inspiring-especially for someone like me who would otherwise feel socially uneasy. The environment was well-paced, clean, and beautiful. The children were well looked after upstairs, allowing the adults to calmly participate in their activities. Food, drinks, and enrichment activities were all thoughtfully arranged. The hosts were attentive and answered any questions, which gave me confidence and made both me and my child feel truly welcomed. My daughter is now a part of the mosque community, and I am very happy, mash'Allah. One suggestion I would add is that communication could be further streamlined, although I have already seen great improvement since being added to the community groups and having direct contact with the main mosque admins and teachers. Thank you for making us feel part of the community, for providing a variety of activities centred around both children and women, and for encouraging social connection and participation. The clean, cosy, and enriching experiences provided for my daughter and me are truly appreciated. JazakAllahu Khairan." - **Kulsoom, London**

Seasonal and Holiday Programmes - Seasonal programmes played an important role in engaging children throughout the year.

The Kids Summer Camp provided a balanced mix of educational and recreational activities, including subjects such as Maths, English, and Science alongside Qur'an learning, duas, outdoor sports, and educational trips.

These programmes ensured that children remained engaged in beneficial and structured activities during school holidays. Holiday sessions also included age-appropriate learning on core aspects of Islamic teachings, helping children develop a clear understanding of their faith and apply it confidently in their daily lives.

"The Jamia Al Maarif Kids Holiday Club was an amazing experience. My children were extremely happy and really enjoyed their time. The activities were engaging and well organised, and the teaching, particularly in science, was outstanding. My children remembered so much of what they learned, which really shows the quality of the sessions." - **Parent - Anonymous**

"It was an amazing experience at the Kids Holiday Club at Jamia Al Maarif Madrassah. My children were really happy and thoroughly enjoyed their time. I would definitely leave a positive review. Thank you for your hard work and dedication." **Parent- Anonymous**

Peterborough Centre

Jamia Almaarif has continued to establish itself as a vital hub for the Muslim community in Peterborough, with a particular focus on supporting revert sisters and young people. Over the past year, the centre has gone beyond traditional learning by offering a holistic approach to personal development-combining spiritual growth, wellbeing, education, and social connection. Through a wide range of activities, the centre has fostered a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals can grow in faith while building meaningful relationship. Activities have centred around bringing families together to participate in meditation (dhikr), celebrating key events throughout the year and working to support others in the community.

"A reverts journey can feel overwhelming, but being part of this community made everything clearer and more comforting." **Ayesha F - Peterborough**

Local users particularly appreciated the weekly sessions led by Shaykh and Shaykha. On average between 100 and 120 people attended these weekly sessions.

"There's something different about these gatherings that's hard to put into words until you experience it yourself. Being guided through dhikr by the shaykh brings a level of focus and depth that I hadn't reached on my own. It's helped me slow down internally, even when life around me is busy. Over time, I've found myself becoming more patient, more reflective, and more conscious of Allah in my day-to-day life. It's not just a moment of peace-it's something that stays with you." **Qasim Iqbal - Peterborough**

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"Committing to these sessions has genuinely changed how I approach my connection with Allah. The way the shaykh guides the dhikr and meditation gives structure and meaning to something I used to rush through. It's helped me become more present, especially in my worship, and more aware of my intentions throughout the day. There's a clarity that comes from being guided properly, and it's made a noticeable difference in both my mindset and consistency." **Muhammad Iqbal - Peterborough**

"I came into these gatherings carrying a lot mentally, and I didn't expect something so simple to have such a strong impact. The shaykh's guidance during the dhikr helps you settle your thoughts and really engage with the remembrance. It's not just about reciting-it's about understanding what you're doing and feeling that connection. Each session leaves me feeling lighter, more focused, and more in control of myself, and over time that's had a real effect on how I handle everyday life." **Fakir Mahmood - Peterborough**

"Attending the dhikr circles has honestly been one of the most grounding parts of my week. In the middle of a busy life, this space gives me a chance to reconnect with Allah in a calm and meaningful way. What makes it even more special is being guided by the shaykh-her presence brings a sense of sincerity and depth that you can truly feel. It's not just about reciting, it's about understanding and connecting. I've noticed a real difference in my patience, my mindset, and how I handle everyday stress. It feels like my heart has found its way back." **Saira Hussain - Peterborough**

Humanitarian Outreach - Soup Kitchen A key part of Jamia Almaarif's community engagement in Peterborough has been its monthly soup kitchen initiative.

Volunteers from the youth and sisters' groups regularly come together to prepare and distribute hot meals to the homeless and vulnerable across Peterborough. This initiative not only supports those in need but also instils a strong sense of social responsibility and compassion among volunteers, strengthening ties between the centre and the wider community.

Media Highlights:

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"Feeding the homeless was a wake-up call for me. Helping those who have no choice but to go hungry was a spiritual experience I'll never forget." - **Aisha K.**

Spiritual Learning and Development- Jamia Almaarif has provided a nurturing environment for those seeking to deepen their understanding of Islam.

The Sister's Circle has offered a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental space where beginners can learn Arabic and Tajweed at their own pace. Alongside this, the Islamic Studies Level 1 course has given participants a structured foundation in Islamic beliefs and practices.

"The Level 1 course answered all the 'why' questions I had about my faith in such a simple and clear way." - **Khadijah C- Peterborough.**

Ramadan and Community Iftars -During Ramadan, weekly iftars were held at the Allama Iqbal Centre.

These events brought sisters together to break their fast in a warm and supportive environment. These gatherings combined Quranic reflection with shared meals, creating a strong sense of unity and belonging.

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Media; Highlights:

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<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZNRqHTyrp/>

"Breaking my fast with the sisters made me feel like I finally found my tribe." - **Sophi P- Peterborough.**

Social Connection and Creative Activities -Weekly sister socials have played a vital role in building friendships and encouraging creativity.

Activities such as tasbeeh making, henna art, and canvas painting provided a relaxed and enjoyable setting for participants to connect. These sessions have been particularly impactful for young people and new members of the community, helping them feel welcomed and included.

Media Highlights:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBBtqn2ib3S/?igsh=MTJ6azEzOWUzeXpobQ>

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<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZNRqHnWNo/>

"The painting nights were so therapeutic. I've made friends for life." - **Kelly - Peterborough.**

Health, Wellbeing and Empowerment -Jamia Almaarif has also prioritised practical life skills and wellbeing. CPR and AED training sessions delivered by professional paramedics equipped participants with the confidence and knowledge to respond in emergencies.

Media Highlights:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DILw8Z6ivgz/?igsh=bDl1OGNwMGoyM2lh>

"I feel so much more empowered knowing I could actually save a life." - **Bronte H - Peterborough.**

Community Fundraising and Outdoor Engagement -The annual charity hike at Fineshade Woods brought together families and community members for a day of reflection, nature, and fundraising. Events like this have strengthened community bonds while supporting charitable causes.

Media Highlights:

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"Walking together as a community in such a beautiful setting was truly special." - **Shyan B - Peterborough**

Over the 2024-2025 period, the work carried out by Jamia Almaarif Peterborough centre has demonstrated remarkable growth and impact. Through its diverse range of activities, the centre has built a strong, inclusive, and supportive community that nurtures both spiritual and personal development.

By continuing to create spaces for learning, connection, and service, Jamia Almaarif has remained a cornerstone of the Peterborough community-bringing people together and fostering a lasting sense of belongings.

Oldham Activities

Jamia Almaarif has become a recognised name within the community in Oldham, During this reporting period local volunteers in the Oldham area were able to deliver several activities to benefit local people thanks to the kind contributions of local donors who funded venues and associated costs of some of the activities.. With a strong emphasis on supporting revert sisters, young people, and families, the organisation has evolved beyond traditional teaching by adopting a holistic and community-centred approach to development.

By integrating spiritual growth, wellbeing, education, and social engagement, Jamia Almaarif has cultivated a nurturing and inclusive environment. This approach has enabled individuals not only to deepen their understanding of Islam, but also to build confidence, develop meaningful relationships, and experience a genuine sense of belonging.

Meditation (Dhikr) sessions - The dhikr gatherings have helped many people to cope with the stress of life's challenges.

Local people have welcomed the opportunity to attend the monthly gatherings conducted by Imam and Shaykha. They have benefited from their lectures as well as from the 1-1 sessions that were made available if anyone required. These sessions delivered spiritual guidance or advice regarding any aspect of their daily lives. On average between 200 -220 people attended these monthly gatherings.

"Dhikr has truly changed my life for the better. One of the biggest changes i've noticed is a sense of inner peace. When i am actively doing dhikr it helps me to step away from the noises and stress of everyday life. It also calms my mind and my heart. This inner peace allows me to handle every day challenges more calmly.Through Imam's guidance and mentoring i also memorised parts of the Quran. This was a passion of mine from a young age which was able to be fulfilled through the help of Jamia Al Maarif. As a result of this I am now volunteering as a Quran teacher part time.I recommend everyone to join this school and experience what i have for yourself. It is truly a life changing experience." Areeb - Oldham 17 years Old

"The dhiikr has truly been life-changing for me. Alhamdulillah, it has strengthened my imaan and deepened my tawakkul in Allah in ways I never imagined. By consistently attending the gatherings of dhikr, I've been able to experience this connection in a way that's real and lasting. It's not just something I do, it's something I feel within me every day. It has made me far more aware and conscious of my actions, making me pause and reflect before falling into any sin, whether big or small. Through it, I've found a sense of peace and tranquility in my heart that words can barely describe, a calmness that stays with me even in difficult moments." **Eisa - Oldham 18 years old**

Sisters Summer Socialisation

A BBQ was organised to foster a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere where sisters could connect, socialise, and build meaningful relationships. Informal gatherings such as this play a significant role in reducing isolation, particularly for revert sisters or those new to the community.

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By encouraging natural interaction outside of structured settings, the event supported emotional wellbeing and strengthened community bonds.

Media & Highlights

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C-kdhs7qON3/?igsh=MW9jM2JyZnVqcnF5bg>

"I loved it!" - **Alishbah, Oldham**

Interactive Cooking Session - Pizza Decorating

This session combined creativity with collaboration, offering participants an engaging way to connect with others. Activities such as cooking promote teamwork, communication, and confidence, while creating a relaxed environment where individuals feel comfortable expressing themselves.

The positive atmosphere contributed to a sense of enjoyment and inclusion, reinforcing the importance of accessible and interactive community initiatives.

Media & Highlights

https://www.instagram.com/reel/C_5HPYBKxWT/?igsh=cm1mbWc0aDlzMGp6

"I had an amazing time..." - **Sanah Mehnaz, Oldham**

"It was such a fun environment..." - **Sanaa Javed, Oldham**

"Loved the event..." - **Sannah Sheraz, Oldham**

Outing - Trafford Centre

This outing provided an opportunity for participants to engage in a social setting beyond the centre, helping to strengthen relationships and build confidence in everyday environments.

Such experiences are particularly valuable for individuals who may feel socially isolated, as they promote independence, inclusion, and a stronger sense of community integration.

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Food & Fellowship - Group Meals

Shared meals were held that created a natural and comfortable space for connection, conversation, and relationship-building. These gatherings, while simple in nature, were essential in fostering trust, unity, and a sense of belonging within the community.

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Sports - Archery - Archery offered a unique opportunity to combine physical wellbeing with Islamic tradition. Participation encouraged discipline, focus, and resilience, while also promoting a healthy lifestyle.

The group engagement further strengthened community ties, as individuals that participated, supported and motivated one another. Football and Cricket matches were particularly popular with boys

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"Today was so good, looking forward to the next social event" - **Raibah Wajid, Oldham**

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Winter Fun - Kids Holiday Club --The holiday club provided a safe and stimulating environment where children could express creativity, build confidence, and develop positive values. Activities were designed to be both enjoyable and meaningful, supporting personal development from a young age.

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"What an amazing day this was... the creativity and talent of the children is fantastic" - **Tahira Mahmood, Oldham**

Kids Club (Ongoing) - Regular sessions provide structure and consistency, which are essential for a child's development. These sessions nurtured social skills, confidence, and a sense of belonging, while reinforcing positive values in a supportive environment.

Media & highlights

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DE2MP-8s-Z7/?igsh=bHk3bWE0am9oYXI3>

Fundraiser Event -The fundraiser brought the community together in support of a meaningful cause, reinforcing the Islamic values of charity, compassion, and collective responsibility.

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"Amazing well organised event, enjoyed it" - **Salma, Oldham**

Ramadan night prayers - Venues were hired to provide a larger space for the local community to gather for worship during Ramadan. These gatherings played a vital role in fostering unity and ensuring accessibility for all, particularly for those new to the faith.

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<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DILvrAyCTLs/?igsh=OTZwbXNrM3UzdG01>

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The local volunteers on behalf of Jamia Almaarif have demonstrated a deep commitment to serving the community in Oldham. Through a diverse range of initiatives-including social, educational, and spiritual programmes-local volunteers have successfully created an environment that nurtures both individual development and collective unity.

A strong emphasis on inclusivity has ensured that revert sisters, young people, and families felt welcomed, supported, and valued. The consistently positive feedback highlights the meaningful impact these efforts have had on individuals and the wider community.

Achievements and Recognition

This year, Jamia Almaarif was recognised as a finalist in the British Beacon Mosque Awards 2024 for Best Women's Service. This achievement reflects the organisation's dedication to supporting women through education, community programmes, and inclusive initiatives. The continued expansion of revert programmes, youth engagement, daily madrassah provision, and wellbeing activities further highlights the organisation's growth and impact.

Impact and Conclusion

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Over the past year, Jamia Almaarif has delivered consistent and meaningful programmes that have positively impacted the community. From daily madrassah education and weekly classes to large-scale events and targeted initiatives, the organisation has strengthened its role as a centre of learning, support, and connection. The focus on inclusivity, accessibility, and community building has allowed Jamia Almaarif to reach a diverse audience and create a lasting impact.

Looking ahead, the organisation aims to further expand its programmes, enhance its educational offerings, and continue supporting individuals in their spiritual and personal development. This year stands as a testament to the dedication, growth, and positive influence of Jamia Almaarif within the community.

Premises

Throughout the year, the charity made effective use of its existing premises while progressing strategic plans for future expansion. This ensured that all centres remained fully operational and able to deliver high quality services to their local communities.

The Peterborough centre remained stable and fully functional throughout the year. Its strong operational base supported an increase in programme delivery, allowing the centre to serve a growing number of participants and deepen community engagement. The existing rental agreement expired on 20th June 2025 and the landlord did not renew the licence agreement. The centre moved to a hired venue to ensure that services were not disrupted. A search is ongoing for a suitable premise on rent or purchase.

In London, the need for larger premises remains pertinent and we continue to look for suitable premises for rent or purchase. However, the current property market presents challenges due to high costs and limited availability. In the interim, the charity will continue to rent suitable venues for larger events to ensure that community needs are met while long term solutions are explored.

The Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre has continued to operate as a fully accessible and welcoming venue for local people as well as hosting family gatherings attended by participants from across the country. It has also offered valuable opportunities for the local community to deepen their understanding of the faith. The centre has remained an ideal setting for retreat weekends for youth, new Muslims, and families, providing a peaceful environment for reflection, learning, and spiritual growth.

Rental costs for Barking have remained manageable. The Broome premises continue to operate on a rent free basis.

Funding and Income generation

The charity remained financially stable throughout the reporting period, maintaining sufficient reserves to meet its operational requirements. Expenditure was carefully managed in the context of increased costs, ensuring that all core activities continued without disruption.

Our main source of income has been from madrassa fees and the continuous support of donors. Our efforts to increase awareness of the charity's work contributed to ongoing donor engagement. Fundraising and income generation activities were further developed to support long-term sustainability.

The charity continued to benefit from a strong volunteer base, enabling it to minimise administrative costs and maximise the proportion of funds applied directly to charitable activities.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Charity has funds applied to the relevant purpose. An analysis of expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 42-43

The reserves currently stands at £221,006 and details are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	£162,857
Restricted funds	£58,149

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE **Governance & Administration**

The trustees remain fully committed to maintaining a comprehensive suite of policies that are regularly reviewed to ensure all volunteers remain up to date with their required training. This ongoing diligence is essential for compliance with safeguarding standards, health and safety regulations, and data protection legislation. Consent forms are obtained prior to the sharing of any photographs or videos, ensuring that privacy and safeguarding requirements are consistently upheld.

All volunteers involved in direct work with children have completed enhanced DBS checks, and this requirement is mandatory for all new volunteers before they begin their roles. In addition, a robust insurance policy is in place to provide appropriate coverage across all activities.

The trustees' continued oversight ensures that every measure is taken to protect the welfare of children and vulnerable individuals, while upholding the highest standards of safety, accountability, and regulatory compliance throughout the organisation.

Funding

The charity's financial reserves remain robust, and our funding projections suggest that we can manage our expenses effectively, even with the increase in fuel costs. Our main source of income has continued to be through donations and the madrasa fees. We are committed to enhancing awareness of our impactful initiatives and actively pursuing additional funding opportunities.

Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers, we are well-positioned to maintain low administrative expenses, allowing us to allocate more resources towards our mission. Our focus will continue to be on promoting our work and securing further donations to support our ongoing efforts.

Projects

Looking ahead, Jamia Almaarif (London) Community Centre aims to build on the success of its current programmes by continuing and expanding its range of activities. Plans include maintaining seasonal youth retreats during both summer and winter, as well as introducing regular monthly retreat days, subject to ongoing review and community feedback. The centre also intends to broaden its wellbeing-focused initiatives by incorporating mindfulness activities such as group walks, arts and crafts sessions, and guided breathing and relaxation exercises. In addition, new workshops are planned, including health and wellbeing sessions, mental health awareness workshops, and creative activities such as knitting. These future developments reflect the centre's commitment to supporting the holistic wellbeing of the community while continuing to provide inclusive, engaging, and meaningful opportunities for connection and personal growth.

Online Classes

We will continue to deliver tailored courses designed to meet the diverse learning needs of our community. As we expand our sessions to cater for the wider community, we will further refine and adapt these programmes to ensure they meet the specific requirements of participants. Our future plans include hosting workshops that provide insight into Ramadan and how it is observed within Muslim and non Muslim communities, as well as delivering lectures that address common misconceptions about Islam.

Two batches of students currently enrolled in our Almiyyah course (a course which covers all aspects of the Islamic faith) are preparing to sit their end of year examinations, which will allow them to progress to the next stage of their studies. Enrolment for a new cohort is already underway, with the next group of first year students scheduled to begin the Almiyyah programme in September 2025.

Pilgrimage

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The Umrah trip organized by Jamia Almaarif in 2024 proved to be one of the most impactful experiences for participants. Witnessing the profound effects of pilgrimage on personal growth-spiritually, emotionally, and physically-was truly inspiring. Attendees shared feedback highlighting how the journey positively transformed their lives.

In response to this success, Jamia Almaarif will continue to take steps to facilitate the essential pilgrimage of Hajj for those who have longed to undertake it but have faced personal or professional obstacles by providing a series of lectures for preparing prospective pilgrims together with face to face workshops so that the pilgrim can be better prepared for this once in a lifetime journey.

This pilgrimage is deeply emotional, necessitating careful planning to ensure that every aspect aligns with the principles of the faith. For some participants, this will mark their first experience of such a significant journey, and Jamia Almaarif recognizes the importance of executing it flawlessly. The organization is planning to providing the necessary support and guidance to ensure that all pilgrims can embark on this sacred journey with confidence and reverence.

Retreats

Our retreats have continued to be highly successful, offering participants a meaningful space for reflection, learning, and spiritual growth. Building on this success, Jamia Almaarif aims to further expand its retreat offerings, with a particular focus on providing weekend retreats throughout the year in our Broome location to help individuals strengthen their connection with their faith.

These retreats will remain accessible to all-youth, adults, and new Muslims and those exploring the faith of Islam-ensuring that everyone can benefit from a supportive and spiritually uplifting environment. Jamia Almaarif is committed to delivering these retreats in a well organised and structured manner, prioritising safety while creating an enriching and transformative learning experience for all attendees.

New Muslims

Our New Muslims community has continued to grow steadily, and we remain committed to providing comprehensive support at every stage of their journey. We will continue offering one-to-one mentoring, emotional support, and structured classes designed to equip new Muslims with the essential knowledge and tools needed to practise their faith with confidence. Alongside this, we will maintain a welcoming social space where individuals can build friendships, participate in celebrations, and feel part of a supportive community. Our online resources will also continue to expand, enabling users to learn at their own pace and in their own time. As part of this effort, we plan to introduce a free step by step online tool to help beginners learn how to read the Qur'an in Arabic.

Following the success of our retreats at the Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre in Norfolk, we aim to continue offering opportunities for New Muslims to unwind, deepen their spiritual learning, and enjoy the natural coastal and rural surroundings that make this location so unique.

Our centre in Barking will continue delivering a wide range of initiatives for New Muslims, These activities include social gatherings, mummy and baby groups, study sessions, iftars, coffee mornings, meditation sessions, and tailored online classes. In addition, we will continue hosting a dedicated monthly Spirituality Day exclusively for New Muslims, providing a consistent space for reflection, learning, and community connection. Our activities in Peterborough will continue in hired venues until an affordable property is found on rent or purchase,

New Muslims Umrah - We started this initiative in February 2024 and will be continuing with this retreat which as we feel it is a much-needed support for new Muslims. We feel a pilgrimage to the holy lands of Makkah and Madina is invaluable to new Muslims where this sort of spiritual awakening is compared to none. Those who feel they would like to embark on this spiritual journey, will be supported with workshops, gifts of items that they will need to take with them, and for those who cannot afford the full cost of the trip a subsidy will be provided from the zakat fund in accordance with the zakat policy fund.

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Social & Interfaith activities

Our activities will continue to remain open and welcoming to people of all faiths. We offer spaces for meditation, opportunities to participate in our activities, and invitations to join us in community celebrations such as Iftar and Eid gatherings. We plan to host regular open days and expand initiatives that encourage wider community participation, including Open days, cooking classes, lectures on key topics such as misconceptions about Islam.

We will encourage school visits to the mosque in Broome and will continue to work with schools to support their RE curriculum. We will seek new opportunities for collaboration and to strengthen relationships with other faith communities and local community groups in the Norfolk region.

Looking ahead, the vision for our Sisters Socials is to continue nurturing a supportive, uplifting environment that promotes both physical wellbeing and personal growth. Building on our current offerings, we will maintain our calisthenics and yoga sessions, alongside regular hikes, fundraising initiatives, and our ongoing commitment to community service through the soup kitchen.

In addition, we aim to expand our programme to include a wider variety of enriching activities. These will include nature walks and outdoor sketching sessions to encourage reflection and creativity, as well as workshops focused on healthcare, self-care, healthy eating, and building sustainable habits. Social and creative gatherings such as pizza and poetry nights, matcha-making sessions, coffee and calligraphy meet-ups, and picnic-and-paint events will provide relaxed spaces for connection and expression.

We also plan to introduce skill-based sessions such as cake decorating and cheesecake baking, offering opportunities for learning in a fun and engaging setting. To further support holistic wellbeing, monthly sisters' walks targeting 10,000 steps and dedicated mental wellbeing sessions will be incorporated into the schedule.

We will consider establishing educational resources for individuals facing learning challenges, such as those associated with autism. This complex area is under the guidance of one of our volunteers, who is a qualified Special Educational Needs (SEN) teacher. A comprehensive plan will be developed to establish achievable goals for the students and to identify various strategies that will assist the children in maintaining focus and making progress.

Through these efforts, Jamia Almaarif and the Broome Mosque are committed to fostering a deep sense of belonging, understanding, and support within the wider community. By providing essential services, meaningful engagement, and enriching cultural experiences, we aim to create an environment that is inclusive, welcoming, and beneficial for all.

Overall, our goal is to create a balanced programme that combines physical activity, creativity, learning, and meaningful connection-supporting people in developing healthier lifestyles while strengthening community bonds.

Premises

We remain committed to creating a warm and welcoming environment that encourages learning, reflection, and meaningful community engagement at all of our venues.

The local teams in Oldham and Birmingham will continue to search for suitable locations to develop a permanent facility. In the meantime, we continue to utilise local venues on an as needed basis to deliver a range of activities, including talks, meditation sessions, and programmes for both reverts and youth.

Our team in Peterborough are also in search of new premises and continue to run services at a hired venue in the meantime.

The Charity will maintain its operations at the London and Broome location, providing spaces for prayer, meditation, and community activities aimed at supporting residents.

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We are actively seeking a larger venue in London for rent or lease or purchase, which will enable us to broaden our outreach and services to a greater number of individuals. However the challenge remains finding suitable properties which operate an F1 use. Such properties are in high demand and difficult to secure.

Our premises in Broome will continue as rent free. A new lease will need to be renegotiated before January 2027.

For some time now the trustees of Jamia Almaarif have considered opening an independent school. Our longer-term goal will be to find suitable premises to open a school subject to DFE approval. In the meantime we continue to focus on how we can improve our services for young people.

Staff

During the reporting year, 4 staff were employed on both a permanent and temporary part time basis to deliver some of our key and specialist services. The trustees recognise that we require experts to deliver certain services and for this a salary or paid annual wages is due to the level of service and commitment required. As our organisation grows, trustees will decide the need to employ more people with specific skills to ensure that the organisation is run as effectively as possible.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Its Articles of Association was last updated in August 2019. The Trustees have appointed an Executive Committee for the day to day run of the activities. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Charity operates in accordance with its Article of Association, charity law and other legal requirements and best practice.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on26/05/2026..... and signed on its behalf by:

Fatma Bodhee

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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Jamia Almaarif

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jamia Almaarif ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

U Zahoor

Usman Zahoor (FCCA)

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Date: ...26/05/2026.....

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/25 Total funds £	31/7/24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	45,678	-	45,678	38,316
Charitable activities	3				
Madrasa		62,708	-	62,708	58,496
Mosque and community		475	11,315	11,790	13,758
Youth club		1,321	-	1,321	3,604
New Muslims		2,670	-	2,670	535
Kids club		390	-	390	-
Zakat & fitrana		-	6,716	6,716	6,272
Total		113,242	18,031	131,273	120,981
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	4,398	-	4,398	5,832
Charitable activities	5				
Madrasa		62,904	-	62,904	65,663
Mosque and community		39,297	7,677	46,974	46,506
Youth club		1,013	-	1,013	2,185
New Muslims		971	-	971	3,302
Kids club		106	-	106	2,746
Disaster appeal		-	-	-	540
Zakat & fitrana		-	1,350	1,350	4,271
Total		108,689	9,027	117,716	131,045
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,553	9,004	13,557	(10,064)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		158,304	49,145	207,449	217,512
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		162,857	58,149	221,006	207,448

The notes form part of these financial statements

JAMIA ALMAARIF

**Balance Sheet
31ST JULY 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/25 Total funds £	31/7/24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	26,834	25,364	52,198	54,231
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments and accrued income		491	-	491	470
Cash at bank and in hand		143,148	32,785	175,933	160,469
		<u>143,639</u>	<u>32,785</u>	<u>176,424</u>	<u>160,939</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(7,616)	-	(7,616)	(7,722)
		<u>136,023</u>	<u>32,785</u>	<u>168,808</u>	<u>153,217</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>162,857</u>	<u>58,149</u>	<u>221,006</u>	<u>207,448</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>162,857</u>	<u>58,149</u>	<u>221,006</u>	<u>207,448</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>162,857</u>	<u>58,149</u>	<u>221,006</u>	<u>207,448</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	13			162,857	158,303
Restricted funds				58,149	49,145
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>221,006</u>	<u>207,448</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

JAMIA ALMAARIF

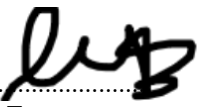
Balance Sheet - continued
31ST JULY 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26/05/2026
and were signed on its behalf by:

Fatma Bodhee

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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee



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Miss F Iqbal - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using either a straight line or reducing balance method, as indicated below.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures & Fittings - 15% Straight Line

Computer Equipment - 20% Straight Line

Leasehold Improvements - 15% Straight Line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/7/25	31/7/24
	£	£
Donations	45,395	38,316
Gift aid	283	-
	<u>45,678</u>	<u>38,316</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/7/25	31/7/24
Activity	£	£
Madrassa income	62,708	58,496
Mosque project	11,315	13,385
Sadaka income	475	343
Ramadhan	-	30
Youth club donation	1,321	3,604
Revert program	2,670	535
Kids club donation	390	-
Zakat income	6,716	6,272
	<u>85,595</u>	<u>82,665</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31/7/25	31/7/24
	£	£
Event cost	4,039	5,783
Collection Boxes	359	49
	<u>4,398</u>	<u>5,832</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Madrassa	1,087	61,817	62,904
Mosque and community	260	46,714	46,974
Youth club	1,013	-	1,013
New Muslims	971	-	971
Kids club	106	-	106
Zakat & fitrana	1,350	-	1,350
	<u>4,787</u>	<u>108,531</u>	<u>113,318</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025**

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Information technology	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Madrassa	-	1,974	59,843	61,817
Mosque and community	1,707	-	45,007	46,714
	<u>1,707</u>	<u>1,974</u>	<u>104,850</u>	<u>108,531</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/7/25	31/7/24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>13,953</u>	<u>12,165</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2025 nor for the year ended 31st July 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2025 nor for the year ended 31st July 2024.

9. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/7/25	31/7/24
Engaged on management and administration	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	38,316	-	38,316
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	58,496	-	58,496
Mosque and community	30	13,728	13,758
Youth club	3,604	-	3,604
New Muslims	-	535	535
Zakat & fitrana	-	6,272	6,272

JAMIA ALMAARIF**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025****10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Total	100,446	20,535	120,981
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	5,832	-	5,832
Charitable activities			
Madrasa	65,663	-	65,663
Mosque and community	37,287	9,219	46,506
Youth club	2,185	-	2,185
New Muslims	2,477	825	3,302
Kids club	54	2,692	2,746
Disaster appeal	-	540	540
Zakat & fitrana	-	4,271	4,271
Total	113,498	17,547	131,045
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(13,052)	2,988	(10,064)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	171,355	46,157	217,512
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>158,303</u>	<u>49,145</u>	<u>207,448</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st August 2024	67,034	12,555	1,133	80,722
Additions	11,920	-	-	11,920
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At 31st July 2025	78,954	12,555	1,133	92,642
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DEPRECIATION				
At 1st August 2024	23,907	1,960	624	26,491
Charge for year	11,843	1,883	227	13,953
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At 31st July 2025	35,750	3,843	851	40,444
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NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st July 2025	43,204	8,712	282	52,198
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At 31st July 2024	43,127	10,595	509	54,231
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/25 £	31/7/24 £
Social security and other taxes	953	966
Pension Payable	283	180
Net Wages	3,380	3,576
Accrued expenses	3,000	3,000
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	7,616	7,722
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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	158,304	4,553	162,857
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	49,145	9,004	58,149
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TOTAL FUNDS	207,449	13,557	221,006
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	113,242	(108,689)	4,553
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	18,031	(9,027)	9,004
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,273</u>	<u>(117,716)</u>	<u>13,557</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	171,355	(13,052)	158,303
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	46,157	2,988	49,145
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>217,512</u>	<u>(10,064)</u>	<u>207,448</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	100,446	(113,498)	(13,052)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	20,535	(17,547)	2,988
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,981</u>	<u>(131,045)</u>	<u>(10,064)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	171,355	(8,499)	162,856
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	46,157	11,992	58,149
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>217,512</u>	<u>3,493</u>	<u>221,005</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	213,688	(222,187)	(8,499)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	38,566	(26,574)	11,992
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>252,254</u>	<u>(248,761)</u>	<u>3,493</u>

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Lease relating to Broome Methodist Chapel, Sun Road, Broome, Bungay, NR35 2RW is between Jamia Almaarif and Saira Chaudhry who is also part of an executive committee.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

	31/7/25 £	31/7/24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	45,395	38,316
Gift aid	283	-
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	45,678	38,316
Charitable activities		
Madrassa income	62,708	58,496
Mosque project	11,315	13,385
Zakat income	6,716	6,272
Sadaka income	475	343
Youth club donation	1,321	3,604
Revert program	2,670	535
Kids club donation	390	-
Ramadhan	-	30
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	85,595	82,665
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	131,273	120,981
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Event cost	4,039	5,783
Collection Boxes	359	49
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	4,398	5,832
Charitable activities		
Children activities	106	2,633
Zakat payment	1,350	4,271
Revert retreat	971	825
Ramdhan meal	-	823
Youth retreat	163	2,477
Turkey/Syria	-	540
Trips	850	2,185
Printing & publication	1,087	1,557
Donation made	260	668
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	4,787	15,979

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JAMIA ALMAARIF

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2025

	31/7/25	31/7/24
	£	£
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	921	513
Wastage	605	523
Equipment expensed	181	-
	<u>1,707</u>	<u>1,036</u>
Information technology		
Website and IT	1,347	1,183
Media & advertisement	627	1,648
	<u>1,974</u>	<u>2,831</u>
Governance costs		
Wages	44,887	48,357
Pensions	902	660
Rates and water	938	301
Insurance	1,107	1,054
Light and heat	11,202	11,838
Postage and stationery	-	123
Independent examination fee	1,500	1,500
Rent	27,620	26,900
Repair & Maintenance	1,389	1,848
Professional fee	76	163
Sundry	1,276	405
Bank Charges	-	53
Short leasehold	11,843	10,055
Fixtures and fittings	1,883	1,883
Computer equipment	227	227
	<u>104,850</u>	<u>105,367</u>
Total resources expended	<u>117,716</u>	<u>131,045</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>13,557</u>	<u>(10,064)</u>

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JAMIA ALMAARIF

England & Wales - Charity number 1186352

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 11473276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186352

JAMIA ALMAARIF
Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024**

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JAMIA ALMAARIF

Reference and Administrative Details FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

Trustees (Directors)

Firyal Iqbal (Chairman)
Fatma Bodhee (Treasurer)
Adeeba Khan (Vice Chairman)
Parvaiz Aktar (Trustee)
Mohamed Irfan (Trustee)
Ishrat Parween (Trustee)

Registered office

7 Tanner Street
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Barking
Essex
IG11 8QA

Registered Company Number

11473276 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number

1186352

Bank

Barclays Bank UK PLC
Barking Road
London

Executive committee

Muhammad A Karim (Imam)
Dr S Chaudhry (Curriculum Lead & teaching Manager)
Adeeba Khan (Youth Lead & Event Manager)
Sobia Amin (Youth Curriculum)
Kinzah Iqbal (Youth Lead Birmingham)
Shamrez Iqbal (Reverts & Men's Classes Coordinator)
Naureen Azhar (Activities Coordinator London)
Ishrat Parween (Activities Coordinator Oldham)
Suneela Iqbal (Activities Coordinator Peterborough)
Nusrit Khatun (Teaching Support)
Hooria Hussain (Activities Coordinator Birmingham)

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

COMPANY HISTORY

The madrassa, which offers its services at no cost, initially began in a home environment with children from the families and friends of its founders. Recognizing the potential to better serve the community, the trustees established a free madrassa at the Barking Community Centre in January 2017, aiming to reach a broader audience of children and families in the vicinity. Initially, the madrassa operated during weekday evenings, but as its popularity grew, there was an increasing demand for daytime activities to better support local women and engage the youth. This prompted the introduction of recreational programs on weekends and during school holidays, providing a safe space for children to form friendships while learning about their faith in a fun and engaging manner. Jamia Almaarif acknowledged the varying needs of different age groups, leading to the creation of kids' clubs for younger children and youth clubs tailored for teenagers. These initiatives have been implemented across the UK, including cities like London, Birmingham, Oldham, and Peterborough, and have gained significant popularity in all locations.

To cater to diverse schedules, meditation classes were organized throughout the week, including evenings and weekends. The organisation also began offering religious guidance and pastoral support to meet the needs of the local community. As more volunteers with varied skills and professional experiences joined the charity, additional activities were introduced, enabling the organisation to broaden its range of services. The charity has since expanded its reach to other regions across the UK, making its programs more accessible to a larger audience. The introduction of online services has further improved accessibility for many individuals, ensuring that the madrassa can effectively connect with those in need.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and public benefits

The objectives of Jamia Almaarif, as set out in its Articles of Association, are:

- a) To promote the Islamic faith within the United Kingdom for the public good by organizing prayer gatherings, lectures, and public celebrations of religious festivals, as well as producing and distributing literature on Islam to educate others about the religion.
- b) To enhance the well-being of residents in the United Kingdom by providing recreational facilities and leisure activities for individuals in need due to youth, infirmity, disability, financial difficulties, or challenging social and economic conditions, thereby contributing to the overall social welfare and improving the quality of life for these individuals.
- c) To reduce poverty and enhance the social and economic welfare of those eligible to receive Zakat and Sadaqa, in accordance with Islamic principles, for individuals both in the UK and globally.
- d) To further the education of Muslim children in line with Islamic teachings by establishing an online learning platform that offers instruction in national curriculum subjects alongside their Islamic studies.

In alignment with these objectives, the charity organises a variety of activities aimed at benefiting the public.

**Trustees' Report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Charity has persistently worked to offer support and services to the community. Our in-person services for all users at our centres located in Barking, Peterborough, and Broome has proven to be very fruitful and successful during this reporting year. Our initiatives have focused on nurturing connections among individuals, encouraging friendships, and celebrating significant community events, while also providing opportunities for individuals to deepen their understanding of their faith and strengthen their relationship with God. The substantial increase in our volunteer team has enabled the charity to extend its reach to a larger audience.

Our support services for New Muslims and youth have flourished, remaining accessible to everyone, with many offerings available online, including one-on-one mentoring and classes designed for all age groups. Thanks to our local donors for our Barking users, we have been able to broaden our activities to include weekly engaging sessions for children and half-term clubs. Our Peterborough centre has become well-established, successfully delivering a variety of activities for the local community.

We have maintained our online initiatives, which include our YouTube channel, social media engagement, online classes, an online Madrasa Program, and virtual support networks. Our 'Let's Learn Series' has proven to be an effective learning tool for both younger audiences and their parents, helping us achieve our educational and spiritual objectives. Additionally, our revert stories have served as a source of inspiration for those considering Islam as their new faith.

Our Youth Professional Development Program has continued to engage young people, enhancing their knowledge, confidence, and teamwork skills while providing enjoyable activities.

The Reverts Mentoring Program remained a crucial support system for new Muslims. Our customised program, along with one-on-one mentoring, has assisted many individuals on their journey into a new faith, creating a welcoming platform for all.

The Broome Mosque has hosted a range of activities and events that have greatly improved community relations. Among these initiatives are food-themed events like cultural days and cooking workshops. A standout event was "Visit My Mosque," which provided a comprehensive insight into the mosque's activities and their influence on the community. This event also promoted a deeper appreciation of the services and advantages the mosque offers to the community.

The Mosque made use of its surroundings to enhance education about nature. This involved arts and crafts sessions led by "Earthwake," along with nature walks that were appreciated by both locals and visitors from around the UK.

All of our centres have continually sought out fundraising opportunities. The Broome Mosque also held a successful fundraising event for McMillan Cancer. Our madrasa has continued to be a steady source of income.

Family retreats at the Broome Mosque have gained significant popularity as people have wanted a break from their hectic lives and appreciated the beautiful surroundings of the mosque. These events were inclusive, attracting both new Muslims and members of the local community who enjoyed participating and deepening their understanding of the faith.

VOLUNTEERING

Our dedicated team of volunteers has consistently worked diligently to maintain high standards in the administration of the charity. The organisation benefits from a group of highly qualified volunteers, many of whom hold degrees in various disciplines. Some are currently engaged in essential professions such as teaching, nursing, and mental health support, while others are pursuing studies in medicine and dentistry. Throughout this reporting year, we welcomed new volunteers who brought additional skills, further strengthening our capacity to achieve our objectives. Up to 100 volunteers have participated during this period, with several committing even more regular weekly hours than the previous year, resulting in an impressive average of 300 hours contributed each week. All volunteers who work with children have undergone DBS checks and receive health and safety training. We have also provided Data Protection training and ensured our policies are current and compliant with legislation, safeguarding everyone within our organization. Additionally, we have a number of youth volunteers who have dedicated their time to various activities, gaining valuable experience that will enhance their university applications and CVs.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

"Jamia Almaarif have truly given me so many opportunities to develop as a Muslim, teacher, student, and generally as an individual. I have been blessed with the chance to teach Arabic to reverts and children regularly every week, along with teaching various other topics to the next generation of young Muslims, including children, teenagers and reverts. One of the most valuable skills that these opportunities has helped me develop is consistency; through these regular sessions, I am also able to strengthen my own teaching, communication, learning and time management skills and this has been proven as it has really shown in other areas in my life. A beautiful thing about Jamia Almaarif is that no matter how many times I take on the same class or topics, I will always learn something new and apply it. I will strive to carry on learning and In Sha Allah, teaching, with Jamia Almaarif, so that I can become an even better version of myself". **Aisha Hussain, 22- Peterborough**

"The benefit I have gained both socially and spiritually from being a volunteer for Jamia Almaarif is unmeasurable. This organisation and everyone who takes part in it has become so close to my heart. From when I started I was treated like family and I felt such sense of belonging. It has given me the opportunity to put myself out of my comfort zone and prove to myself that I am capable of much more than I thought. Through Jamia Almaarif I have gained confidence to speak amongst groups of people, teach various Islamic topics to different ages at different levels. I also volunteer to teach Arabic to young children 4 evenings a week- this has allowed me to adapt my teaching style to suit each individual child to benefit them as much as possible. Jamia Almaarif has also given me the opportunity to help others by allowing me to become a mentor and a guide for those who are looking for support. Despite being a mentor I get weekly meeting with coordinators of Jamia Almaarif for my own personal progress and mental health check-ups. I believe this has been vital in my progression and commitment to being a part of such an outstanding organisation". **Kinzah- Birmingham**

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity assesses its effectiveness by considering user feedback and the results of educational initiatives. We prioritise engaging with our community, welcoming their insights and suggestions. The encouraging feedback we have garnered inspires us to consistently improve our services.

A detailed summary of our programs, along with reviews, can be found on our website, in addition to our social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook. We are committed to transparency and strive to keep our community informed about our ongoing efforts and achievements

Religious Projects and Services

Religious Teaching

Spirituality is situated at the heart of our religious, which emphasises the importance of personal character development in alignment with the principles outlined in the Quran and the exemplary conduct of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). We acknowledge the significance of fostering spiritual tranquillity through our meditation sessions and educational lectures. To ensure accessibility, we have organized both in-person meditation gatherings and online sessions, allowing individuals from various regions to participate and gain from these experiences.

Participants in our sessions have reported substantial benefits, as these gatherings inspire them to enhance their character, engage in self-reflection, and cultivate positive behaviours towards themselves and others. Throughout this process, we remained committed to upholding both British and Islamic values, ensuring that our teachings resonate with the broader community while promoting personal growth and spiritual well-being.

Throughout the holy month of Ramadan, a significant period for Muslims characterised by fasting and communal worship, we maintained our commitment to ongoing support. This culminated in festive Eid celebrations at our centres and virtual gatherings, ensuring that all activities remained accessible to the entire community. Iftar events were organised across all our locations, warmly inviting guests from diverse backgrounds to join in the festivities.

During this sacred month, we offered a variety of programs, including daily Quran explanation sessions conducted in both English and Urdu, as well as meditation sessions to promote mindfulness. Additionally, we hosted breaking of fast gatherings in cities such as London, Peterborough, Cambridge, Oldham, Birmingham, and Broome Mosque, alongside a dedicated Quran retreat camp in Broome Mosque fostering a sense of unity and spiritual growth among participants.

The Reverts Mentoring Programme at Jamia Almaarif provided a supportive and enriching environment. The mentors were incredibly knowledgeable and patient, guiding us through the fundamentals of Islam with clarity and compassion. Their dedication made the learning process enjoyable and accessible. The classes were well-structured, covering a wide range of subjects from Quranic studies to Islamic jurisprudence. The teachers' expertise and engaging teaching methods fostered a deep understanding of the material. Discussions were encouraged, creating a collaborative learning atmosphere. Overall, my experience at Jamia Almaarif has been transformative. The combination of the mentoring program and structured classes has significantly deepened my understanding of Islam. I am grateful for the knowledge and support I received, which has enriched my spiritual journey. **Hannah- Peterborough**

After school madrassa

The face-to-face Madrassa located in both Barking and Peterborough has consistently provided a nurturing environment where children can engage with their faith meaningfully. As of July 31, 2024, the madrassa has an enrolment of 236 students, supported by a dedicated team of 33 volunteer teachers and 5 paid staff members. Additionally, our online madrassa, launched at the onset of the pandemic, has maintained full enrolment, reflecting the commitment and hard work of our volunteer educators.

The dedication of our teaching staff, largely made up of volunteers, has been instrumental in facilitating considerable advancements in student learning. We have effectively woven Islamic values into our educational framework, while also mentoring students to grow into conscientious members of the community. The ongoing positive responses from parents highlight the success of our initiatives and the profound influence they exert on the development of our students.

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The teaching staff, have strived to exceed expectations in fostering an engaging and supportive atmosphere for learning, emphasising not just academic achievement but also the development of moral and spiritual values. The madrassah has provided numerous avenues for students to participate in community activities, which helps cultivate character and leadership abilities beyond the academic setting.

This encouraging and nurturing environment has promoted students' growth in their faith as well as their personal development, while simultaneously nurturing a profound sense of belonging and unity among the madrassah community. Through these efforts, students are equipped with the tools necessary for holistic development, preparing them for future challenges

The madrassah has been actively hosting important events, including Seerah and Miraj conferences, which not only attracted large crowds but also enhanced community involvement. The Seerah conferences, dedicated to exploring the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), provided an opportunity for madrassah students to showcase their abilities through various forms of expression such as recitations, role-plays, speeches, and performances. These gatherings engaged students, families, and local community members who are keen to expand their knowledge of Islamic history.

In a similar vein, the Miraj events, which commemorated the Prophet's extraordinary Night Journey, witness enthusiastic participation from madrassah students alongside numerous volunteers who helped with different organisational tasks, ranging from logistics to food preparation. The contributions of these volunteers were essential for the successful execution of these events, ensuring a seamless experience and fostering a lively atmosphere of engagement and participation.

"This madrassa provides a nurturing environment for my son to learn and to develop a strong foundation in Islamic education. It offers Quranic studies and Islamic values in an engaging and age-appropriate manner. The teachers are patient and knowledgeable, ensuring that students grasp lessons effectively. The madrassa also promotes moral development and good character. Overall, it is an excellent madrassa for parents seeking a balanced religious education for their children." ~ **Parent of Ayoub-London**

"Jamia Al Maarif Madrasha is an excellent place for children to learn the Quran. The teachers are incredibly dedicated and skilled at making the lessons both engaging and easy to understand. They create a positive and supportive environment, where the children are encouraged to memorise and recite the Quran with confidence. Not only do the kids become more confident in their ability to read and memorise the Quran, but they also develop a deep respect for its teachings. The madrasha does a wonderful job of instilling both knowledge and confidence in its students, making it an ideal place for children to grow spiritually and academically. Highly recommended for anyone looking to provide their children with a strong foundation in the Quran." ~ **Parent of Adiy and Manha- London**

"Alhumdulillah as parent I'm happy with Hafsa's recitation. I can see lots improvement in her tajweed. Hafsa had some flows in her recitation but Alhumdulillah it's improving. Clearly there's a huge improvement in Hafsa's recitation." **Parent of Hafsa-Peterborough**

"Bilal is first reading his Quran. I fully understand that sometimes Bilal makes a random mistakes due to his lack of revision. Alhumdulillah I'm so happy with your encouragement for Bilal, I can see his progress in his recitations. He enjoys recitation and doing the small assessments on his rules, Dua's and Namaz has really helped him As sometime I notice he does better with repetitions". **Parent of Bilal -Peterborough**

"Overall, Alhumdulillah Appa we are blessed to have a such a hard working teacher. A teacher with great knowledge of tajweed and understanding. My kids are grateful to have you as their teacher. Alhumdulillah we admire your flexibility with kids. Alhumdulillah as a parent I feel blessed to have you my kids' teacher. May Allah rewards you with your endless blessings. Jazakallah for everything" **Anonymous - Peterborough**

"A very well organised performance from all children the efforts and rewards a two way stream both tutor and student did an remarkable job a very proud and heart soothing moment for every parent. Our own daughter Aamina we have seen such a growth in maturity and enthusiasm for deen and Islam this is the sheer love given by tutors to encourage our child to gravitate towards Islam and its principles. Thank you and may you be rewarded with Bharkat" **Andaleeb Parent of Aamina Peterborough**

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Classes for all the family

Jamia Almaarif is dedicated to providing a wide array of classes designed to impart a thorough Islamic education to individuals of various backgrounds and ages, while also fostering their spiritual development. The curriculum encompasses essential Islamic studies tailored for different age groups, including the Alamiyyah course, which covers significant topics such as the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence), Hadith, and the Arabic language and grammar.

To ensure inclusivity, all classes were offered in both Urdu and English, catering to the diverse needs of the community. In addition, there were specialised Islamic studies classes for children across different age ranges, along with monthly workshops that explored specific subjects of interest, such as articles of faith and personal growth, highlighting the importance of self-improvement through the application of Islamic teachings. Moreover, Jamia Al-Maarif were responsive to the needs of new and revert Muslims, providing classes specifically designed for them and the youth, ensuring they acquired a relevant and effective understanding of the material, all conducted in English.

The attendance at Jamia Almaarif's classes were consistently impressive, with an average of 300 participants each week, encompassing a broad spectrum from children to adults. This high level of engagement reflects the institution's ability to create a lively and interactive learning atmosphere, where both educators and learners demonstrated a strong dedication to their educational and spiritual journeys. The commitment to fostering a supportive community was evident in the diverse offerings and the enthusiastic participation of students..

As indicated in our future plans in our last report, the Islamic Scholarship programme was launched in both English and Urdu, which encompasses all the key areas of study to train up teachers to teach at a scholar level. Currently there are 11 students enrolled in this program of study.

"An Islamic scholarship is something that I have always wanted to do but thought I would never be in a position to do it. Therefore my delight was understandable when Jamia Almaarif announced they would be launching an Islamic scholarship. Once I started the course I was so grateful for the support that I was provided with. The teachers are amazing and very understanding. As well as the material used during the lessons Jamia Almaarif provided access to recordings of the lessons allowing me to absorb information at my own pace. The assessments are conducted regularly in fun ways including online quizzes. As a full time mother that works, the timing of the classes is very suited to my lifestyle and it is cost free. I am thoroughly enjoying the scholarship and can't express my gratitude enough to Jamia Almaarif for making my dream come true" - **Ishrat Oldham**

By maintaining a dynamic curriculum and a welcoming environment, Jamia Almaarif not only enhanced the educational experience but also strengthens the bonds within the community. The institution's focus on relevant topics and events, aligned with the lunar calendar, ensured that the classes remained pertinent and engaging for all participants. This holistic approach to Islamic education underscores the institution's mission to nurture both knowledge and spirituality among its students.

"I appreciate the depth and context that the teachers provide during the lessons, especially when they share the stories behind the Quranic verses. These narratives enhance my understanding of the Quran, as I often lack knowledge of the context behind the verses. The teachers' insights significantly deepen my comprehension." ~ **Ahqeela, London**

"I am very much grateful to be among the students of this noble gathering and circle of scholars impacting the methodology of Islamic knowledge in accordance to the standard teaching of the Prophet. I am also thankful to all my teachers for their efforts on us, my colleagues and I ask Allah to reward you all abundantly in this world and paradise in the hereafter. I encourage the readers to hasten without hesitation to learn the knowledge of the Deen to positively impact on our families, friends and the community with the great value of our Islam. ~ Sucaad yonis

"Alhamdulillah very grateful to join these online sessions. Jazak Allah for all teacher's hard work." ~ **Asrah, Norway**

"I enrolled with Jamia Al Maarif through the website. I am from Lahore, Pakistan. It's very easy to understand when the teachers explain things well Alhamdulillah" ~ **Tehmina khan, Pakistan**

"Indeed, it's a very comprehensive and informative session for people in Pakistan as well. The timings are quite feasible, and the lecture is made to understand Quran in such an easy way. Jazak'Allah o khair" ~ **Dr Shumaila Atif Pakistan**

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"I recently took an online Islamic studies classes with Jamia Almaarif, and I found it to be a truly enriching experience. The course was well-structured, covering a wide range of topics including the Quran, Hadith, Islamic history, and contemporary issues facing the Muslim community. The instructors were knowledgeable and passionate, making the material engaging and accessible.

One of the highlights was the interactive elements of the class, such as group discussions and Q&A sessions. This allowed for a deeper understanding of the subjects and encouraged students to share their perspectives. The resources provided, including readings and multimedia content, were also excellent and complemented the lessons effectively.

Overall, I would highly recommend this online Islamic studies class to anyone looking to deepen their understanding of Islam. It offers a comprehensive curriculum, supportive learning environment, and the flexibility of online learning, making it suitable for both beginners and those with prior knowledge" **Aisha – Peterborough**

"Jamia Al Maarif has been an incredible platform for personal and professional growth. The diverse range of opportunities, including meditation circles, youth mentorship programs, retreats, and online teaching courses, has allowed me to develop new skills and broaden my perspective. Being part of these initiatives has enabled me to connect with people from different backgrounds, build lasting friendships, and grow in confidence. I have also seen a significant improvement in my communication skills and a deeper understanding of self-development and community engagement. The welcoming and supportive environment at Jamia Al Maarif fosters learning, reflection, and meaningful interactions. I highly encourage anyone looking to expand their knowledge, enhance their skills, and be part of an inspiring community to get involved." **Anonymous**

Social Welfare

Religious Advice and Support

The Imam has remained a vital source of counsel and support on various religious topics, including personal matters related to marriage, family conflicts, and other facets of Islamic life, aimed at assisting community members. This guidance was offered both face-to-face and via social media channels, ensuring accessibility to a broader audience.

By tackling significant contemporary issues and presenting them through an Islamic lens, the Imam provided solutions rooted in the teachings of Islam. This approach not only addressed the needs of the community but also fostered a deeper understanding of how Islamic principles could be applied to modern challenges.

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The Imam has expanded his offerings to include a variety of services, such as question-and-answer sessions, weekly educational classes, morning broadcasts, and meditation sessions tailored for families. Individuals from different cities have engaged with the live streaming of daily morning broadcasts, which have encouraged both individuals and families to begin their day positively.

The Friday Sermons have addressed significant societal challenges, inspiring attendees to enhance their religious practices. These sessions have not only provided guidance but have also motivated individuals to take proactive steps in their spiritual journeys.

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Emotional Support

Our Shaykha has consistently provided spiritual guidance to new Muslims through both online platforms and in-person sessions at our venues. This online initiative has successfully connected with new Muslims across the UK who choose to enrol with us. In response to the growing number of enrolments, the Shaykha has dedicated approximately 7-8 hours each week to one-on-one mentoring. Participants in our mentoring program were also paired with a personal learning mentor to assist them in their journey of understanding their new faith, as well as a buddy to foster social inclusion and a sense of belonging.

Personal mentors were available to offer emotional and educational support for around 15-16 hours each week. Throughout this reporting period, we have observed a notable increase in the number of new Muslims participating in our online classes, attending face-to-face sessions, and engaging in events across all locations. This growth reflected the effectiveness of our mentoring program and the commitment to supporting individuals as they navigated through their spiritual journeys.

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"I had the opportunity to participate in the Reverts mentoring program, and I can't express how transformative the experience has been. From the very first session, I felt welcomed and included, which was crucial as I navigated this new path in my life. The mentors were incredibly supportive, providing not only guidance but also a sense of community that made me feel like I truly belonged.

Throughout the program, I learned so much about myself and the values I wanted to embrace. The structured activities and discussions allowed me to explore new perspectives and gain insights that have been invaluable. I found myself growing in confidence and understanding, and I could see tangible improvements in my skills and mindset.

Overall, the Reverts mentoring program has been a pivotal part of my journey. It has equipped me with the tools I need to succeed while fostering a sense of connection and belonging that I had been searching for. I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to embark on a similar path; it truly makes a difference". **Aiysha - Peterborough**

As of Jan 2024, the one to one mentoring by Shaykha was extended to include youth mentoring. This is in addition to the one to one mentoring that Youth receive from a member of volunteer staff who is a BABCP accredited Psychotherapist and BPS member for 3 hours per week. Weekly one-on-one mentoring sessions were offered for young individuals, allowing them to reserve time for personal discussions. These sessions created a secure environment where youth could address various topics, including personal challenges, academic difficulties, spiritual guidance, Islamic counsel, and general career advice. Numerous students have benefited from these opportunities, finding them instrumental in enhancing their confidence and motivation regarding their educational pursuits and overall well-being.

The mentoring slots provided by Shaykha have proven to be a valuable resource for many young people, fostering an atmosphere conducive to open dialogue. Participants have reported significant improvements in their attitudes towards education and personal development, attributing their increased motivation and self-assurance to the supportive nature of these interactions.

"One to Ones with Shaykha are the second most important thing after mehfil for me. sometimes when it gets a bit difficult to make it to mehfil, one to ones with shaykha help me cope and catch up. they are a constant reminder for me to keep going when things get tough. It is a miracle SubhanAllah how the session only lasts a few minutes sometimes even a few seconds but somehow Shaykha listen to all that I have to say and bless me with advice and duas. one to ones with Them really help me to stay in touch and keep on track with dikhr. Alhamdulillah"-**Maryam abasi**

Family support and guidance have been consistently provided by our Imam and Shaykha, available at all times to address the numerous requests we received. In his weekly Friday Khutbas, the Imam addressed domestic matters, urging the audience to foster positive and healthy lifestyles and relationships.

"When I speak about my journey in Islam, I can't miss out our beloved Shaykha, without her I would know nothing. Every journey needs a beginning and she is mine. I've never come across a teacher with such passion, dedication and love for her students. I used to get worried about messaging Shaykha with my questions or letting her know but I had nothing to worry about. She welcomed me with open arms. I can confide in Shaykha about any of my problems but what I love the most is I get to share all the happy moments and have Shaykha witness my journey as well as hear it"-**Natasha Birmingham**

Meditation classes

Jamia Almaarif offered meditation classes that welcome both Muslims and Non-Muslims, creating a tranquil environment for individuals seeking to enhance their mental health and attain inner tranquillity. This inclusive atmosphere promoted a sense of belonging, encouraging participants to discover the advantages of meditation and fostering a more balanced lifestyle.

The weekly in-person meditation sessions at the Barking Centre attracted approximately 180 attendees, along with various special events throughout the year. Participants represent a wide array of backgrounds, ages, and nationalities, with some traveling from different cities across the UK to engage in these sessions. To accommodate the increasing interest, additional sessions have been established, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to join the weekly classes and special events. Furthermore, the meditation program has expanded beyond the Barking Centre, with regular classes and special events now available in cities such as Peterborough, Birmingham, Oldham, Luton, Cambridge, and Manchester, and at our mosque in Broome Norwich, making it more accessible for individuals outside of London to benefit from these valuable sessions.

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"I have always been around people that have been associated with zikr gatherings, have also been part of a group which entails me getting lesson. However, I did not feel what others had felt, it still felt like I was doing something wrong and the feeling was not there. It's very hard to find a gathering with ladies especially. When I joined here, I instantly knew this is the place where I should be. The blessings getting from zikr is something that is indescribable and can only be felt. Even though my work limits when I can come, I do try my best to attend when I can. For us ladies it very hard to find these Mehfil/gatherings. May Allah SWT give us all the toufeeq to feel this and attend these blessings." ~ **Ferhat, Harrow**

"Meditation has truly helped me in ways I can't fully explain. I feel more relaxed, peaceful, and content with myself than ever before. It has also brought me a deeper spiritual connection that I didn't have before, and I'm incredibly grateful for that. I'm so glad I started this journey, and I hope to continue it for a long time InshAllah" ~ **Malika, London**

Youth Club

The trustees have been actively enhancing the activities and resources dedicated to the youth program. They understand the significance of offering young individuals a foundation that will enable them to achieve success in the near future. Consequently, a strategic plan was developed to implement initiatives that allow today's youth to engage positively with society, instilling essential Islamic values while fostering a healthy mindset, along with the development of valuable skills as they pursue their academic journeys.

In the past, Jamia Almaarif initiated a program aimed at youth and other community members, focusing on equipping participants with essential skills and fostering community-building experiences. This initiative is an extension of our Youth Personal Development Programme (PDP), which was originally launched online during the pandemic. Since August 2021, we have organized several holiday clubs and activity days, successfully hosting a variety of retreats and local events for both our youth and community members. These efforts reflected our commitment to nurturing personal growth and community engagement among young individuals..

The Healthy Mind & Body initiative at Jamia Almaarif aims to instil new healthy habits through our various activities while fostering a positive perspective on life and the future. During this reporting year, we organized excursions and activity days specifically tailored for our youth, focusing on fitness and well-being. These activities included nature walks, educational games, and exercise sessions, all designed to highlight the significance of physical health and mental wellness as fundamental components of a fulfilling life. The connection between a healthy body and a healthy mind is central to our philosophy.

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Youth Retreats

Over the past year, Jamia Almaarif has successfully organized numerous youth retreats, attracting a significant number of participants. In light of this positive response, we have decided to continue hosting retreats at our Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre, which provides a serene environment conducive to reflection and physical activities. These retreats are designed to offer youth opportunities for self-care, introspection, and quality interactions with peers are scheduled during school breaks.

A fundamental aspect of our sessions and camps included meditation, one-on-one counselling, and group discussions or Q&A sessions. The trustees believe that these elements are crucial for enhancing the mental health, career development, and academic success of our youth. The meditation sessions emphasized self-reflection and equipped participants with stress management techniques, particularly beneficial during exam periods. Additionally, these retreats fostered opportunities for making new connections and friendships, thereby expanding social networks. We have also introduced skill development initiatives, focusing on cleaning, managing, organising, and delegating tasks within a team. We believe that these experiences will have cultivated teamwork, decision-making abilities, and a sense of responsibility among our youth, all of which are essential skills for a successful future

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Jamia al Maarif is an amazing community, during the retreats I have made so many friends which remind me of deen and I always feel so peaceful during any dhikr gathering or retreat and I feel so close to Allah which I am really grateful for. Everyone there is so welcoming and kind. I am always happy and excited when I get invited to a gathering of any kind. It has made my faith better as well as my knowledge about Islam, I always have a good time going to Broome Mosque. In person and through online classes Shayka has taught me a lot of Islamic teachings about Quran and love for Prophet SAW. Overall Jamia Almaarif has brought me closer to my Iman and deen and everyone is so welcoming. **Bushra-Bolton**

I have attended the youth retreats held at the Broome mosque on numerous occasions and just can't get enough. These retreats have helped me to develop and build on my relationship with Allah SWT and Prophet Muhammad PBUH. We take time to sit in the remembrance of Allah and I have earned so much about my faith. The best part I like is that we learn about the sunnah way of life at the retreats and then I am able to apply this in my daily life when I return home - **Hinna Mobeen- Oldham**

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New Muslims

This year, we maintained our dedication to assisting new Muslims as they navigated through their spiritual paths with our on-going reverts mentoring programme and by organizing a range of interactive events and initiatives. These activities were designed to cultivate an inclusive atmosphere, offer valuable educational materials, and strengthen community ties.

Our ongoing efforts to support new Muslims in their spiritual journeys were evident through numerous engaging events and initiatives throughout the year. These endeavours focused on establishing a friendly environment, delivering essential educational resources, and enhancing connections within the community.

The Reverts Mentoring Programme at Jamia Almaarif provided a supportive and enriching environment. The mentors were incredibly knowledgeable and patient, guiding us through the fundamentals of Islam with clarity and compassion. Their dedication made the learning process enjoyable and accessible. The classes were well-structured, covering a wide range of subjects from Quranic studies to Islamic jurisprudence. The teachers' expertise and engaging teaching methods fostered a deep understanding of the material. Discussions were encouraged, creating a collaborative learning atmosphere. Overall, my experience at Jamia Almaarif has been transformative. The combination of the mentoring program and structured classes has significantly deepened my understanding of Islam. I am grateful for the knowledge and support I received, which has enriched my spiritual journey. **Hannah- Peterborough**

"During my young pre-teen years my mother always sent me to church with my brother and sisters I enjoyed learning about Christianity and my love for God. However I always felt that there was something missing. I didn't feel the humbleness that I longed to feel while being in an environment of faith. As I moved from one church to another I was unable to find the missing piece. A few years ago whilst at work I was seated amongst my muslim friends and as they were discussing Islam I listened and became intrigued I always wanted to be able to attend an environment where God and your faith is what is the priority instead of personal gain. Five years ago I took the shahada and declared my faith to Islam. The support I have received from Jamia Amaarif has been a breath of fresh air for me and the humbleness I was looking for was finally settling in me. I have never felt so connected before since I have embraced Islam my journey so far is a learning one as I am a lot older and have a lot to learn all those that mentor me have been nothing but very patient and supportive towards me" **Norman- London**

Below is a summary of our key programs:

Local New Muslim Circles

Locations: Barking, Broome Norwich, Birmingham, Peterborough, Oldham

Overview: Weekly gatherings offered a safe and comfortable space for new Muslims to connect over refreshments or coffee. Each session included a social circle focusing on relevant discussions, as well as Arabic lessons.

Spiritual Retreats

Date: Aug. 2023

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Location: Siddiqa Nawaz Broome Mosque

Overview: Our first Shahada ceremony was held, celebrating 21 reverts who received gift bags containing Muslim headwear and personalized Jamia Almaarif stationery (notebooks and pens).

"I literally was buzzin for the day... it just feels blessed."- **Jodie, Birmingham**

"Homeward bound after an incredible spiritual retreat... immersed in meditation, prayer, and learned about Islamic practices."- **Maryam Noor, London**

"A perfect day to elevate my spirituality... the Shahada ceremony was definitely thoughtful."- **Khadija, Peterborough**

"After almost 13 years, I refreshed my Shahada in the presence of beautiful new Muslim sisters... I feel I achieved taqwah."- **Ayesha Farooqi, Peterborough**

"I came away with blessings... I have started reading my Namaz more often, Alhamdulillah."- **Nikki, Manchester**

Revert Sisters Spiritual Retreat

Date: December 22-26, 2023

Location: Siddiqa Nawaz Broome Mosque

Overview: This four-day retreat aimed to deepen the participants' relationship with Allah by incorporating Jummah prayer, khutbah, Quran tafseer, and fiqh classes into the schedule. In addition to these spiritual activities, attendees engaged in various creative pursuits, enjoyed a trip to a Winter Wonderland, and participated in laser tag, enhancing the overall experience. The retreat also catered to families by providing dedicated activities for children, which contributed to a welcoming and family-oriented environment. This combination of spiritual enrichment and recreational fun created a holistic experience for all participants, promoting a sense of community and connection.

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Revert Sisters Spirituality Days

Date: Started November 26, 2023- Present

Location: Barking, London

Overview: Organised by Jamia Almaarif, these regular gatherings included a delightful brunch and impactful discussions on various topics like Palestine which included a period of silence, inner connection, mental health, knowledge of significant Islamic history etc. and meditation in honour of Allah (SWT). Attendees also had the opportunity for personal consultations with Dr S Chaudhry. Meanwhile, a dedicated children's area provided engaging activities for young attendees, including trips to the park and library. The event was offered at no cost, promoting the spirit of giving through donations to aid our continuous efforts. This initiative not only fostered community engagement but also highlighted important social issues while providing a nurturing environment for families.

Madrassa Classes for Reverts

Duration: January 2024 to June 2024

Location: Barking, London and online

Overview: The weekly curriculum featured Islamic Study sessions facilitated by Shaykha, followed by Arabic reading classes overseen by a dedicated volunteer. These sessions were strategically timed to coincide with the madrassa schedules of the children.

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Isra and Mi'raj Commemoration: On Jan 21st 2024, a notable event included a special presentation by Dr S Chaudhry, which was succeeded by a session of nasheeds and a question-and-answer segment. Additionally, a coffee morning for revert sisters and a childcare facility for children were made available.

Shaban Day Event: Specific activities for reverts were organized, with footage available here.

Ramadan Preparation Day: Mar 10th 2024 – The event featured presentations focused on the Fiqh of Fasting, alongside workshops dedicated to the practice of Taraweeh prayers. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in a quiz that included prizes, and the first 30 participants received complimentary gifts. Additionally, a Kids Club was established for children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Eid-ul-Fitr Celebration:

Apr 14th 2024 - A lively community gathering showcased a variety of performances, food vendors, activities for children, face painting, and henna art. This complimentary event created a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all attendees.. Footage available here.

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Online Learning Opportunities

Overview: Jamia Almaarif provided a variety of online courses, featuring the weekly "Reverts Islamic Studies Class" held on Wednesdays and the "Revert Sisters Essentials Class" scheduled for Tuesdays. Furthermore, the institution organized focus groups centered on prayer, distinct Arabic reading sessions, and tailored mentoring opportunities that encompassed Quran explanation, Islamic principles, the Five Pillars, Islamic Rulings, narratives of the Prophets, and aspects of spirituality, all offered at no cost. In addition to these classes, Jamia Almaarif aimed to create an inclusive learning environment for individuals seeking to deepen their understanding of Islam. The diverse offerings were designed to cater to different needs and levels of knowledge, ensuring that participants could engage meaningfully with the material and receive guidance in their spiritual journeys without any financial burden.

"Thank you for the lovely class today... Left with blessings and positive vibes."- **Lulu, Milton Keynes**

"It was very helpful... The session was full of reminders and virtues."- **Kelly, Peterborough**

"Thank you so much for everything... I shall stand firm and ready for Allah no matter what."- **Usri Yusra**

"Loved the class today... Even my nan sat listening and enjoying it, SubhanAllah."- **Malikah, Birmingham**

These efforts demonstrated our steadfast dedication to assisting new Muslims as they navigate their spiritual paths. We appreciate the community's engagement and are eager to improve our programs in the year ahead.

Mother & Toddler group and Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings at our centres in London and Peterborough have become a favourite get together session for sisters, including mothers whose children have recently commenced their schooling journey. These events have offered them a chance to enjoy some personal time while connecting with other mothers in a supportive environment.

This inclusive session catered to community members and featured a variety of activities on a rotating schedule. Popular offerings included recipe sharing, which continues to engage many participants, as well as sewing, knitting, mindfulness practices, and meditation sessions.

At our Barking Centre, we have established a weekly Islamic Ethos Baby Group, which served as an inviting initiative for the whole community. This group offered a variety of enriching activities, such as rhyme time, nutritious fresh fruit and milk, engaging playtime with toys, and morning exercise sessions aimed at enhancing physical health.

The program is thoughtfully crafted to encourage both spiritual and physical development within a nurturing and inclusive atmosphere, demonstrating our dedication to addressing the needs of the community.

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Activities at our established centres.

a) Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre

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The mosque has become a prominent institution, hosting regular Friday prayers led by the Imam, who delivers insightful sermons. It has effectively served the local Muslim community while also being a welcoming space for individuals of all faiths or those who identify as non-religious.

The mosque serves as an educational hub for New Muslims in the community, offering classes designed to help them understand and practice their newfound faith. It has created an inviting atmosphere where these individuals can connect with fellow New Muslims and the broader Muslim community, encouraging a sense of belonging and support.

"The Shaykah is extremely knowledgeable and has been able to help me to build my understanding of Islam in the short time I've been a Muslim. The Shaykah and the team at the mosque are always available to answer any questions and I have had regular 1-1 guidance with Shaykha which has helped me through some difficult times in my life". **Georgie-Harleston Norwich**

"My journey with Jamia Almaarif began when I first reached out to inquire about Islam. From the very beginning, I was welcomed with open arms by kind-hearted individuals who were eager to guide me at my own pace. Their warmth and dedication created a safe and supportive environment where I could explore my faith freely. Throughout this period, I attended one-on-one classes with mentors and teachers who provided invaluable resources to aid my learning. These sessions helped me grasp the fundamentals of Islam and gave me the confidence to practice with sincerity. I also participated in weekly sessions to learn Arabic and prayer, gradually building my knowledge and connection to my faith. Beyond structured learning, Jamia Almaarif fostered a strong sense of community. At least once a month, they hosted gatherings and events, where I was able to connect with other women on similar journeys. These gatherings provided a space for support, shared experiences, and meaningful friendships. One of the most significant aspects of my experience was the open days hosted by Jamia Almaarif. These events welcomed the local community, including people like myself who were seeking knowledge and understanding. They provided an opportunity to ask questions, learn about Islam, and experience the peace and tranquillity of the mosque. The openness and accessibility of these events reflected the mosque's commitment to education and inclusivity. A defining moment in my journey was taking my shahada-my declaration of faith. The mosque not only guided me through this life-changing step but also hosted a beautiful shahada ceremony in the summer. Receiving my shahada certificate marked the beginning of a new chapter in my life, and I am forever grateful for the unwavering support I received. Since embracing Islam, Jamia Almaarif has continued to nurture my growth. With their guidance, I have begun to read Arabic, inching closer to reciting the Quran, and have also memorized how to pray off by heart. These achievements have strengthened my connection to my faith and laid a strong foundation for my journey ahead. I cannot thank Jamia Almaarif enough for their dedication, kindness, and commitment to educating and uplifting those seeking knowledge. This mosque is not just a place of worship; it is a true community that fosters learning, spiritual growth, and deep connections. I am forever grateful for the impact they have had on my life." **Jasmine Loades Great Yarmouth**

Additionally, local Muslim children had the opportunity to participate in after-school and weekend classes focused on learning Arabic letters and engaging in congregational prayers. This initiative not only enhanced their religious education but has also strengthened their connection to the community..

"Alhamdulillah Allah heard our prayers and we now have a mosque nearby where we find inner peace and tranquillity and where our children can learn about Islam." **Aiten - Bungay**

With its established presence, the mosque now offers consistent Friday prayers, accompanied by thought-provoking sermons from the Imam. It stands as a significant resource for local Muslims and extends its hospitality to people from diverse religious backgrounds or those without any religious affiliation.

Throughout this reporting period, the venue served not only as a space for worship and reflection but also hosted numerous events aimed at fostering engagement with the local community. These initiatives were designed to strengthen relationships and create opportunities for sharing common values, while also addressing and clarifying any misconceptions surrounding Islam.

In addition to its role as a place for spiritual practice and peaceful contemplation, the facility organized a variety of events during this reporting period to connect with the local community. These efforts were instrumental in building robust relationships and promoting understanding, allowing for the exchange of shared values and the dispelling of misunderstandings related to the Islamic faith.

Here are some of the activities that took place at the Broome Mosque:

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Cooking Classes -The cooking classes conducted at the Village Hall across from the mosque have gained significant popularity, taking place on a monthly basis. Regular participants have provided ample positive feedback, highlighting the enjoyable and educational nature of the sessions. Many attendees also seized the chance to visit the mosque following the class, allowing them to gain insights into Islamic culture and practices. This combination of culinary learning and cultural exploration has fostered a sense of community among participants.

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"I was delighted to discover this valuable little teaching session. The chef was very skilled and everyone is so welcoming, looking forward to the next session." **Dr Martin Spexhall**

"Thank you for an informative session which was well attended by the community. It was great to be able to watch your demo and enjoy the food. The handout was great too.- **Tonya Ditchingham**

"I was unsure what to expect and attended the session on my own. I really had a very enjoyable hour. The foods I tasted was delicious and I loved watching how the food was prepared and the recipe leaflet to take home an added bonus. I have put the next date in my diary." **Helen**

School Visits -In December 2023, we had the opportunity to visit Edgar Sewter Primary School in Halesworth, where the students were engaged in a unit of study focused on Islam. The school graciously invited us to present a talk on the subject to their Key Stage 2 students.

During our visit, we aimed to provide the students with a comprehensive understanding of Islamic beliefs and practices. The interaction was enriching, allowing the students to ask questions and deepen their knowledge about the diverse aspects of Islam.

"I have spoken to KS2 today and they said your visit was amazing. They felt the visit was very informative and engaged the children. They said you were both very lovely and it was a calm and relaxed atmosphere. After your visit the children were asked for their feedback and the children said, "it was good to see real R.E". This was a wonderful real life experiences for them. Thank you for letting us have the books too. We will take care of them. On behalf of KS2, children and staff, we want to say a big thank you for taking time out of your day to visit us and share with us your wealth of knowledge and experience. We will share this on our newsletter and Facebook page and help spread the word about Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre.- **Leanne Bedwell RE Lead**

In April 2024, we had the opportunity to visit Ilketshall St Lawrence Primary School where we conducted a presentation for the reception and Year 1 students, as well as those in Key Stage 2. Accompanying us was the Imam's five-year-old son, who captivated the children by reciting the call to prayer along with several verses from the Quran. The students were truly fascinated by this enriching experience.

The engagement with the children was both educational and inspiring, as they were introduced to cultural and religious practices in a lively manner. The presence of the Imam's son added a personal touch that resonated with the audience, leaving a lasting impression on the young minds. Overall, the visit was a remarkable success, fostering curiosity and appreciation among the students.

"I just wanted to say a huge, huge thank you for your visit last week. Our children were talking about it all day long and it certainly gave them (and the adults) a better understanding of the Islamic faith. We would really love to visit the mosque in future, if that would be possible."

Amy Elliott-RE Lead, Ilketshall St Lawrence Primary School

Other Activities-Numerous events were organized to encourage youth and families to experience the countryside, deepen their faith, and foster community connections.

July 2024- A boys' retreat featured a discussion on notable Islamic historical figures, followed by a picnic at Broome Lake and Park.

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June 2024- To celebrate the conclusion of exams, youth girls gathered for a day of relaxation, which included meditation at the mosque and a fun outing to Great Yarmouth Beach.

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17th June 2024- Eid prayers took place at the mosque, welcoming local attendees and regular participants who travelled from various parts of the UK to partake in the prayers and festivities.

10th April 2024- Following the fasting month, Eid prayers were conducted on April 10, attracting a significant number of local residents who opted to pray at the mosque rather than travel to Norwich. Many regular attendees journeyed from different cities to join their community.

March 2024- Throughout the holy month of Ramadan, Siddiqa Nawaz Broome Mosque hosted daily prayers and iftar meals, creating a peaceful environment for local Muslims. Weekends saw an influx of visitors from across the country, enhancing the communal experience. The mosque was thrilled to welcome many local individuals, allowing them to meet new faces and showcase the beauty of the mosque while celebrating together.

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Feb 2024- An Umrah pilgrimage (visit to Mecca & Medina in Saudi Arabia) was organized under the spiritual guidance of Imam Karim from Broome Mosque, offering participants a profound spiritual experience. The journey was inclusive, with a particular emphasis on engaging youth and new Muslims.

"I am incredibly grateful to Jamia Almarif Charity for their generosity and support in making my Umrah journey possible. They not only financed my pilgrimage but also ensured that I was well-prepared, both spiritually and practically. From the very beginning, their team provided thorough guidance, offering theoretical and spiritual preparation that helped me understand the significance of each step of the pilgrimage. Traveling with their group was a truly enriching experience-everything was well-organized, and they were always available to assist and support us throughout the journey.

Thanks to Jamia Almarif, my Umrah was a deeply meaningful and life-changing experience. May Allah bless them for their incredible work and allow them to continue helping others fulfil their religious aspirations." Sadyia (Magdalena New Muslim)

All praise be to Allah, I was blessed with going on umrah (Pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina) with Jamia Almaarif. It's a journey that Muslims undertake to enhance their spirituality and gain a closer connection with God. The journey was made especially uplifting under the guidance of Imam and Shaykha through their extensive knowledge of the significance of the various sights that we visited during the trip. I was able to perform the rituals of the Pilgrimage correctly and do supplications at specific places, that I would not have known of without the guidance of Imam and Shaykha. Despite the crowd we were able to stay together as a group, and every circumambulation of the Kaabah (the first house of God on earth) was an extraordinary experience. Thank you Jamia Almaarif and respected Imam and Shaykha for their support throughout this blessed journey. **Fatma -London**

What a way to experience your first Umrah with Jamia Almaarif! I had an unforgettable experience that I will always remember. Rather than going alone and doing it all by myself, it was much easier being part of the Jamia Almaarif family. It was a blessed trip where I got to do things I never thought I would have done. I've made friends for life, thank you everyone. **Asr Hussain - Oldham**

Alhamdulillah the best part of the trip for me was the way your heart simply drops when offering salutations to Prophet Muhammed PBUH, it is unexplainable. I would like to thank Jamia Almaarif for allowing us particularly us youth to have the opportunity in the most blessed place in the world. I never thought I would be able to achieve this gain at my age. This was a life changing journey and I met amazing people. This was the best 10 days of my life **Eshan - Peterborough**

I am very grateful for the opportunity to travel to Umrah with such a loving and welcoming group. I was not alone and was supported by what felt like a beautiful family **Maryam Noor (Revert New Muslim)- London**

Michelle, a recent convert to Islam, participated in this journey and has documented her experiences in the form of a collection of poems.

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17th Jan 2024-Our family retreat day on January 27th was filled with a variety of activities designed to engage all participants. The children were actively involved in an arts and crafts workshop, while parents took pleasure in a sewing session and had the opportunity to take a refreshing walk around Broome Lake. In the afternoon, we held an Umrah workshop that attracted many attendees preparing for their first experience of the lesser pilgrimage.

Dec 2023- We conducted an exceptional Arts session facilitated by Alison from Earthwake. The children had the opportunity to express their creativity while engaging with natural materials. Additionally, our Youth and reverts retreats provided memorable experiences and a significant spiritual uplift for all participants.

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Nov 2023- In November, we organized a fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer in conjunction with a cooking session, which saw participation from numerous members of the local community who generously supported the initiative

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The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience during the arts and crafts session held on November 25th, as they engaged with natural materials to produce their artistic creations.

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Oct 2023- Families enjoyed a delightful bowling experience in Norwich, cherishing quality moments with their children. Additionally, a talented local woman from Broome conducted an impressive flower arrangement workshop for our guests.

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Sept 2023- we took part in the national initiative known as 'Visit my mosque.' It was a pleasure to welcome numerous individuals from the local community who were experiencing a mosque for the first time. Our event featured an impressive exhibition that covered various facets of Islam. Attendees had the opportunity to savour cultural cuisine, engage in Arabic letter writing, experience henna art, try on traditional attire, and listen to an informative presentation about Islam

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Aug 2023- The Cultural Food event we organized saw a strong turnout from the local community. Guests who journeyed from various parts of the UK had the opportunity to engage with local residents, fostering connections and exchanging experiences.

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b) Barking Centre London

Jamia Al Maarif at Barking Centre has served as a hub for community engagement, emphasizing both educational pursuits and spiritual development. We provided a variety of regular classes tailored for women, which included sessions on the Quran Explanation as well as workshops and programs aimed at personal growth, all within a supportive and inviting atmosphere.

In addition to our educational offerings, weekly meditation sessions were scheduled, designed to assist individuals in achieving inner tranquillity while deepening their spiritual connection. These sessions are an integral part of our commitment to fostering a holistic approach to faith and well-being.

For younger members of the community, the Kids Madrassah offered comprehensive Quranic education, Islamic teachings, and character development initiatives. Furthermore, our kids club provided an enjoyable and interactive environment for children, ensuring that learning is both fun and meaningful. We are committed to nurturing a community that is both knowledgeable and spiritually enriched.

Kids Club -We initiated weekly children's clubs tailored for different age groups, specifically for those aged 5-10 years and 11-12 years, which also took place during school holidays. These clubs encompassed a variety of engaging activities, including lessons on Islamic history, the importance of various geographical locations, the intersection of science and Islam, and the development of essential life skills. Additionally, we incorporated creative sessions such as arts and crafts. In response to feedback from parents regarding children's physical activity levels, we included activities to enhance outdoor engagement. Many children have been spending excessive time indoors on electronic devices, so we collaborated with the local council to organize a community activity focused on planting seeds in the local park, allowing children to actively participate in community care.

We have established a strong partnership with the Barking Al-Madina mosque, enabling us to utilize their hall for events designed for children and youth to showcase their talents. These events have featured performances such as nasheeds, poetry recitations, and speeches, providing a structured and well-promoted platform for our young participants. With food and a stage set up, these gatherings created an audience that appreciated the talents of our youth, fostering an environment where they can be seen and heard.

We believe that these initiatives have significantly contributed to the development of our children's confidence and public speaking abilities. By providing them with opportunities to express themselves in front of an audience, we aimed to nurture their skills and talents, ultimately helping them grow into self-assured and industrious adults. Through these programs, we have continued with our commitment to support the holistic development of our youth, ensuring they are well-equipped for future challenges.

"I am very glad that I found Jamia Almarif centre as it helped me through time in many ways. I started firstly by visiting a baby group only, but ended up using most of their services, and now I am bringing there a 2nd child too. Recently, he attended a free camp, and he is always looking forward to a Sunday kids club. I feel at peace because I know he is at good hands there with very kind and DBS checked volunteers. They do different activities, making strong friendships, and at this time of crisis, it definitely helps my pocket. If I would have to pay for all classes my kids or me done with them, I wouldn't be able to afford it. There is always somebody with open arms and hearts and I love how inclusive the space is." **Lenka Barking**

The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the clubs with lots of positive feedback:

" My girls enjoyed their time at the summer camp. They enjoyed doing arts and crafts and games. Plus the sports day at The Hyde park was amazing." **Horia, Barking & Dagenham**

"Amazing" **Tehmina**

"Art and craft and then trip was outstanding (lovely teachers' company)" **Anonymous**

"He enjoyed both days thoroughly but he really liked playing in Regent's Park with his new friends." **Naila London**

"My children spoke nothing but great words" **Katie - Barking**

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"Super staff, wonderful fun and my children were waking up asking to go back and were sad once it ended." - **Naila Arshad**

"My child came home happy and full of new information to share." - **Anonymous**

Other Activities-Below are other events and activities which were organised by the Barking centre to help with community integration and development

Jul 2024- A Special Discussion on Muharram and the Karbala Incident: This enlightening lecture, tailored for women and young people, delved into the historical and spiritual importance of Muharram. It covered the significance of this month within Islam, the pivotal events that took place in Karbala, and their enduring influence on the Muslim community, concluding with a thoughtful question-and-answer session.

Jun 2024- Dhul Hijjah and Qurbani: This informative session looked into the significance of the Islamic month of Dhul Hijjah, highlighting essential aspects such as the importance and procedure of Qurbani (animal sacrifice) during Eid al-Adha. Additionally, the discussion focused on the spiritual preparations for Hajj and the valuable lessons it imparts to the Muslim community.

Eid ul Adha Henna Celebration: This event served as a vibrant social and cultural gathering for women and girls to commemorate Eid ul Adha. Participants engaged in the traditional practice of henna application, fostering a sense of community and joy as they came together to celebrate this festive occasion.

May 2024- Sports & Health Day – Advocating a Sunnah Lifestyle: This comprehensive event focused on enhancing awareness regarding the significance of fitness and health within the framework of Islam. The day featured a workshop centred on nutritious eating habits and the principles of a Sunnah-inspired lifestyle, alongside an engaging basketball game that encouraged participants to demonstrate teamwork and sportsmanship in a supportive atmosphere.

Apr 2024- The Eid celebration was a magnificent gathering that united women, young girls, and new converts to partake in the joyous festivities. The event showcased live performances by children and youth, a diverse array of food stalls presenting both traditional and international dishes, and engaging activities for children, including face painting, arts and crafts, and interactive games. Additionally, henna stalls added to the festive atmosphere, creating a lively and inviting space for sisters to come together in celebration

March 2024- Ramadhan Preparation Day was an extensive initiative aimed at assisting youth and women in both spiritual and practical preparations for the sacred month of Ramadan. The program featured a presentation highlighting the significance and benefits of Ramadan, a workshop focused on the proper execution of taraweeh prayers, and an engaging interactive quiz to recap the day's activities.

"I went to the Iftar event at Jamia Al Marif the evening before Eid. I had such a lovely evening. Such a welcoming and comfortable environment. Had some yummy food with all the sisters and some lovely conversation with them all. I can't wait for the next event they host to meet them all again. Would deffo recommend going along to the centre." **Rebecca**

"I had a brilliant time connecting with fellow women. Great company and yummy food. I look forward to these events because it helps to really build the community and bring people together." **Stella.**

Feb 2024- The Madrassah Kids' Event for Miraj was an engaging and informative occasion aimed at educating madrassah students about the Night Journey and Ascension of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). This event featured a variety of activities, including storytelling, role-playing, and creative projects, all designed to enhance the children's understanding and appreciation of this pivotal moment in Islamic history. 50 children who were from the face to face madrassa in Barking participated in this event. Their parents and teachers were impressed with their amazing performances and their display of confidence in front of a large audience.

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In addition, we initiated weekly face-to-face Arabic language classes. These in-person sessions were intended to provide students with a structured environment to learn and practice the Arabic language, enhancing both linguistic skills and cultural understanding.

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Jan 2024- The Isra and Miraj event for women provided a profound opportunity to delve into the miraculous journey of Isra and Miraj, highlighting its spiritual and historical importance. Participants engaged in an enlightening lecture that offered insights into the significance of this event, followed by a question-and-answer session designed to foster a deeper comprehension of the topics discussed.

To further enrich the experience, the program included a guided meditation session aimed at promoting personal spiritual reflection. This combination of educational and introspective activities allowed attendees to connect more deeply with the themes of the event, encouraging a meaningful exploration of their own spiritual journeys.

Dec 2023- This presentation on the history of Palestine was crafted to be both informative and enlightening, specifically targeting youth and women. It provided an in-depth exploration of Palestine's historical context, featuring a chronological overview of significant events, engaging discussions on humanitarian challenges, and thoughtful reflections on the importance of solidarity.

Nov 2023- Ladies Spirituality Day: This event was thoughtfully designed to provide an opportunity for women to come together, engage in reflection, and deepen their spiritual beliefs. Participants enjoyed a session of guided meditation aimed at promoting relaxation, followed by an enlightening discussion regarding the current circumstances in Palestine. The day also included a social brunch and a delightful dessert outing, all of which contributed to building community ties and encouraging individual development.

Oct 2023- Seerah Conference for Madrassah Students: A motivational event aimed at imparting knowledge about the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) to madrassah students. The conference featured captivating lectures, storytelling, interactive quizzes, and group discussions, fostering a deep connection with the Prophet's character and values. The students from the Barking centre as well as some online madrassa students, and children of some of the guests, took part in this wonderful event showcasing incredible talent, enthusiasm and love for their Prophet (Peace be upon him)

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Kids' Half-Term Club - Diverse Activities: A thoughtfully designed half-term club to keep children engaged and active during their school holidays. The program included a trip to a trampoline park, arts and crafts sessions, sports activities, and team-building challenges, providing an exciting and enriching experience.

Educational Excursion to Barking Library: A visit to Barking Library intended to inspire a passion for reading and learning among children. Participants explored various book genres, took part in storytelling sessions, and engaged in enjoyable literacy activities, while also discovering library resources and the significance of regular reading.

Workshop with The Ben Kinsella Trust (Youth Safety & Crime Awareness): An impactful workshop conducted in partnership with The Ben Kinsella Trust, aimed at increasing awareness about knife crime and youth safety. Young participants gained insights into the risks of gang involvement, peer pressure, and the importance of making positive choices to ensure their safety in the community.

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Sep 2023- The Football Club for Boys (Ages 6-16) continued to offer bi-weekly sessions that provided young athletes with the opportunity to refine their football skills while maintaining an active lifestyle through friendly competitions. This program focused on instilling values such as discipline, teamwork, and leadership, all within a dynamic and enjoyable setting.

A successful charity fundraising event recently took place, uniting the community in support of a worthy cause. Attendees enjoyed a variety of food stalls featuring cultural dishes, dessert options, and numerous vendors offering henna services, jewellery, and clothing, creating a vibrant atmosphere that celebrated diversity and generosity.

Aug 2023- The Summer Holiday Kids Club spanned over three days and was crafted to captivate children through a variety of enjoyable, interactive, and educational experiences. This program featured activities such as arts and crafts, team-building games, Islamic storytelling, and outdoor play, all aimed at providing a delightful and enriching summer break within a secure and supportive setting.

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The Epping Forest Hike offered a unique opportunity for young girls and women to embark on a guided exploration of the picturesque Epping Forest. Under the leadership of a qualified guide, participants traversed stunning trails, gained insights into the local wildlife, and relished a rejuvenating experience in nature.

c) Peterborough Centre

Over the past year, our centre has effectively coordinated a variety of meaningful initiatives designed to empower both the youth and women within our community. A standout event was our Ramadan preparation day, during which we distributed complimentary gift packs to all participants, ensuring they were well-equipped with essential items to welcome the holy month.

Additionally, we marked Black History Month with a series of thought-provoking discussions and activities that showcased the vital contributions of Black individuals to our society, promoting a deeper understanding and appreciation among those involved. Our Hajj workshop also provided participants with essential knowledge and preparation for this significant spiritual journey, enhancing their understanding of the pilgrimage experience.

Here are Activities and Events that have been organised by Jamia Almaarif at the Peterborough Centre:

Weekly meditation gatherings: Weekly mediation sessions were held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 AM exclusively for women, with an additional gathering on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM open to both men and women. These events attracted a significant number of community members, typically drawing at least 30 participants each week. The meditation sessions provided an excellent opportunity for individuals seeking inner peace and the calming benefits of meditation.

Saturday Classes: In addition to the meditation gatherings, we offered Saturday classes focused on specifically for learning the Arabic letters, designed for youth and new converts, although all individuals are encouraged to join. These classes aimed to enhance understanding and practise of proper recitation, fostering a welcoming environment for everyone interested in deepening their knowledge.

Every Friday at 6.30pm the centre held a youth club with exciting activities for children. This included games, arts and crafts, sports, and learning new skills. The youth club has become increasingly popular with 15-20 members attending regularly. Half term club consisted of arts and crafts, Islamic studies classes and baking activities. Trips included bowling, museum, ferry meadows for a hike and glow golf.

Overall feedback indicates that most participants experienced a stronger connection with God and acquired significant knowledge during this time. They perceived it as an advantageous opportunity for meditation and relaxation, which they find difficult to achieve in their home environment.

Weekly Youth Club: Every Friday at 6:30 PM, a vibrant youth club was held, offering a variety of engaging activities for children. Participants enjoyed games, arts and crafts, sports, and the opportunity to acquire new skills, among other exciting options. The popularity of the youth club has surged, leading to an increase in the number of volunteers supporting this initiative. Each week, we welcomed approximately 15 to 20 young attendees, creating a lively and dynamic environment.

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"My son attends Jamia almaarif and also participates in the youth club on Fridays. My son really enjoys being part of Jamia almaarif and looks forward to it every week. The teachers do a fantastic job and are so approachable. All the teachers encourage the children and provide positive feedback to parents. They work well with the children helping them thrive and to be the best they can by upholding fundamental values. They create a warm, fun and friendly environment and always brings the best out of the students. My son speaks highly of the Youth teacher and really enjoys the activities. I am proud that my son is a student at Jamia almaarif. Teachers are amazing at what they do and possesses great leadership skills. The youth club helps with my son's development and he has built so much confidence." **Umair Peterborough father of Zayan 5 years old**

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"I am writing a review as a student who attends Jamia al maarif Peterborough youth club and madrasah and would like to compliment on the amazing work of the youth club. Me and my siblings really enjoy the youth club sessions as the activities are fun and exciting as well as educational we learn Islamic manners and stories. The Youth worker is really helpful and kind and whenever we need to discuss something or need advice she is always there to help." **Zara Tasleem, aged 13-Peterborough**

Half Term/ Holiday Club: We also organised half-term and holiday clubs that provide children with the chance to engage in enjoyable activities while developing various skills, including arts and crafts. We also arranged outings for the children, taking them to fun locations such as crazy golf, bowling alleys, and dessert parlours, ensuring a well-rounded experience that combines learning with leisure.

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The club operated during each half term, catering to children who need engaging activities during their holiday breaks. The program featured a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, Islamic studies sessions, and baking workshops. Additionally, participants enjoyed outings to various locations such as bowling alleys, museums, Ferry Meadows for hiking, and glow-in-the-dark golf. This diverse range of activities ensured a fun and enriching experience for all attendees.

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Revert Gatherings: We conducted a weekly Islamic studies class specifically for our reverts, complemented by a regular meditation gathering. This initiative provided a supportive environment where reverts were engaged in learning and felt comfortable asking questions or expressing their thoughts. This setting fostered a sense of community, allowing individuals to explore their faith while having a safe space to seek guidance and clarification on any inquiries they may have had.

In preparation for Ramadan, we organised a specialized session for revert sisters to introduce them to the essential principles of fasting. Each participant received a gift bag containing vital items to support their journey during this holy month, including a digital tasbeeh, miswaq, hijab, and reading materials related to iftar, suhoor, and Taraweeh prayers.

We also arranged outings that included fitness classes, swimming sessions, coffee meet-ups, and summer picnics to foster community connections.

Our program featured a range of enjoyable activities such as flower jewellery making workshops, cooking classes, cheeseboard evenings, and poetry writing sessions.

In addition to these group activities, we offered personalized mentoring and counselling to assist reverts in their journey. During Ramadan, we organized iftar meals to ensure that those new to Islam felt included and had the opportunity to bond with others in the community.

We also celebrated significant occasions together, hosting festive Eid dinners and BBQs to strengthen our community ties. These events not only provided a chance for reverts to connect with one another but also helped them feel a sense of belonging within the larger community. Through these initiatives, we aimed to create a supportive and enriching environment for all our members.

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Ramadhan 2024: We hosted weekly iftar events, providing meals for the community two evenings each week. These gatherings attracted significant participation, with at least 50 attendees each night who appreciated the opportunity to come together and share in the experience. An Eid party was held to mark the celebration of Eid ul Fitr at the end of Ramadhan on 13th April 2024

Sisters Social get together: A social class was held every Thursday at 6 PM, welcoming all women to participate. Each week featured a variety of engaging activities, including crochet lessons, CV workshops, and the creation of flower bracelets, among others. This initiative has been well-received by numerous participants and has proven to be a successful endeavour.

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On average, at least 15 women attended these sessions each week, fostering a sense of community and shared learning. The diverse range of activities not only enhanced skills but also encouraged social interaction, making it a cherished event for all involved.

Social Inclusion & interfaith activities

Mar 2024- In alignment with the traditions upheld by Jamia Almaarif during Ramadan, we organized weekly community Iftars across all our centres, catering to both new Muslims and the broader non-Muslim community. These gatherings offered a welcoming environment for local Muslims and non-Muslims to break their fast together, accompanied by complimentary meals. This initiative fostered a sense of belonging for new Muslims, allowing them to celebrate their faith alongside their children and connect with others in the community. Given that Ramadan can often feel isolating for new Muslims, particularly those who do not have familial ties to Muslim households, these events played a crucial role in providing companionship and support.

The Iftar gatherings not only facilitated the breaking of fast but also encouraged social interaction among attendees, helping them forge new friendships. Youth volunteers contributed to the festive atmosphere by creating henna designs for the reverts, enhancing the sense of community and celebration. Additionally, each participant received an Eid gift and card, further emphasizing our commitment to inclusivity and support during this significant month. Through these efforts, we aimed to strengthen community bonds and ensure that everyone felt valued and connected during Ramadan.

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April 2024- Just after Ramadhan the Peterborough centre started to do sister socials over the past few months, Sister Socials has successfully organized a variety of engaging events that have significantly strengthened our community bonds. We began with a delightful cheese board night, providing an excellent opportunity for attendees to socialize and share their favourite cheese selections. This was followed by a poetry night, where participants showcased their creativity and expressed their thoughts in a nurturing and encouraging atmosphere.

Our community also enjoyed several picnics in the park, which offered a chance to unwind in nature while connecting with one another. The aerobics class for women proved to be quite popular, combining fitness with enjoyment. Furthermore, we introduced some friendly competition through volleyball and badminton, which added an exhilarating element to our gatherings.

Collectively, these activities have played a crucial role in cultivating a strong sense of community and camaraderie among our members. The diverse range of events has not only entertained but also fostered deeper connections, making social gatherings a vibrant and welcoming space for all.

Premises

The Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre has remained rent free and has served as a venue for family gatherings that have attracted participants from various cities, as well as providing opportunities for the local community to deepen their understanding of our faith and its practices. Additionally, it has proven to be an ideal setting for retreat weekends designed for our youth, new converts, and families.

Our facilities in Barking and Peterborough have successfully operated under a license agreement, fulfilling their intended purpose effectively. The rental costs have remained manageable, allowing us to maintain our operations without financial strain. We are actively pursuing a medium-term strategy to secure a larger and more permanent location, as we have seen a steady increase in the number of users.

However, the current market presents challenges due to high costs and limited availability of suitable properties. In the interim, we will continue to rent appropriate venues for larger events as the need arises, ensuring that we can accommodate our growing community while we search for a more permanent solution.

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Our teams in Oldham and Birmingham have persistently engaged with their communities to offer online support, ensuring that individuals have someone to talk to while encouraging them to maintain their spiritual well-being. Volunteers in these regions have taken the initiative to rent spaces at their own expense to facilitate a range of social and religious events. We have continued to explore options for reasonably priced rental spaces in these areas to enhance our ability to provide in-person support, thereby making our services more accessible to a greater number of families.

Funding & Income Generation

Our primary revenue stream has remained reliant on donations and fees collected from the madrassa. This financial year, our madrassa generated over £51,000 in income, reflecting the effectiveness of our teaching and dedication of our teachers to inspire children to learn about their faith.

The generosity of our regular attendees and their families has played a crucial role in sustaining our charity, contributing more than £38,000 in general donations. This steady influx of funds has allowed us to enhance and expand our programs effectively.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Charity has funds applied to the relevant purpose. An analysis of expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 38 - 39.

The reserves currently stands at £207,448 and details are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	£158,303
Restricted funds	£49,145

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Governance & Administration

The trustees remain committed to maintaining comprehensive policies that are regularly reviewed, ensuring that all volunteers are current with their training. This diligence is essential for compliance with safeguarding children, health and safety regulations, as well as data protection laws. Consent forms will be secured prior to any sharing of photographs and videos. All volunteers engaged in direct work with children have undergone DBS checks, and any new volunteers will also be required to complete this process.

Additionally, a robust insurance policy is in effect to provide necessary coverage. The ongoing oversight by the trustees guarantees that all measures are taken to protect the welfare of children and uphold the highest standards of safety and compliance within the organization.

Funding

The charity's financial reserves remain robust, and our funding projections suggest that we can manage our expenses effectively, even with the increase in fuel costs. We are committed to enhancing awareness of our impactful initiatives and actively pursuing additional funding opportunities.

Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers, we are well-positioned to maintain low administrative expenses, allowing us to allocate more resources towards our mission. Our focus will continue to be on promoting our work and securing further donations to support our ongoing efforts

Projects

Online Classes - We will provide tailored courses specifically crafted to meet distinct learning needs. Furthermore, we plan to expand the number of sessions targeted at Non-Muslims to improve their comprehension of Islam, incorporating online open days to facilitate wider access.

Upon successfully finishing the first year of the Islamic Scholarship, students will undertake their end-of-year examinations before progressing to the second year. We will also accept new enrolments for the first year. Our curriculum will undergo a thorough review based on the examination results to ensure we effectively address the varied educational requirements of our participants. Additional support will be provided where required.

Pilgrimage - The Umrah trip organized by Jamia Almaarif in 2024 proved to be one of the most impactful experiences for participants. Witnessing the profound effects of pilgrimage on personal growth-spiritually, emotionally, and physically-was truly inspiring. Many attendees shared feedback highlighting how the journey positively transformed their lives (Presented earlier in the report). In response to this success, Jamia Almaarif will facilitate the essential pilgrimage of Hajj for those who have longed to undertake it but have faced personal or professional obstacles.

This pilgrimage is deeply emotional, necessitating careful planning to ensure that every aspect aligns with the principles of the faith. For some participants, this will mark their first experience of such a significant journey, and Jamia Almaarif recognizes the importance of executing it flawlessly. The organization is planning to provide the necessary support and guidance to ensure that all pilgrims can embark on this sacred journey with confidence and reverence.

Our Youth Personal Development Programme (PDP) - Jamia Almaarif is committed to fostering innovation and aims to enhance our services to better support individuals. Our organization is dedicated to continuous learning and development to effectively address the needs of those we serve. In response to the increasing stress levels reported by youth in educational settings and the pervasive influence of social media, we are planning to implement workshops focused on promoting mental and physical well-being. These workshops will cover topics such as relaxation techniques, stress management, and engaging activities designed to alleviate stress while encouraging physical activity in an enjoyable manner. We also intend to organize additional relaxation sessions and downtime activities, such as spa days and mindfulness exercises, recognizing the pressures that young people face from exams and the fast-paced nature of modern life.

The trustees recognize the significant growth of the charity and the increasing need to enhance volunteering and work experience opportunities for young people. While we have initiated this process, we believe it is time to elevate our efforts by providing structured volunteering roles and personalized career mentoring focused on the management of charitable organizations.

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Our online youth forums, have continued to receive positive responses. These forums will empower youth and volunteers to take the lead, facilitating discussions and workshops on skills and topics that resonate with them. This initiative is designed to create a supportive environment where young individuals can cultivate their confidence, self-esteem, and public speaking abilities.

To enhance the value of these forums, we intend to invite industry experts to provide insights on a range of topics relevant to their fields. This strategy not only improves the educational experience for young participants but also resonates with their interests, making the sessions more interactive and advantageous. The trustees are dedicated to creating an environment that supports the personal and professional development of the youth. We are looking to bring in professionals from law enforcement and social work, among others, to conduct seminars that will offer a glimpse into these careers for any students considering a path in these areas.

To further our project, we are committed to incorporate sports activities that promote physical fitness in our programs. Additionally, we will continue to organize excursions in the countryside, providing a tranquil environment where young people can connect with nature. These outings not only encourage physical activity in a natural setting but also incorporate practices such as meditation and mindfulness, which are essential for maintaining a healthy mental state. Our location in Broome is particularly advantageous for these countryside walks, allowing participants to immerse themselves in the serene landscape.

We will collaborate with various professionals and utilizing local resources, including parks and forests, to promote healthy habits among all participants. Our team includes healthcare experts, such as a dietician and a nurse, who will provide guidance on nutrition, exercise, and overall health. Additionally, mental health therapists will conduct workshops focused on cognitive behavioural therapy and mindfulness to enhance mental well-being. We also plan to offer a free CPR course for our youth, equipping them with essential life-saving skills.

We understand the difficulties young people encounter, particularly when it comes to choosing their career paths. To support them and alleviate some of their stress, we will offer life skills workshops and partner with industry professionals who will visit our centres in London, Peterborough and Broome Mosque, to deliver career talks. These sessions will offer valuable insights into the qualifications needed for various professions and the process of entering the workforce.

By facilitating these initiatives, we aim to empower youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions about their futures. Our collaboration with experienced professionals will not only enhance their understanding of different career options but also inspire confidence as they navigate their professional journeys.

Jamia Almaarif acknowledges the importance of developing today's youth and preparing them for the future. As a result, a graduation program is being considered that will offer internships, allowing young individuals to gain hands-on experience

Retreats - Since the start, the retreats at the Broome Mosque in Norwich have emerged as a loved and highly successful activity. In response to the positive feedback received, Jamia Almaarif is considering a significant investment in these experiences. In addition to the traditional retreats held during school holidays, we are now planning to introduce day retreats that will feature educational activities, arts and crafts, excursions, and mentoring sessions for those who may need it.

New Muslims- Our New Muslims community has continued to grow. We plan to continue our existing support through 1-1 mentoring and emotional support; classes for equipping new Muslims with the right tools to practise their new faith; a social space to make friends and for participating in celebrations and online tools so that users can also learn in their own time and at their own pace. We plan to provide an online free online tool of how to read the Quran in Arabic step by step for beginners.

With the success of retreats in our Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre in Norfolk, we plan on continuing to give our New Muslim community the opportunity to unwind and focus on their spiritual learning as well as enjoy outdoor activities around the coastal and rural surroundings which this location offers.

Both our Barking and Peterborough Centre, will continue to deliver a number of new Muslim initiatives. This will be a continuation of social gatherings, mummy and baby group, study sessions, iftars, coffee and catch up, meditation sessions as well as the online classes tailored specifically for New Muslims. We will continue to hold a spirituality day every month specifically for New Muslims.

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New Muslims Umrah - We started this initiative in February 2024 and will be continuing with this retreat which as we feel it is a much-needed support for new Muslims. We feel a pilgrimage to the holy lands of Makkah and Madina is invaluable to new Muslims where this sort of spiritual awakening is compared to none. Those who feel they would like to embark on this spiritual journey, will be supported with workshops, gifts of items that they will need to take with them, and for those who cannot afford the full cost of the trip a subsidy will be provided from the zakat fund in accordance with the zakat policy fund.

Social & Interfaith activities - All our centres will remain open to all faiths for meditation, for our activities and for people to join us in our celebrations such as Iftar and Eid gatherings. We plan to have open days and to continue with activities that the whole community can participate in such as our coffee mornings, mother and toddler group, cooking classes and school visits. We will keep seeking opportunities to collaborate with others and to develop links with other faith communities.

Jamia Almaarif is aiming to enhance its community outreach by establishing a soup kitchen at the Broome and Peterborough centres. Initial planning has commenced to partner with local charities to supply meals for those in need. The organization intends to launch these initiatives in Peterborough and Oldham, with the intent of expanding the service to Birmingham and London in the future.

Broome mosque is seeking to partner with similar organizations to promote community integration. We will continue to do school visits. Additionally we will collaborate with the local groups to share ideas and promote our services to the wider community. Through these efforts, the Jamia Almaarif Broome mosque is committed to fostering a sense of belonging and support within the community. By providing essential services and cultural experiences, they aim to create a more inclusive environment for everyone.

School - For some time now the trustees of Jamia Almaarif have considered opening an independent school. Our longer-term goal will be to find suitable premises to open a school subject to DfE approval. We continue to focus on how we can improve our services for young people.

Currently, we are exploring a project aimed at establishing educational resources for individuals facing learning challenges, such as those associated with autism. This complex area is under the guidance of one of our volunteers, who is a seasoned Special Educational Needs (SEN) teacher. A comprehensive plan will be developed to establish achievable goals for the students and to identify various strategies that will assist the children in maintaining focus and making progress.

Premises - The teams in Oldham and Birmingham have been actively engaged in the search for appropriate locations to establish a permanent facility. Currently, we are utilizing local venues on an as-needed basis to conduct various activities, including talks, meditation sessions, and programs for both revert individuals and youth. Our team in Oldham received an offer from a local supporter to use a venue at no cost, allowing us to organize activities aimed at benefiting the youth and families in the community. These spaces will be instrumental in initiating Madrassa classes and facilitating other in-person educational programs and activities in both Oldham and Birmingham.

In our ongoing efforts, we aim to create a welcoming environment that fosters learning and community engagement. The collaboration with local supporters is vital, as it allows us to expand our reach and provide valuable resources to those we serve. By establishing a permanent facility, we hope to enhance our offerings and create a lasting impact on the youth and families in these areas.

The Charity will maintain its operations at the London location, providing spaces for prayer, meditation, and community activities aimed at supporting residents. However, accommodating larger events has become increasingly challenging. To address this issue, we are actively seeking a larger venue in London for rent or lease, which will enable us to broaden our outreach and services to a greater number of individuals.

Given the positive response to retreats for youth, new Muslims, and families, the trustees are continuing to explore options to expand the Broome Centre to better serve the community.

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Our Peterborough Centre is effectively continuing to meet the needs of the community, and have successfully introduced additional activities to engage the community further. The existing license agreement remains intact, with no rent increases since we began occupying the premises in March 2022. This stability allows us to plan for future growth and enhance our offerings to better support the community's needs. With the centre running smoothly we will introduce the Ramadhan congregation Prayers known as tarawih at the centre in Ramadhan 2025

As part of our ongoing special needs initiative, Jamia Almaarif is focused on enhancing the facilities at the mosque to better accommodate individuals with varying abilities and needs. This involves a thorough assessment of our premises to identify necessary modifications that will cater to the unique requirements of certain individuals.

By implementing these changes, we aim to foster greater community integration and create more opportunities for those who may feel limited due to their abilities. Our commitment to inclusivity will ensure that everyone has access to the resources and support they need to participate fully in community life

Staff - During the reporting year, 5 staff were employed on both a permanent and temporary part time basis to deliver some of our key and specialist services. The trustees recognise that we require experts to deliver certain services and for this a salary or paid annual wages is due to the level of service and commitment required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Its Articles of Association was last updated in August 2019. The Trustees have appointed an Executive Committee for the day to day run of the activities. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Charity operates in accordance with its Article of Association, charity law and other legal requirements and best practice.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on27/05/2025..... and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Jamia Almaarif

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jamia Almaarif ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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Date:27/05/2025.....

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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/24 Total funds £	31/7/23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	38,316	-	38,316	47,424
Charitable activities					
Madrasa	3	58,496	-	58,496	56,739
Mosque and community		30	13,728	13,758	5,002
Youth club		3,604	-	3,604	3,600
New Muslims		-	535	535	3,382
Kids club		-	-	-	650
Disaster appeal		-	-	-	4,896
Zakat & fitrana		-	6,272	6,272	4,075
Total		100,446	20,535	120,981	125,768
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	5,832	-	5,832	2,216
Charitable activities					
Madrasa	5	65,663	-	65,663	43,289
Mosque and community		37,287	9,219	46,506	42,374
Youth club		2,185	-	2,185	700
New Muslims		2,477	825	3,302	4,684
Kids club		54	2,692	2,746	10,000
Disaster appeal		-	540	540	4,356
Zakat & fitrana		-	4,271	4,271	100
Total		113,498	17,547	131,045	107,719
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(13,052)	2,988	(10,064)	18,049
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		171,355	46,157	217,512	199,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		158,303	49,145	207,448	217,512

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31ST JULY 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/24 Total funds £	31/7/23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	21,190	33,041	54,231	33,498
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments and accrued income		470	-	470	443
Cash at bank and in hand		144,365	16,104	160,469	190,484
		<u>144,835</u>	<u>16,104</u>	<u>160,939</u>	<u>190,927</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(7,722)	-	(7,722)	(6,913)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>137,113</u>	<u>16,104</u>	<u>153,217</u>	<u>184,014</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>158,303</u>	<u>49,145</u>	<u>207,448</u>	<u>217,512</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>158,303</u>	<u>49,145</u>	<u>207,448</u>	<u>217,512</u>
FUNDS					
	13				
Unrestricted funds				158,303	171,355
Restricted funds				49,145	46,157
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>207,448</u>	<u>217,512</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued
31ST JULY 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on27/05/2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee



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Miss F Iqbal - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using either a straight line or reducing balance method, as indicated below.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures & Fittings - 15% Straight Line

Computer Equipment - 20% Straight Line

Leasehold Improvements - 15% Straight Line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/7/24	31/7/23
	£	£
Donations	38,316	37,424
Grant from local council	-	10,000
	<u>38,316</u>	<u>47,424</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/7/24	31/7/23
Activity	£	£
Madrassa income	58,496	56,739
Mosque project	13,385	3,939
Sadaka income	343	333
Ramadhan	30	730
Youth club donation	3,604	3,600
Revert program	535	3,382
Kids club donation	-	650
Disaster appeal donations	-	4,896
Zakat income	6,272	4,075
	<u>82,665</u>	<u>78,344</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31/7/24	31/7/23
	£	£
Event cost	5,783	2,216
Collection Boxes	49	-
	<u>5,832</u>	<u>2,216</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Madrassa	1,444	64,219	65,663
Mosque and community	1,491	45,015	46,506
Youth club	2,185	-	2,185
New Muslims	3,302	-	3,302
Kids club	2,746	-	2,746
Disaster appeal	540	-	540
Zakat & fitrana	4,271	-	4,271
	<u>15,979</u>	<u>109,234</u>	<u>125,213</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Information	Governance	Totals
	£	technology	costs	£
		£	£	
Madrassa	-	1,648	62,571	64,219
Mosque and community	1,036	1,183	42,796	45,015
	<u>1,036</u>	<u>2,831</u>	<u>105,367</u>	<u>109,234</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/7/24	31/7/23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>12,165</u>	<u>7,230</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2024 nor for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2024 nor for the year ended 31st July 2023.

9. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/7/24	31/7/23
Engaged on management and administration	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	fund	fund	funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	37,424	10,000	47,424
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	56,739	-	56,739
Mosque and community	730	4,272	5,002
Youth club	3,600	-	3,600
New Muslims	-	3,382	3,382
Kids club	-	650	650
Disaster appeal	-	4,896	4,896
Zakat & fitrana	-	4,075	4,075
Total	<u>98,493</u>	<u>27,275</u>	<u>125,768</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Raising funds	2,216	-	2,216
Charitable activities			
Madrasa	43,289	-	43,289
Mosque and community	35,418	6,956	42,374
Youth club	700	-	700
New Muslims	2,626	2,058	4,684
Kids club	9,380	620	10,000
Disaster appeal	-	4,356	4,356
Zakat & fitrana	-	100	100
Total	<u>93,629</u>	<u>14,090</u>	<u>107,719</u>
NET INCOME	4,864	13,185	18,049
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	166,491	32,972	199,463
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>171,355</u></u>	<u><u>46,157</u></u>	<u><u>217,512</u></u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st August 2023	46,177	514	1,133	47,824
Additions	20,857	12,041	-	32,898
At 31st July 2024	<u>67,034</u>	<u>12,555</u>	<u>1,133</u>	<u>80,722</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st August 2023	13,852	77	397	14,326
Charge for year	10,055	1,883	227	12,165
At 31st July 2024	<u>23,907</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>624</u>	<u>26,491</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st July 2024	<u><u>43,127</u></u>	<u><u>10,595</u></u>	<u><u>509</u></u>	<u><u>54,231</u></u>
At 31st July 2023	<u><u>32,325</u></u>	<u><u>437</u></u>	<u><u>736</u></u>	<u><u>33,498</u></u>

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/24	31/7/23
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	966	-
Pension Payable	180	180
Net Wages	3,576	3,733
Accrued expenses	3,000	3,000
	<u>7,722</u>	<u>6,913</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	171,355	(13,052)	158,303
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	46,157	2,988	49,145
	<u>217,512</u>	<u>(10,064)</u>	<u>207,448</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	100,446	(113,498)	(13,052)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	20,535	(17,547)	2,988
	<u>120,981</u>	<u>(131,045)</u>	<u>(10,064)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	166,491	4,864	171,355
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	32,972	13,185	46,157
	<u>199,463</u>	<u>18,049</u>	<u>217,512</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,493	(93,629)	4,864
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	27,275	(14,090)	13,185
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>125,768</u>	<u>(107,719)</u>	<u>18,049</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	166,491	(8,188)	158,303
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	32,972	16,173	49,145
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,463</u>	<u>7,985</u>	<u>207,448</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	198,939	(207,127)	(8,188)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	47,810	(31,637)	16,173
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>246,749</u>	<u>(238,764)</u>	<u>7,985</u>

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Lease relating to Broome Methodist Chapel, Sun Road, Broome, Bungay, NR35 2RW is between Jamia Almaarif and Saira Chaudhry who is also part of an executive committee.

JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024**

	31/7/24 £	31/7/23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	38,316	37,424
Grant from local council	-	10,000
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	38,316	47,424
Charitable activities		
Madrassa income	58,496	56,739
Mosque project	13,385	3,939
Zakat income	6,272	4,075
Sadaka income	343	333
Youth club donation	3,604	3,600
Revert program	535	3,382
Kids club donation	-	650
Ramadhan	30	730
Disaster appeal donations	-	4,896
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	82,665	78,344
Total incoming resources	120,981	125,768
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Event cost	5,783	2,216
Collection Boxes	49	-
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	5,832	2,216
Charitable activities		
Children activities	2,633	422
Zakat payment	4,271	100
Revert retreat	825	2,058
Ramadhan meal	823	1,045
Youth retreat	2,477	2,626
Turkey/Syria	540	4,356
Trips	2,185	700
Printing & publication	1,557	198
Donation made	668	-
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	15,979	11,505
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	513	201
Wastage	523	285
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	1,036	486

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JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024**

	31/7/24	31/7/23
	£	£
Management		
Information technology		
Website and IT	1,183	894
Media & advertisement	1,648	1,566
	<u>2,831</u>	<u>2,460</u>
Governance costs		
Wages	48,357	42,454
Pensions	660	539
Rates and water	301	1,325
Insurance	1,054	882
Light and heat	11,838	6,570
Postage and stationery	123	229
Legal fees	-	40
Independent examination fee	1,500	1,500
Information & Publication	-	814
Rent	26,900	27,600
Repair & Maintenance	1,848	1,725
Professional fee	163	-
Sundry	405	144
Bank Charges	53	-
Short leasehold	10,055	6,926
Fixtures and fittings	1,883	77
Computer equipment	227	227
	<u>105,367</u>	<u>91,052</u>
Total resources expended	<u>131,045</u>	<u>107,719</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u><u>(10,064)</u></u>	<u><u>18,049</u></u>

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JAMIA ALMAARIF

England & Wales - Charity number 1186352

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 11473276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186352

Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2023
for
JAMIA ALMAARIF

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JAMIA ALMAARIF

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Reference and Administrative Details FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

Trustees (Directors)

Firyal Iqbal (Chairman)
Fatma Bodhee (Treasurer)
Adeeba Khan (Vice Chairman)
Parvaiz Aktar (Appointed 4th November 2021)
Mohamed Irfan (Appointed 11th December 2022)
Ishrat Parween (Appointed 15th November 2023)

Registered office

7 Tanner Street
The Triangle
Barking
Essex
IG11 8QA

Registered Company Number

11473276 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number

1186352

Bank

Barclays Bank UK PLC
Barking Road
London

Executive committee

Muhammad A Karim (Imam)
Dr S Chaudhry (Curriculum Lead & teaching Manager)
Adeeba Khan (Youth Lead & Event Manager)
Sobia Amin (Youth Curriculum)
Kinzah Iqbal (Youth Lead Birmingham)
Rachel Hamilton (Reverts Lead)
Shamrez Iqbal (Reverts & Men's Classes Coordinator)
Naureen Azhar (Activities Coordinator London)
Ishrat Parween (Activities Coordinator Oldham)
Suneela Iqbal (Activities Coordinator Peterborough)
Nusrit Khatun (Teaching Support)
Hooria Hussain (Activities Coordinator Birmingham)

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Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

COMPANY HISTORY

Our free of charge madrassa started as a home setting, with children of friends and family. The trustees felt they could do more for the community and with that in mind madrassa free of charge was opened at Barking Community Centre in January 2017 to benefit more children and families in the local area. The madrassa was run during the weekday evenings at first. With the madrassa up and running, there was a demand to also provide activities during the day to benefit the local women and to engage the youth. Recreational activities were set up during the weekends and school holidays so that children could develop friendships in a safe environment as well as learn about their faith in a fun way. Weekday, evening, and Weekend meditation classes were provided to cater for everyone. We also started providing religious advice or pastoral support required by the local community. More activities were set up as more volunteers with a wide range of skills and professional background joined the charity. All the services provided were free of charge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and public benefits

The objectives of Jamia Almaarif, as set out in its Articles of Association, are:

- 1) To advance the Islamic religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Islam to enlighten others about the Islamic religion.
- 2) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom. The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
- 3) To alleviate poverty and improve the social and economical well-being of individuals who fit the criteria for receipt of zakat & sadaka according to the principles of Islamic rulings, to individuals in the UK and worldwide.
- 4) To advance the education of Muslim children in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of Islam by setting up an on-line learning facility to provide for their education in national curriculum subjects as well as their Islamic education.

In pursuance of these objects, the charity hosts a range of activities for the benefit of the public.

**Trustees' Report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Charity has continued its efforts in providing support and services to the public. As the pandemic ended, we extended our face-to-face services for all our users at our centres in Barking, Peterborough, and Broome. Our Activities have focused on bringing people together to enjoy doing things together, to make friends and to celebrate key events as a community as well as providing the opportunity for people to learn more about their faith and to develop a stronger connection with God. Our team of volunteers increased substantially enabling the charity to reach more people.

Our support services for New Muslims and our youth grew from strength to strength, accessible to all, with many services also available online such as the 1-1 mentoring and classes that catered for all age range.

With the grant of local funding for our Barking users, we were able to expand activities to include a weekly fun and engaging activities for children and half term clubs. Our Peterborough centre has now been well established and has delivered a range of activities for the local community.

Our online activities have continued including our YouTube channel, Social Media interactions, online classes, online Madrassa Programme, and online support networks. Our 'Let's Learn Series' has been an engaging method of learning for our younger audience and parents to enjoy together alike whilst achieving both our educational and spiritual goals. Our revert stories have provided a source of inspiration for those contemplating Islam as a new religion.

Our Youth professional development programme has continued its efforts to engage the youth in increasing their knowledge, confidence and embody team building skills and for them to enjoy fun-filled activities at the same time.

Our Reverts Mentoring programme have continued to be a vital support for new Muslims. Our tailored programme for new Muslims together with 1-1 mentoring support has helped many on their journey to a new religion. We have provided a platform for people to come together to share experiences, take part in various community events, and learn about their new faith.

Our mosque in Norwich in the quiet village of Broome, provided the perfect location for spiritual retreats for our users. Everyone who have visited have enjoyed the experience of being in the countryside and in a cleaner environment, and to be able to meditate in peaceful surroundings.

Our online Madrassa has continued to remain full with many students still learning with us who started at the beginning of the pandemic. We reopened the face-to-face madrassa in both our centres in Barking and Peterborough providing parents with a choice of either online or face to face learning for their children. The madrassa has continued to provide us with a steady income enabling the charity to continue to deliver key services.

VOLUNTEERING

Our team of dedicated volunteers have continued to work extremely hard to ensure the running of the charity administration is kept to a high standard. The charity is supported with a team of highly skilled volunteers. Most have a degree qualification covering various fields and some are working in key roles i.e. teaching, nursing, mental health support and studying for medicine and dentistry. During this reporting year, we were able to deliver more face-to-face activities, extending our services to more people than previous years. This would not be possible without the hard work and determination of our volunteers and the trustees are extremely grateful to all volunteers, previous and those who have come on board in the last 12 months. Up to 100 volunteers have contributed over the reporting period, with some giving regular weekly hours with a combined average of 200 hours per week. All volunteers continue to be DBS checked, health and safety trained. We have delivered Data Protection training and kept our policies up to date in line with legislation ensuring that everyone is given the right safety and protection within our organisation.

Additionally, we were able to also provide some of our youths with volunteering opportunities which gave them valuable experience to enhance their university applications and CVs.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

"Taking part in many charity events helped me interact and improve my communication skills with the team around me and when meeting new people. It would allow me to learn how to work well with others as we would need to coordinate together to make sure everything happened smoothly. I would help by making food bags, doing henna, and taking part in baking which made me feel very involved and helpful. It has really allowed me to become more confident and social, helping me build my character. I have also volunteered 4 days a week to teach children aged 5 to 8 how to read Arabic. Situations where some students lost focus allowed me to become compassionate and flexible as I had to make sure everyone was being given a fair amount of time. With each pupil I had to adopt unique ways of teaching which would help me in my future career where I would need to constantly adapt to the environment I have been put in." **Emaan Azhar 19 dentistry student Queen Mary University**

"I have benefitted immensely from the plethora of events, projects and opportunities that Jamia Almaarif has to offer. Examples of projects that I have been a part of include meditation circles, youth mentorship programmes, retreats, teaching services, Arabic classes, sports clubs, and camps. All these projects have been crucial towards the development of my confidence, public speaking, and communication skills as I am surrounded by people from various demographics on a weekly basis. The exposure to an environment like this has taught me the importance of collaboration as from my experiences, I have seen that everyone has their own individual strengths and weaknesses and that something can be learnt from anybody that you meet. In the future, I aspire to become a religious leader, having taken inspiration from my teachers, and I feel that the skills I have learnt from here would be indispensable for my career and can be transferred to my work as well as personal life." **Hussain Kiani 18**

**Trustees' Report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and performance

The charity measures success through user feedback and educational achievements. The charity always welcomes and acts upon feedback. We have received ample positive feedback and continue to strive to improve our services. Our range of activities, including reviews can be found on our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages.

Religious Projects and Services

Religious Teaching

Spirituality has remained at the core of our religious teachings which encourages the need for individuals to improve their characters (in accordance with the teachings of the Quran and the noble practises of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)). We continue to recognise the need for spiritual peace promoted by our meditation sittings and lectures. We have carried out face to face meditation sittings and on-line sessions (for those who were not able to travel for face-to-face sessions in our centres). Attendees have benefitted greatly from our sessions as they encourage them to improve their characters, reflect upon actions and improve their behaviours towards themselves and others. All whilst maintaining and upholding British and Islamic values.

"Meditation/Dhikr has brought me so much peace, after attending weekly sessions regularly, for me it feels like an opportunity to recharge. I use the hour to connect with my Creator & it's been the best form of therapy. I enjoy being forced to take time away from the hustle bustle of life & away from the addiction of the phone. It's the true essence of mindfulness as I spend an hour thinking about God & focusing on improving my connection with Him, this has had a ripple effect on the rest of my worship, I feel like I am more present in my prayers & generally am more conscious of God. I love being with people who feel and do the same and there's a special connection between all the sisters who attend which brings a sense of belonging and adds to well-being". **Amina London**

We continued to provide on-going support during the holy month of Ramadan (a special month where Muslims fast and congregate for worship) ending with Eid parties in our centres and on-line gatherings to ensure that activities were accessible to everyone. Iftar parties were held in all our locations welcoming guests from the whole community.

During Ramadan we provided:

- Daily Quran Explanation lessons held in both English and Urdu
- Daily Meditation sessions
- Breaking of fast parties in London, Peterborough, Cambridge, Oldham and Birmingham and Norwich.
- Quran retreat Camp in Norwich

"I attended the feasts weekly with my kids, the girls there were so polite and did my henna design on my hand. It was really special because I don't have any family around and I would have spent the Ramadan evenings alone." **Rachel Barking**

After school madrassa

Our face-to-face Madrassa resumed in September 2022 in both our centres in Barking and Peterborough as there was a demand for face-to-face learning following the long period of online learning because of the pandemic. As of 31st July 2023, there were a total 196 (54 in the face-to-face madrassa) students enrolled in the madrassa taught by 33 volunteer teachers and 4 paid staff. Some of the students local to our centres chose to join our face-to-face provision but our after school on-line Madrassa established at the start of the pandemic has remained at full capacity. This is a testament to our dedicated team of teachers who are all hard-working volunteers. Our teachers most of whom are volunteers, have worked very hard to ensure our children have progressed with their learning. We have embedded Islamic principles in our students whilst teaching them how to become upstanding citizens of society. We continue to receive positive feedback from parents. Students have also enjoyed their learning.

"Over the 3 years I have been at Jamia Almaarif's madrassa I have learnt to pronounce letters properly when reading the Quran. I have also welcomed the opportunity to be host in Rajab and Miraaj events which I really enjoyed. I am grateful for all the learning I have taken part in. The teachers are really helpful and supportive." **Israr London 10 years old online student**

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"I like how I'm not the only person in the class. I like that there's other people there that I can be friends with and talk to them. I like that I'm not the only person who struggles in some things and I don't have to be embarrassed of myself. I also like my teacher because she just makes things easier to learn and she's easy to talk to." **Alesha 12 years old online student**

"It has been a year since my daughters have been going to the Barking Madarasah. Alhumdulillah they have learned a lot and have been very happy and confident with their learning. I would like to thank all the teachers for taking time out, being so kind and supportive and with great deal of patience helping all students to achieve high standards in their Islamic education and encouraging them to become better Muslims. Jazak'Allah for all your efforts. May Allah (SWT) bless and reward you all abundantly. Aameen. The Madrassah allows all children to get involved in religious events and the students enjoy taking part Alhamdulillah. I would highly recommend you to join and be apart of the Madarasah . Jazak'Allah" **Hooria parent of Maria and Saira Ilford London**

" My 3 kids have been studying in Jamia al Marif Madrasaa in Barking for 1 year. I am satisfied with their steady progress. Their Islamic Knowledge has improved so much than before as they know about ramadan, hajj, Miraj and prophets. They learnt how to pray namaz, they memorize namaz, 6 kalimantan, duas and surahs. Alhamdulillah I also want to say that staff of Jamia almarif doing hardwork for children so they can learn How to read Quran and understand. All teachers are highly dedicated to their work. My kids also also enjoyed their holidays clubs and trips which Jamia almarif arranged for the welfare of kids." **Hina Dagenham**

"Kids madrassa is really very effective and the teachers are efficient enough to teach every child.... I am really happy with my kid's progress as she is now able to read 3 kalimas and other duas as well along with the normal tajweed lessons." **Mahira Khan madrassa parent Peterborough**

"I would like to write a review on jamia al Maarif madrassa. I feel like all the teachers and support workers at jamia al maarif work with a lot of passion and dedication and make the students feel as a part of a community. My daughters like to go to learn the Quran as well as all the other beneficial knowledge being taught eg the Islamic studies classes youth club getting involved in performing. I have also recommended the center to others too. keep up with the fantastic work !" **Alia Mushtaq Peterborough**

Our Madrassa has held regular events to mark key Islamic events. As in previous years, children were able to perform for their parents and guests. These events gave children the opportunity to show their talent through poems, recitation of nasheeds and the Quran, role play and hosting. Children worked really hard for their performances and did everyone proud.

"Maria and Maliha have been attending madrassa for nearly a year now and alhumdulillah they've learnt so much allahumma barik. They love participating in the conference and it has helped them gain knowledge and confidence. The madrassa do alot of childrens activities and the girls enjoy participating in them in sha Allah they will participate in more. Maria likes the online studies every Wednesday but Maliha becomes abit fidgety. Overall I would highly recommend (and have been doing so) Jamia Almaarif. May Allah swt reward you and the sisters for all the efforts you put into the children. Jazak Allah" **Madrassa parent Barking**

<https://youtu.be/h1BFZM9kV4A>

Classes for all the family

Jamia Almaarif has continued its efforts to provide the whole family with services to improve their spiritual wellbeing as well as their Islamic Knowledge. Jamia Almaarif has provided a range of classes including:

Islamic essentials - For adults. These were provided in both English and urdu. The topics include the explanation of the Quran, Seerah of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Fiqh (Islamic rulings)

Islamic studies - For children. These are further divided into age groups for appropriate and efficient deliverance of the material and effective learning.

Revert and Youth classes - Delivered in English- Topic is dependent on student demand/ requirements as well as significant and relevant events in accordance with the lunar calendar.

Workshops- on specific topics of interests such as the rulings on fasting and Zakat.

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On a weekly basis the number of students joining the classes has risen comfortably and successfully. The number of students joining weekly basis were sometimes over 300, which reflects the popularity and the value of the classes. The workshops were a particular favourite with students as they are more focused and tailored around a specific topic. The workshops had our highest attendance with an average of 73 students attending per workshop.

"Alhamdulillah, these online classes I've been joining over two years now Alhamdulillah has helped me gain a lot of knowledge that I was unaware of and has overall helped me to understand Islam and the rulings in a better and beautiful way. For example, improving my salah and the deeper understanding of the Quran through the Quran tafseer classes which has given me the opportunity to learn and understand the Quran in the best of ways and beautifully explained by our beloved teacher shaykha." **Mahreen London**

Social Welfare

Religious Advice and Support

The Imam has continued to provide advice and guidance on religious matters, personal issues concerning marriage, family disputes and other aspects of Islam to help people in the community. He has also provided further services such as Q&A sessions, weekly classes, morning broadcasts and meditation sessions for the family. People in various cities have tuned in to live streaming of daily morning talks, which have inspired individuals and families to set off the day on a good note. The Friday Sermons have dealt with key issues facing society today and have motivated individuals to improve the practise of their faith.

<http://mixlr.com/imam-a-karim/>

Emotional Support

Our Shaykha has continued to offer spiritual mentoring to new Muslims online and face to face in our venues. The online service has reached new Muslims who enrol with us online all over the UK. Approximately 5-6 hours weekly are provided on 1-1 mentoring by the Shaykha. New Muslims on our mentoring programme are also assigned a personal learning mentor (for support for learning the new religion) as well as a buddy to promote enough social inclusion and belonging for the individual. Personal mentors were on hand to provide weekly emotional and learning support for approximately 15-16 hours per week.

Family support and mentoring were offered by both our Imam and Shaykha around the clock in which we receive a high volume of requests. Our Shaykh touched upon domestic issues in his weekly Friday Khutbas (sermons) encouraging listeners to maintain positive/ healthy lifestyles and relationships.

"My spiritual teacher is an invaluable guide on my journey of faith. We meet weekly and she consistently provides me with wisdom, encouragement and support. She explains faith in a way that makes sense to me. She is kind and understanding and reminds me to stay positive and be thankful. I am so grateful for her presence in helping me navigate challenges and uncertainties while strengthening my faith." **Magda - Windsor**

"Having mentoring with the Shaykha at Jamia Almaarif keeps me on track in my religion and my relationship with God. If I'm losing myself the meetings pull me back and remind me of God. Meditation with Shaykha is like an escape from all the hardship and hassle and bussle of the world, to just take a few minutes out to remember Almighty God. It has helped me with my overloaded stress and anxiety and helped me see clearly of my future, past and present." **Clara - Rochdale**

Our Youth have also benefitted from emotional and mental support with 1-1 meetings provided by one of our volunteers who is a BABCP accredited Psychotherapist and BPS member for 3 hours per week.

"You have been wonderful with me and give the same energy back and try to understand where I'm coming from. Not only that you also give practical / doable advice that I feel like I can take on board and it's not overwhelming or too much because you know I wouldn't cope well with that.

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And you make sure to explicitly call me out when I'm thinking negatively even when I don't realise that's what I was doing and change my approach which I try to use in other aspects of my life as well alhamdulillah that's just because of how much you pay attention you know I haven't realised it so and you know you need to be crystal clear with me otherwise I overthink and you've adapted to that and that's helped me a lot so thank you and I also like that you take on board the fact that I do value my religious beliefs and give me advice in that context which I take with a lot more respect and try to honour." **Safa**

"When we had our one-to-one sessions you were understanding and enthusiastic throughout the one to one. Makes me feel better after any call because you're motivating and understanding." **Emaan**

Meditation classes

The meditation classes, available for both Muslims and Non-Muslims, provide inner peace and allow individuals to work and on and improve their mental well-being. The significance of this lies in promoting a balanced and centred approach to life and enhancing emotional resilience as well as providing practical ways in dealing with daily challenges. It creates a safe environment for everyone to join and be part of a loving community to explore the benefits of meditation and create a harmonious lifestyle. Over the year, an average of 200 people have attended the weekly face to face meditation sessions and attended special events held at the Barking centre.

This includes individuals of all different ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds where some also take the time to come from several cities across the UK.

"Meditation has had numerous positive effects on my mental health and doing it regularly has contributed to my overall well-being. It has been effective by managing anxiety by prompting relaxation and helping me become more aware of my thoughts and feelings without being overwhelmed by them. I have been able to gain better control over my emotions and responses to various situations by fostering positive emotions and reducing negative ones." - **Rovale 18**

"I found the meditation/dhikr surprisingly very impactful Alhamdulillah. I do this at home too now it's really uplifting so thank you for these sessions I always look forward to them. May Allah increase all of your work to guide and inspire the youth with barakah and khair ameen." **Jasmin London**

"Meditation/Dhikr has brought me so much peace, after attending weekly sessions regularly, for me it feels like an opportunity to recharge. I use the hour to connect with my Creator & it's been the best form of therapy. I enjoy being forced to take time away from the hustle bustle of life & away from the addiction of the phone. It's the true essence of mindfulness as I spend an hour thinking about Allah SWT & focusing on improving my connection with Him, this has had a ripple effect on the rest of my ibadah, I feel like I am more present in my prayers & generally am more conscious of Allah SWT. If I sin I find myself wanting to repent eagerly and following it up with better deeds. I love being with people who feel and do the same and there's a special connection between all the sisters who attend which brings a sense of belonging and adds to well-being". **Amina London**

"The way that the meditation had a positive impact on me is that I feel relaxed I don't think about other things when meditating. I feel a little closer to Allah SWT every time I meditate". **Nosheen Barking**

To accommodate the large attendees that come to the weekly sessions and special events carried throughout the year we have made several sessions available to enable more people to attend the weekly classes.

Our Broome mosque and centre have held several meditation sessions attended by around 80 users on average on each occasion from different parts of the UK. Users and their families were able to join there instead of travelling to London, enjoying the tranquil location that is perfect for enhancing the meditation experience. The mosque and centre were better able to accommodate larger gatherings with adequate space for the whole family, with the nearby Village Hall (hired at a low cost) providing additional space for the activities for the children and for serving food. Local people were also invited to join the weekly meditation sessions and to attend events held at the mosque.

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Youth Club

Our Youth Club have continued to serve the local communities in both Barking and at the Peterborough Centres. Youth members have continued to receive access to our youth mentor volunteers along with spiritual one-to-one meetings with our Shaykh and Shaykha. Our Broome location has provided the perfect get away for our youth to unwind in the peaceful surroundings of the countryside. We have continued to provide useful talks to help our youth make career choices.

(260) A Career in the Police Force | Jamia Almaarif Youth Forum - YouTube

Oct 2022- During the weekend break, Jamia Almaarif organised a youth retreat in the Village of Broome, Bungay with 45+ students attending. This gave the students an opportunity to unwind from the stressful exams and life factors and spend time with their mentors, friends in a healthy spiritual environment. During this break youth were able to sync in with the natural scenery around them in the village of Broome, surrounded by greenery. Our youth met local community members and learnt a great deal of their lifestyle and wellbeing.

Dec 2022- Jamia AlMaarif Youth programme organised a winter retreat in the Village of Broome, Bungay with 50 youths attending. Activities carried out were arts & crafts, meditation, outdoor activities Ice skating and a visit to winter wonderland in nearby Norwich city. We included a celebration dinner to reward the students for their hard work and team efforts. Students enjoyed the retreat and much positive feedback we received from youth and parents.

Jan 2023- We started weekly Sunday sessions for Youth at our the Barking centre. The youth sessions included discussions and debates on current worldly affairs, student support including (exam stress support, support around student loans, peer pressure and healthy lifestyles). We held Q&A sessions and quizzes to promote inclusion and team work. We provided light refreshments and lunches free of charges.

Feb 2023- Jamia Almaarif Youth Programme organised a Talent Event in Barking Sports Hall at Al Madina Mosque. This event gave children and youth an opportunity to perform their skills and talents on stage including stories from their culture, role play around good morals and more. They were also able to show their talent in reciting poems & speeches. We hired the local Mosque Hall due to the size of the event- over 100 people came in attendance to watch our youth perform. Over 30 youth and the madrassa children gave a fantastic performance. The Sunday weekly youth session held in Barking, grew in popularity with more young people joining through word of mouth. We have continued to deliver a range of topics and chance for attendees to engage in a Q&A session, develop debating skills, and join in fun quizzes to promote teamwork.

April & May 2023- This was the month of Ramadan where many of our service users celebrated their breaking of fast every evening with a meal. We held weekly iftars for families of the community, a good number of youth attended with their siblings and parents. We organised a festival party to mark the Eid Festivals, we had games, balloon entertainment, goodie bags and a free meal for all children. This was followed by a community picnic at Barking Park. Families also participated in a 'Secret Santa' style gift exchange: Please see the link to the photos Kids Eid Party

Please see reviews below:

"I went to the Iftar event at Jamia Al Marif the evening before Eid. I had such a lovely evening. Such a welcoming and comfortable environment. Had some yummy food with all the sisters and some lovely conversation with them all. I can't wait for the next event they host to meet them all again. Would deffo recommend going along to the centre." **Rebecca**

"I had a brilliant time connecting with fellow women. Great company and yummy food. I look forward to these events because it helps to really build the community and bring people together." **Stella.**

July 2023- We organised a family funday and fund raising event with our youth volunteers. People enjoyed a variety of food, children were delighted with their face painting. The henna hand painting stall was particularly popular. We raised £1076 towards Jamia Almaarif Youth and New Muslim support services.

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Kids Club

During this reporting year, the charity was successful in receiving a funding bid of £10,000 from the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. This funding enabled us to buy resources and pay for a staff member to organise and manage the clubs. A kids club was initiated in September 22 and holiday clubs during the school holidays for the benefit of children who lived in the borough. Other children were also able to join the holiday clubs for a small charge.

Around 132 people have benefitted throughout the year and have engaged with the project. The club has run every Sunday (excluding end of term holidays) from 12pm to 1.45pm. The Sunday Kids Club has been mostly based around sports, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor activities, challenges & games in team settings, trips to the local parks and the Barking Library.

- Children were given a lot of social exposure and inclusion - learning social skills and positive mannerism
- Teamwork was demonstrated through games
- Children are learning about historical stories and events that took place in history
- Children built confidence through creative activities
- Children were encouraged to ask questions and challenge the areas which they needed support
- We are welcoming children to bring their homework in the kid's club session upon request from the parents since September 2023
- Engaging in Storytime at Barking Library

"I am very glad that I found Jamia Almarif centre as it helped me through time in many ways. I started firstly by visiting a baby group only, but ended up using most of their services, and now I am bringing there a 2nd child too. Recently, he attended a free camp, and he is always looking forward to a Sunday kids club. I feel at peace because I know he is at good hands there with very kind and DBS checked volunteer's. They do different activities, making strong friendships, and at this time of crisis, it definitely helps my pocket. If I would have to pay for all classes my kids or me done with them, I wouldn't be able to afford it. There is always somebody with open arms and hearts and I love how inclusive the space is." **Lenka Barking**

Holiday Clubs

Around 279 children have benefitted throughout the year and have engaged with the project. 75 families in Barking & Dagenham have been given free to spaces on our holiday club (1-3 children per enrolment).

- Icebreakers and fun games will be done in the first day of holiday club to ensure all children, know one another and can get comfortable.
- Teamwork were demonstrated by the volunteers, and children were encouraged to do the same, whilst we were playing our games in the park
- Kids enjoyed their holidays with fun activities.
- Learning were also incorporated within our holiday club
- Children who attended, enjoyed the trips and activities so much that they wanted the holiday club to be longer and not to end
- Children enjoyed a sports day in Hyde Park

Mentors for the Kids/Holiday Clubs included an NHS Psychology Professional, A Biomedical Sciences Graduate, A Primary School Teacher with MSC Psychology, A Media Professional, A Nurse and 8 youth Volunteers (6 of which live in the Borough of Barking and Dagenham)

The staff and children thoroughly enjoyed the clubs with lots of positive feedback:

" My girls enjoyed their time at the summer camp. They enjoyed doing arts and crafts and games. Plus the sports day at The Hyde park was amazing." Horia, Barking & Dagenham

"Amazing" **Tehmina**

"Art and craft and then trip was outstanding (lovely teachers company)" **Anonymous**

"He enjoyed both days throughly but he really liked playing in Regent's Park with his new friends." **Naila London**

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"My children spoke nothing but great words" **Katie - Barking**

"Super staff, wonderful fun and my children were waking up asking to go back and were sad once it ended." - **Naila Arshad**

"My child came home happy and full of new information to share." - **Anonymous**

Peterborough Centre

Weekly meditation gatherings were also held in our Peterborough centre with different slots to accommodate men and women and families. The Peterborough centre resides in the heart of an urban community where there is a need for spiritual meditation, youth development and revert mentoring support.

Every Friday at 6.30pm the centre held a youth club with exciting activities for children. This included games, arts and crafts, sports, and learning new skills. The youth club has become increasingly popular with 15-20 members attending regularly. Half term club consisted of arts and crafts, Islamic studies classes and baking activities. Trips included bowling, museum, ferry meadows for a hike and glow golf.

"My son attends jamia almaarif and also participates in the youth club on Fridays. My son really enjoys being part of jaamia almaarif and looks forward to it every week. The teachers do a fantastic job and are so approachable. All the teachers encourage the children and provide positive feedback to parents. They work well with the children helping them thrive and to be the best they can by upholding fundamental values. They create a warm, fun and friendly environment and always brings the best out of the students. My son speaks highly of the Youth teacher and really enjoys the activities. I am proud that my son is a student at jamia almaarif. Teachers are amazing at what they do and possesses great leadership skills. The youth club helps with my sons development and he has built so much confidence." **Umair Peterborough father of Zayan 5 years old**

"I am writing a review as a student who attends jamia al maarif peterbrough youth club and madrasah and would like to compliment on the amazing work of the youth club. Me and my siblings really enjoy the youth club sessions as the activities are fun and exciting as well as educational we learn Islamic manners and stories. The Youth worker is really helpful and kind and whenever we need to discuss something or need advice she is always there to help."

Zara Tasleem, aged 13

Local new Muslims were provided with a platform to learn and have a safe space to ask any questions they had. Weekly Arabic and Islamic Studies classes were provided free of charge to make it easy for them to learn their new religion. Fortnightly social gatherings were also organised for them such as swimming and badminton so that they could make new friendships and share their experiences with each other as reverts. They were also able to join other clubs open to all the community such as the mother and baby group run on Wednesdays. In preparation for Ramadan, 10 New Muslims received a hamper bag containing dates and other items to see them through Ramadan.

The elderly and those who are not in work have benefitted from sewing and cooking classes and be part of a welcoming community.

During Ramadan the centre held weekly iftars twice a week with over 50 people attending to share this special occasion together as a whole community.

"I'm part of the reverts group at JAM for nearly a year now, and I took part in many meditation session and revert classes which I really enjoyed. Throughout all Ramadan I attended Quran tajweed online with Shaykha and was really beautiful as in this way I completed Quran in 30 days and also Log to the Mixir broadcasting of JAM morning and evening khutba and prayer. It helped a lot being a revert away from family, you tend to get isolated, and Jamia Almaarif had open arms for the reverts. Jamia Almaarif hosted iftars which I found very welcoming. And I helped in the revert Eid party managing youths and decorating the centre which again fill me with joy as I feel is that little sometimes I can give back to this beautiful community. I'm so happy and pleased that I come across Jamia Almaarif and I think they do amazing things for the reverts and for who need a " safe" place to connect with Allah." **Ayesha Peterborough**

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New Muslims

Our revert mentoring programme has continued to provide key support to new Muslims and those interested in the Islamic faith. Our academic lead has compiled a great curriculum for our new Muslims with dedicated classes for those at a beginner and advance stages encompassing the Islamic teachings and providing the key context required for new learners to grasp the base of the Islamic faith. Our online learning resources on our YouTube channel have been a useful learning platform for our users. The prayer tutorials continue to be particularly helpful for new Muslims as users feel they can revise their learnings in their own time at their own pace.

(260) Jamia Almaarif Salah Tutorials - YouTube

In the month of August 2022 Revert Muslims joined our picnics and Baby Group in the Park where they received free Quran learning and mentoring in the open space. We also launched our first new Muslims spiritual retreat in Norfolk a full insight can be found here:

Reverts Retreat 2022 ! Our 1st Spiritual Retreat in Norfolk - August 2022 (youtube.com)

<https://youtu.be/98vIWuaJLo8?si=pajnS3MXSVck30XS>

In September 2022, we launched the Reverts Online Islamic Studies on Wednesdays 6-7pm held via zoom. This has been a free platform where topics specifically for new Muslims have been delivered such as explanation of short chapters of Quran, The life and character of the Holy Prophet and keys events in the Islamic calendar.

In October 2022 Jamia Almaarif were voted for the Best Convert Support with the Beacon Mosque Awards. Best Convert Support Service Award 2022 Finalists - Beacon Mosque

In December 2022 we hosted reverts reconnect dinners in 4 UK main cities in local restaurants where new Muslims got the opportunity to make friends and learn about our services.

In March 2023 Jamia Almaarif held a Reverts Ramadhan Preparation Day in 4 locations London, Oldham, Peterborough and Birmingham. All locations delivered a Fiqh of Fasting presentation followed by a group quiz, lunch, arts and crafts activities for the children. There were activities such as Ramadhan goals setting and Ramadhan themed icebreakers. Reverts also had lessons on how to pray the night prayers in Ramadan and the significance of the odd nights in the last 10 days of Ramadan and what acts of worship were recommended on those special nights. 50 gifts packs were distributed to New Muslims each containing a copy of the Holy Quran, a miswak stick (Islamic toothbrush) and dates. Each city contained special extra treats in the packs such as holy water, honey, headscarves and more.

In April 2023- New Muslims were able to attend iftar evenings at our centres to break fasts with their fellow Muslims, sharing food from different cultures and enjoying the community spirit and special buzz that Ramadan brings to the community.

"I went to the Iftar event at Jamia Al Marif the evening before Eid. I had such a lovely evening. Such a welcoming and comfortable environment. Had some yummy food with all the sisters and some lovely conversation with them all. I can't wait for the next event they host to meet them all again. Would deffo recommend going along to the centre." **Rebecca**

"I had a brilliant time connecting with fellow women. Great company and yummy food. I look forward to these events because it helps to really build the community and bring people together." **Stella.**

In May and June we held a day event every month for new Muslims in our Barking Community Centre based around 'Spiritual Devotion' Some reviews from our May event are as follows:

"I got a lot new information to get more closer to Allah. The Heart is more important, I loved it so much and to be together, I was feeling so overwhelmed" **Oana Barking**

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"It increased my understanding to why we remember God and the importance of spirituality and the hadiths that show the reasons for what we do. Also learnt about the three types of heart. I learnt a lot. I enjoyed learning with other revert sisters, seeing Shaykha and the zikr. I learnt the 3 states of the heart, and that spirituality is important to keep working on to get that higher connection with Allah SWT. That I want to keep working on it and achieve that higher connection where I am not bothered by my surroundings or people judgement but Allah SWT inshallah. Fantastic. Alhamdulillah"
Laura, Birmingham

Social Inclusion & interfaith activities

Our mother and toddler group has been running for a few years now. It continues to draw interest from local mums. Some of their reviews are here:

"Hi! I have been to the baby group quite a few times, and it's so good to see something like that for our kids, the rhymes, stories, colouring etc. Khadija your kindness and softness towards children is what makes it more special. Also Coffee morning is something I look forward to every week, meeting ladies who are like your sisters and mentors, teaching us new skills, helping us learn Deen in the most beautiful way. To be honest it was really hard to live far away from my family, but having a lovely family in the centre has made a difference in my life. I am so grateful that I met you guys."
Noor - Barking

In April 2023, during the month of Ramadan, we held weekly community Iftars for new Muslims and non-Muslims community in all of our centres which provided local Muslims and non-Muslims a place to enjoy opening their fast in a spiritual environment with free food. This also allowed New Muslims to be a part of a community where they can celebrate their faith with their children and meet other people. This initiative is key to our purpose and Ramadan can be a very isolated time for new Muslims especially those who are not married into Muslim households. Such events provided them with a place to break the fast with other Muslims whilst meeting others and making new friends. Youth members created henna designs on the hands of the reverts and attendees received an Eid gift containing a scarf, perfume, candle, tasbeeh and home scents.

In June 2023 we hosted local people from Broome and the surrounding areas for an Eid party. Our guests were very honoured to join in our celebrations and learn more about Eid and the fasts of Ramadan.

Jamia Almaarif also funded a Family Retreat Day to Broome Village in Norfolk and to Great Yarmouth beach. We hired a 16-seater minibus for mothers and children in the borough to enable them to experience life in the countryside and to have a fun family day trip. We have a wonderful collection of photos and a video review made by a Barking resident Elena, please see the video here: [Family Retreat Video Review.mp4](#)

In July 2023 we started a new cooking class in Broome which has attracted a lot of interest. It has been a good way to involve people from the local community as a fun activity to do and for them to socialise with other people from the community as well as to get to know more about the mosque and the Muslim community.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/tWd1E1XRuJLnG3uF/>

Following the success of the Family day out to Broome and to Great Yarmouth held in June we launched the monthly Family retreat day in July 2023. Families across the UK were invited to spend a day at the mosque for meditation and for a local walk to enjoy the lovely scenery and tranquil surroundings of Broome Pitts. An activity was organised for children and parents to enjoy which included a wildlife walk, tree climbing and art in the wood. Several families attended from various cities for a fun day as well as attending the mosque for prayers and meditation.

"JazakAllah for yesterday, everyone was very welcoming and friendly. The area was beautiful and calming. It was really lovely to be able to come as a family too as lots of Islamic events are usually for adults and don't include children".
Kalpana London

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In July 2023, we also held the Eid ul Adha celebration party at our Barking centre with a special invite to those new to the religion. The day included party games, balloon entertainment, sweet bags, an Islamic presentation for parents which the children were entertained followed by a community picnic with a gift exchange amongst children. The day was free of charge. Some reviews are as follows:

"I enjoyed the company and happiness of my kids being able to play with friends freely. It was well organised alhamdulillah". **Lenka (Barking)**

"I got to meet all these lovely ladies, to listen to a lecture, enjoyed a picnic and just looked at children happy faces. Everything from the balloons which lady did in dog, heart and other shapes, changing presents, picnic and just running around with other kids. It was very good organisation and event itself. Many thanks for everything." **Zivile (London)**

Mother & Toddler group and Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings were launched in January 2022 in London and May 2022 in Peterborough. This is an all-inclusive session for those in the community where we carry out a rota of activities including recipe sharing, sewing and knitting, mindfulness and meditation.

Our Mother and Toddler group has been running throughout the annual term. It is welcomed by our users as it consists of 10 minutes warm up (light exercises and stretches) and all members enjoy this thoroughly. Users also enjoy arts and crafts, messy play with colourings, sticking and playdoh along with many other activities. We do not charge for this service and wish for this to remain cost free. Many mothers have made friends at our baby group and have been signposted via this group to the other services we offer as well as local opportunities and resources. We have offered free teas, coffees, snacks and light refreshments.

"We've been attending the baby and toddler playgroup in the community centre, and we enjoyed it a lot. It's a nice group to attend with multiple children of different ages, which can be hard to find. But it's nice for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. We really like that it's a little bit different every time so it doesn't get boring. There are different rhymes sometimes and different activities. We really liked the arts and crafts, and we did painting one time which was fun. Healthy snacks are served, which is great for kids as they often get a bit hungry in the late morning. In the end, there is free play, and it's nice for the kids to socialise with other kids and just explore on their own. We look forward to attending the baby and toddler group in the future." **Sussane Barking**

"I have been attending study group/ coffee mornings for over a year now and alhamdulillah for me it has been life changing. I've met amazing sisters who have the same thirst of knowledge as myself, so we really enjoy meeting up weekly and sharing our reflections on the online classes over the week. We discuss points that have come up so we can gain a better understanding and discuss ways of further improving ourselves. The best part is it takes place in a informal relaxed setting over a lovely cup of tea & food. I look forward to Wednesdays and pray it continues to be a source of benefit for all those who attend."

Amina Naem - Barking

Premises

Both our Barking and Peterborough premises have continued on a licence agreement and have still served a good purpose. The rents have remained affordable. Our medium plan is ongoing in search for a bigger and more permanent premises as our number of users have continued to increase. However due to the high cost and low availability of properties, we will continue to hire suitable venues in the meantime for larger gatherings as and when there is a need.

Our local teams in Oldham, and Birmingham have continued to work in their areas to provide on-line support to their local communities, providing a listening ear and motivating people to remain spiritually uplifted. Premises were hired by our volunteers in these areas at their own cost, to conduct various activities for social and religious gatherings. We have continued to search for affordable premises on rent in those areas, to be able to offer face to face support and for more families to be able to access our services.

The Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre has continued to be available on a rent-free basis and has been used as a place for family gatherings attended by users across different cities and for the local community to learn more about our faith and practise. It has also been the perfect location for retreat weekends for our youth, reverts and families.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

Our main source of income continues to be from donations and madrassa fees. With more families struggling with the costs of living, trustees took the decision to keep madrassa fees at the same level as the previous year. Our madrassa provided over £51K in income during this financial year. Our regular users and their families have continued with their generosity of donating to our charity, generating a steady income of over £37K in general donations which has enabled us further to deliver our programmes. We were also successful in obtaining £10,000 in a bid for funding from the local authority. The team worked hard to put a business case forward to show how the local community would benefit with a weekly kids club and half term club. Please see above under the heading for the kids club for the activities which were delivered.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Charity has funds applied to the relevant purpose. An analysis of expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 27 - 28.

The reserves currently stands at £217,512 and details are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	£171,355
Restricted funds	£46,157

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FUTURE PLANS

Governance and Administration

The trustees will continue to ensure that all the policies are in place, reviewed regularly and all volunteers are up to date with their training to ensure compliance with safeguarding children, health and safety and data protection and consent forms are obtained for any sharing of photos and videos. All volunteers who are working closely with children have been DBS checked and any new volunteers will undergo this check. A suitable insurance policy is in place.

Funding

The financial reserve of the charity is still in a stable position and our funding forecast indicates that we will be able to keep up with expenditures despite the rise in fuel bills. We will continue to raise more awareness of our excellent work and to seek opportunities for more donations. With a team of dedicated volunteers, we will be able to keep administration costs to a minimum.

Projects

Online Classes

We will provide specialised classes to cater for specific learning needs. We will deliver more sessions for Non- Muslims to inform them about the religion of Islam including on-line open days. We will launch the Islamic Scholarship programme in both English and Urdu to train up people to deliver classes in the future. We will tailor our classes to basic and advance levels to cater for different learning needs.

Our Youth Personal Development Programme (PDP)

Trustees continue to recognise the importance of providing our youth with a platform on which they can become successful individuals. As a result of this, we have road mapped a strategy to hold initiatives where the youth of today can integrate into society in a positive way by providing much needed Islamic values alongside, whilst at the same time to develop a healthy mindset along with greater values and skills as the youth go on to develop their academic careers.

After previous successful retreats and a good turn-out of youth we have decided to continue with retreats at our Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre which offers scenic views and a calm atmosphere for reflection, physical activities and clean less polluted atmosphere, away from the hustle and bustle of the city streets. These retreats will take place during schools breaks. We plan to hold these retreats during August Summer break for 3 nights and 4 days. During December winter break for 2 nights and 3 days and during April Easter break for 2 nights and 3 days. A key part of our sessions and camps is for our users to take part in meditation and one to one counselling sessions as well as group discussion/ Q&A sessions and recreational activities. The trustees believe this will be key to helping the youth in enhancing their mental health, career development and academic success. Meditation sessions also focus on self-reflection and learn skills to cope with stress management, especially during exam season. The retreats will also help to meet new people and make new friendships therefore developing a social network.

We previously launched the children clubs for the different age groups (5-10yrs and 11-12 years) will be held weekly and during the school holidays. These will consist of Islamic history, significance of geographical locations, science and Islam, development of essential life skills, creativity sessions such as arts & crafts. Activities will include outdoor hikes such as hike in Epping forest with a professional hiker. We will provide physical activities such as football and cricket to get children to be more active. We have liaised with the local council to provide a day activity to plant seeds in the local park. This will give children the opportunity to get involved in doing activities for the council and be a part of taking care of the community.

We will continue to hold events for children and youth to perform and express their talents such as nasheeds, poems, speeches. This will be an organised and advertised event with food & stage provided with an audience to give our youngsters an opportunity to be heard, watched, appreciated and grow in their skills and talent. We believe this will enhance their confidence and public speaking skills which will further enable them to grow into confident hard-working adults.

We will aim to provide more volunteering and work experience opportunities for the youth. We will also launch our Youth Online Forum allowing youth and volunteers to lead the platform delivering sessions to attendees on skills or topics they value or feel passionate about. Trustees believe this will be an excellent platform to provide for the youth to develop their confidence, self-esteem and public speaking skills.

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Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

New Muslims

Our New Muslims community have continued to grow. We plan to continue our existing support through 1-1 mentoring and emotional support; classes for equipping new Muslims with the right tools to practise their new faith; a social space to make friends and for participating in celebrations and online tools so that users can also learn in their own time and at their own pace. We plan to provide an online free online tool of how to read the Quran in Arabic step by step for beginners.

With the success of retreats in our Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre in Norfolk, we plan on continuing to give our New Muslim community the opportunity to unwind and focus on their spiritual learning as well as enjoy outdoor activities around the coastal and rural surroundings which this location offers.

Both our Barking and Peterborough Centre, will continue to deliver a number of new Muslim initiatives. This will be a continuation of social gatherings, mummy and baby group, study sessions, iftars, coffee and catch up, meditation sessions as well as the online classes tailored specifically for New Muslims. We will continue to hold a spirituality day every month specifically for New Muslims.

New Muslims Umrah - This is a retreat which we feel is a much-needed support for new Muslims. We feel a pilgrimage to the holy lands of Makkah and Madina will prove invaluable to new Muslims where this sort of spiritual awakening is compared to none. Those who feel they would like to embark on this spiritual journey, will be supported with workshops, gifts of items that they will need to take with them, and for those who cannot afford the full cost of the trip a subsidy will be provided from the zakat fund in accordance with the zakat policy fund.

Social & Interfaith activities

All our centres will remain open to all faiths for meditation, for our activities and for people to join us in our celebrations such as Iftar and Eid gatherings. We plan have open days and to continue with activities that the whole community can participate in such as our coffee mornings, mother and toddler group, and cooking classes. We will keep seeking opportunities to collaborate with others and to develop links with other faith communities.

School

For some time now the trustees of Jamia Almaarif have considered opening an independent school. Our longer-term goal will be to find suitable premises to open a school subject to DfE approval. Since the success of the retreats for the youth in our Broome locations, the trustees have decided to focus on how we make such retreats available to more young people.

Premises

The charity will continue to operate at the London premises for prayer, meditation, and local activities to benefit the local community though it has become increasingly difficult to accommodate larger events. We are actively looking for a bigger venue in London to rent or lease so that we can extend our services to more people. With the success of retreats for the youth, New Muslims and families, trustees will be looking at options to expand the Broome Centre in order to be able to accommodate more people.

Our Peterborough Centre is serving the community well and there is sufficient space to expand even more activities there. The current licence agreement is still in place with no rent increase since the premises were taken up in March 2022.

Our local teams in Oldham and Birmingham are continuing to search for suitable premises for a permanent provision to be in place. At present local venues are hired on a need basis to host talks, meditation sessions, revert and youth activities. Our long-term goal is to have enough users and donors to be able to raise large funds to eventually have our own place in the cities where many of our users are based.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

**Trustees' Report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

Staff

During the reporting year, 6 staff were employed on both a permanent and temporary part time basis to deliver some of our key and specialist services. The trustees recognise that we require experts to deliver certain services and for this a salary or paid annual wages is due to the level of service and commitment required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Its Articles of Association was last updated in August 2019. The Trustees have appointed an Executive Committee for the day to day run of the activities. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Charity operates in accordance with its Article of Association, charity law and other legal requirements and best practice.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on31/05/2024..... and signed on its behalf by:

Fatma Bodhee

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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Jamia Almaarif

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jamia Almaarif ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

U Zahoor

Usman Zahoor (FCCA)

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Chartered Certified Accountants

1 Quality Court

Chancery Lane

London

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Date:31/05/2024.....

JAMIA ALMAARIF

**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/23 Total funds £	31/7/22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	37,424	10,000	47,424	57,798
Charitable activities					
Madrasa	3	56,739	-	56,739	49,644
Mosque and community		730	4,272	5,002	6,870
Youth club		3,600	-	3,600	-
New Muslims		-	3,382	3,382	-
Kids club		-	650	650	-
Disaster appeal		-	4,896	4,896	-
Zakat & fitrana		-	4,075	4,075	-
Total		98,493	27,275	125,768	114,312
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	2,216	-	2,216	-
Charitable activities					
Madrasa	5	43,289	-	43,289	32,914
Mosque and community		35,418	6,956	42,374	41,020
Youth club		700	-	700	-
New Muslims		2,626	2,058	4,684	-
Kids club		9,380	620	10,000	-
Disaster appeal		-	4,356	4,356	-
Zakat & fitrana		-	100	100	-
Total		93,629	14,090	107,719	73,934
NET INCOME		4,864	13,185	18,049	40,378
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		166,491	32,972	199,463	159,085
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		171,355	46,157	217,512	199,463

The notes form part of these financial statements

JAMIA ALMAARIF**Balance Sheet
31ST JULY 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/23 Total funds £	31/7/22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	9,086	24,412	33,498	40,214
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments and accrued income		443	-	443	341
Cash at bank and in hand		168,739	21,745	190,484	163,397
		<u>169,182</u>	<u>21,745</u>	<u>190,927</u>	<u>163,738</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,913)	-	(6,913)	(4,489)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>162,269</u>	<u>21,745</u>	<u>184,014</u>	<u>159,249</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>171,355</u>	<u>46,157</u>	<u>217,512</u>	<u>199,463</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>171,355</u>	<u>46,157</u>	<u>217,512</u>	<u>199,463</u>
FUNDS					
	13				
Unrestricted funds				171,355	166,491
Restricted funds				46,157	32,972
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>217,512</u>	<u>199,463</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Balance Sheet - continued
31ST JULY 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on31/05/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Fatma Bodhee

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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Faryal Iqbal

.....
Miss F Iqbal - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using either a straight line or reducing balance method, as indicated below.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures & Fittings - 15% Straight Line

Computer Equipment - 20% Straight Line

Leasehold Improvements - 15% Straight Line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
Donations	37,424	37,835
Gift aid	-	19,963
Grant from local council	10,000	-
	<u>47,424</u>	<u>57,798</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/7/23	31/7/22
Activity	£	£
Madrassa income	56,739	49,644
Mosque project	3,939	2,465
Zakat income	-	4,185
Sadaka income	333	220
Ramadhan	730	-
Youth club donation	3,600	-
Revert program	3,382	-
Kids club donation	650	-
Disaster appeal donations	4,896	-
Zakat income	4,075	-
	<u>78,344</u>	<u>56,514</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
Event cost	2,216	-
	<u>2,216</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Madrassa	-	43,289	43,289
Mosque and community	1,045	41,329	42,374
Youth club	700	-	700
New Muslims	4,684	-	4,684
Kids club	620	9,380	10,000
Disaster appeal	4,356	-	4,356
Zakat & fitrana	100	-	100
	<u>11,505</u>	<u>93,998</u>	<u>105,503</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Information technology	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Madrassa	-	1,566	41,723	43,289
Mosque and community	486	894	39,949	41,329
Kids club	-	-	9,380	9,380
	<u>486</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>91,052</u>	<u>93,998</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>7,230</u>	<u>7,096</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st July 2023 nor for the year ended 31st July 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2023 nor for the year ended 31st July 2022.

9. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/7/23	31/7/22
Engaged on management and administration	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	57,798	-	57,798
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	49,644	-	49,644
Mosque and community	-	6,870	6,870
Total	<u>107,442</u>	<u>6,870</u>	<u>114,312</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	32,914	-	32,914
Mosque and community	32,249	8,771	41,020

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Total	65,163	8,771	73,934
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	42,279	(1,901)	40,378
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	124,212	34,873	159,085
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>166,491</u>	<u>32,972</u>	<u>199,463</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st August 2022	46,177	-	1,133	47,310
Additions	-	514	-	514
At 31st July 2023	<u>46,177</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>1,133</u>	<u>47,824</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st August 2022	6,926	-	170	7,096
Charge for year	6,926	77	227	7,230
At 31st July 2023	<u>13,852</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>397</u>	<u>14,326</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st July 2023	<u>32,325</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>33,498</u>
At 31st July 2022	<u>39,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>963</u>	<u>40,214</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/23 £	31/7/22 £
Social security and other taxes	-	286
Pension Payable	180	-
Net Wages	3,733	2,703
Accrued expenses	3,000	1,500
	<u>6,913</u>	<u>4,489</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	166,491	4,864	171,355
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	32,972	13,185	46,157
	<u>199,463</u>	<u>18,049</u>	<u>217,512</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,493	(93,629)	4,864
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	27,275	(14,090)	13,185
	<u>125,768</u>	<u>(107,719)</u>	<u>18,049</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	124,212	42,279	166,491
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	34,873	(1,901)	32,972
	<u>159,085</u>	<u>40,378</u>	<u>199,463</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	107,442	(65,163)	42,279
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	6,870	(8,771)	(1,901)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>114,312</u>	<u>(73,934)</u>	<u>40,378</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	124,212	47,143	171,355
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	34,873	11,284	46,157
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>159,085</u>	<u>58,427</u>	<u>217,512</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,935	(158,792)	47,143
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	34,145	(22,861)	11,284
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>240,080</u>	<u>(181,653)</u>	<u>58,427</u>

JAMIA ALMAARIF

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Lease relating to Broome Methodist Chapel, Sun Road, Broome, Bungay, NR35 2RW is between Jamia Almaarif and Saira Chaudhry who is also part of an executive committee.

JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	37,424	37,835
Gift aid	-	19,963
Grant from local council	10,000	-
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	47,424	57,798
Charitable activities		
Madrassa income	56,739	49,644
Mosque project	3,939	2,465
Zakat income	4,075	4,185
Sadaka income	333	220
Youth club donation	3,600	-
Revert program	3,382	-
Kids club donation	650	-
Ramadhan	730	-
Disaster appeal donations	4,896	-
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	78,344	56,514
Total incoming resources	125,768	114,312
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Event cost	2,216	-
Charitable activities		
Children activities	422	-
Zakat payment	100	3,540
Revert retreat	2,058	-
Ramadhan meal	1,045	-
Youth retreat	2,626	-
Turkey/Syria	4,356	-
Trips	700	-
Printing & publication	198	-
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	11,505	3,540
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	201	-
Wastage	285	-
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	486	-
Information technology		
Website and IT	894	1,033
Carried forward	894	1,033

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JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

	31/7/23	31/7/22
	£	£
Information technology		
Brought forward	894	1,033
Media & advertisement	1,566	2,135
	<u>2,460</u>	<u>3,168</u>
Governance costs		
Wages	42,454	30,175
Social security	-	524
Pensions	539	-
Rates and water	1,325	94
Insurance	882	477
Light and heat	6,570	1,923
Postage and stationery	229	40
Legal fees	40	-
Independent examination fee	1,500	1,500
Information & Publication	814	-
Rent	27,600	25,100
Repair & Maintenance	1,725	-
Professional fee	-	40
Sundry	144	257
Short leasehold	6,926	6,926
Fixtures and fittings	77	-
Computer equipment	227	170
	<u>91,052</u>	<u>67,226</u>
Total resources expended	<u>107,719</u>	<u>73,934</u>
Net income	<u><u>18,049</u></u>	<u><u>40,378</u></u>

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JAMIA ALMAARIF

England & Wales - Charity number 1186352

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 11473276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:

Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2022
for
JAMIA ALMAARIF

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Jamia Almaarif

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

CORPORATE DETAILS

Registered Name Jamia Almaarif

Company Number 11473276

Charity Number 1186352

Trustees (Directors)

Firyal Iqbal	(Chairman)
Fatma Bodhee	(Treasurer)
Adeeba Khan	(Vice Chairman)
Parvaiz Aktar	(Appointed 4 th November 2021)
Mohamed Irfan	(Appointed 11 th December 2022)

Executive Committee

Muhammad A Karim	(Imam)
Dr S Chaudhry	(Curriculum Lead & teaching Manager)
Adeeba Khan	(Youth Lead & Event Manager)
Sobia Amin	(Youth Curriculum)
Kinzah Iqbal	(Youth Lead Birmingham)
Rachel Hamilton	(Reverts Lead & Communications Officer)
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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

COMPANY HISTORY

Our free of charge madrassa started as a home setting, with children of friends and family. The trustees felt they could do more for the community and with that in mind madrassa free of charge was opened at Barking Community Centre in January 2017 to benefit more children and families in the local area. The madrassa was run during the weekday evenings at first. With the madrassa up and running, there was a demand to also provide activities during the day to benefit the local women and to engage the youth. Recreational activities were set up during the weekends and school holidays so that children could develop friendships in a safe environment as well as learn about their faith in a fun way. Weekday, evening, and Weekend meditation classes were provided to cater for everyone. We also started providing religious advice or pastoral support required by the local community. More activities were set up as more volunteers with a wide range of skills and professional background joined the charity. All the services provided were free of charge.

OBJECTIVES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objectives of Jamia Almaarif, as set out in its Articles of Association, are:

1. To advance the Islamic religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Islam to enlighten others about the Islamic religion.
2. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom. The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
3. To alleviate poverty and improve the social and economical well-being of individuals who fit the criteria for receipt of zakat & sadaqa according to the principles of Islamic rulings, to individuals in the UK and worldwide.
4. To advance the education of Muslim children in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of Islam by setting up an on-line learning facility to provide for their education in national curriculum subjects as well as their Islamic education.

In pursuance of these objects, the charity hosts a range of activities for the benefit of the public.

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SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

The Charity has continued its efforts in providing support and services to the public. Following the success of our on-line activities which were provided to accommodate users during the pandemic, we recognised the need to continue with the on-line activities so that our services could reach more people but at the same time wanted to provide more face-to-face activities so people could begin to enjoy more social activities in person after such a long period of isolation. Face to face activities were resumed at the London Barking Centre and a new centre was opened in Peterborough in March 22.

Additionally, our Broome Mosque and Meditation centre held several activities to engage the local community. We held an open in September 2021 which hosted several local people including Reverend Chris Hutton. People have also joined in to watch our Madrassa and Youth students perform in our regular conferences helping the local community learn more about our religion and culture. The centre has also hosted coffee mornings for locals to come along and meet the team and the Imam, ask questions and enjoyed some cultural food. Some of the people from the local community have also taken part in our meditation sessions and have found them very beneficial.

Our online activities have continued including our YouTube channel, Social Media interactions, online classes, online Madrassa Programme and online support networks. Our interactive videos have continued to provide an engaging method of learning for our younger audience and parents to enjoy together alike whilst achieving our educational goals. The Let's learn series were launched in January 22 under our YouTube channel Jamia Almaarif kids providing a useful resource for our young students and their parents to keep them motivated in their learning.

Our Youth professional development programme has continued its efforts to engage the youth in increasing their knowledge, embody team building skills and for them to enjoy fun-filled activities at the same time. The Youth Professional development programme has grown leaps and bounds since its launch in October 2020 with the increased support we offered and developed for our group activities programme. Our youth were engaged in several social activities which were greatly welcomed after the isolation of the pandemic period.

Our Reverts Mentoring programme has grown nationally and globally as we continue to adapt our programme to suit our learners and users. As of July 2022, we had 200 new Muslims enrolled on the programme. The users have gained immense benefit from their mentors. Our users have spent time at our Centres across Barking, Broome and Peterborough and received one-to-one mentoring, spiritual meditation sessions, various sessions for spiritual encouragement and hours of teaching, all free of charge and were supported with learning tools via our online platforms. The atmosphere and community feeling of our programme has provided users with a friendly atmosphere where they can easily ask questions and work on their spirituality and learning.

Our online Madrassa has continued to be a stable platform for our students to learn and increase in their Islamic Education. A large majority of our students have continued with our online services despite the end of the pandemic demonstrating that parents were satisfied with the quality of teaching provided and the progress that their children were making. The madrassa has continued to provide us with a steady income enabling the charity to continue to deliver key services.

VOLUNTEERING

We have retained a team of dedicated volunteers who have worked extremely hard to ensure the administration running of the charity is kept to a high standard. Our volunteers are skilled in different areas meaning they provide the charity with support in several ways. We have expanded all programmes across the country with many people benefitting from our services. This would not be possible without the hard work and determination of our volunteers and the trustees are extremely grateful to all volunteers, previous and those who have come on board in the last 12 months. On average volunteers have contributed over a total of 180 hours per week. All volunteers continue to be DBS checked, health and safety trained. We have delivered Data Protection training and kept our policies up to date in line with legislation.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The charity measures success through user feedback and educational achievements. The charity always welcomes and acts upon feedback. We have received ample positive feedback and we continue to strive to improve our services. Our range of activities, including reviews can be found on our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages.

RELIGIOUS PROJECTS & SERVICES

Religious Teaching

Spirituality has remained at the core of our religious teachings which encourages the need for individuals to improve their characters (in accordance with the teachings of the Quran and the noble practises of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)). We continue to recognise the need for spiritual peace promoted by our meditation sittings and lectures. We have carried out face to face meditation sittings and on-line sessions (for those who were not able to travel for face-to-face sessions in our centres). Attendees have benefitted greatly from our session as they encourage them to improve their characters, reflect upon actions and improve their behaviours towards themselves and others. All whilst maintaining and upholding British and Islamic values.

“The meditation sessions have been very beneficial as I have learnt a lot about my religion and also to discover myself. They have helped me to focus more on prayer and be more conscious of God’s presence. I have become more calm. When my son went missing the only thing that calmed my nerves was the meditation that I was taught and the belief that God is in charge and can make the impossible possible. All praise be to God, a lot of people were wondering how I managed to stay calm throughout the whole situation. I really am grateful to have found the Barking centre.” Ruriko Barking

We continued to provide on-going support during the holy month of Ramadan (a special month where Muslims fast and congregate for worship) ending with Eid parties in our centres and on-line gatherings to ensure that activities were accessible to everyone.

During Ramadan we provided:

- Daily Quran Explanation lessons held in both English and Urdu
- Daily Meditation sessions
- Breaking of fast parties in London, Peterborough, Cambridge, Oldham and Birmingham. These events were for all communities included our Youths and New Muslims. Several Non-Muslims participated in the breaking of the fast with us.

After school madrassa

Our after school on-line Madrassa established at the start of the pandemic has continued to remain full and this is a testament to our dedicated team of teachers who are all hard-working volunteers. The teachers have worked to ensure our children are progressing with their learning as well as taking part in our Youth Programme. We have embedded Islamic principles in our students whilst teaching them how to become upstanding citizens of society. New students have joined from the positive feedback that they have received from their family members and friends on the quality of our teaching. As of 31st July 2022, there were 181 students enrolled in the madrassa taught by 22 volunteer teachers and 3 paid staff.

The madrassa is a fee paying service. Families who could not afford the full fee were invited to apply for a fee reduction. In this reporting period, 22 applications were approved to receive a reduced fee and 1 child received a total fee exemption. We also discounted the fee by £5 for 68 children who lived in less affluent areas.

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"I am very satisfied with my daughter's madrassa teacher. She teaches very clearly in a calm and reassuring way. She makes sure Safa understands every rule properly. Safa has learnt and achieved much in these past 2 years and has started to pray more since her teacher has been encouraging her. I'm very happy with her progress." **Najma London**

"My daughter has been taking Quran and Islamic Studies lessons and has really progressed Alhamdulillah. She finds real confidence from working with her teachers and most importantly benefits from being part of a young Muslima woman's community. JazakAllah and please continue all your hard work." **Madrassa parent London**

We were able to resume face to face performances by the madrassa children. The Seerah conference was held in the Broome Mosque and Meditation centre on the 27th of November 2021 attended by 50 madrassa children from Oldham, Cambridge, Peterborough, and London and their families. It was a spectacular event. Children and teachers had worked very hard to prepare for the performances, some of whom had performed for the very first time. It was the first face to face performances by the madrassa children after the period of lockdown. Some of the non-Muslim members of the local community also attended the event. They were truly impressed with the confidence displayed by some of our children. Everyone enjoyed themselves and all enjoyed the refreshments provided.

[\(70\) Jamia Almaarif Seerah Conference 2021 \(صلى الله عليه وسلم\) | Madrassa Childrens Performances - YouTube](#)



Performances were also held in London, Peterborough and Oldham so students could attend the venue closest to their location. The Miraj performance held in March 22 had a great turn out. In London 48 students performed. For some students it was the first time they had met their teachers in person. The teachers spent many weeks to prepare the students' performances. Parents, teachers and guests were awed by the amazing performances by each of the children. The children displayed great confidence and eagerness to perform and learn about special events in the history of Islam.

[\(59\) Jamia Almaarif Annual Miraj Event 2022 | Madrassa Childrens Performances - YouTube](#)



Classes for all the family

Jamia Almaarif has continued its efforts to provide the whole family with services to improve their spiritual wellbeing as well as their Islamic Knowledge.

We provided a whole range of classes for all the family to increase their knowledge in Islam, improve their practise and support their children in developing their Islamic and British values. Our classes are not only free but also open to people of all faiths to explore and learn as they wish. We have used user feedback to improve on our services and initiated workshops to cover topics that were of interest to our users. The Muslim funeral workshop and welcoming the Newborn workshop was of particular interest to our users. During this reporting year, we had over 250 people who joined and benefitted from our classes on a weekly basis.

“I’m a student on the course taught at Jamia Almaarif. I just wanted to leave a short review to say how grateful I am for all the hard work that goes into teaching people like myself to improve their Quran recitation and build a meaningful relationship to the deen. You are doing an incredible service to the ummah through your organisation. The course content for Tajweed and style of teaching is engaging and well thought out. I’ve benefitted immensely and hope this brief message will encourage others to enrol.”

Thayibbah Cambridge

SOCIAL WELFARE

Religious Advice and Support

The Imam has continued to provide advice and guidance on religious matters, personal issues concerning marriage, family disputes and other aspects of Islam to help people in the community. He has also provided further services such as Q&A sessions, weekly classes, morning broadcasts and meditation sessions for the family. People in various cities have tuned in to live streaming of daily morning talks, which have inspired individuals and families to set off the day on a good note. The Friday Sermons have dealt with key issues facing society today and have motivated individuals to improve the practise of their faith.

<http://mixlr.com/imam-a-karim/>

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Emotional Support

Individuals especially new reverts who often have found themselves alone and isolated in their new environment, have also benefitted from one-to-one sessions with our Imam and Shaykha who have provided people with emotional and spiritual support. On average, 30 weekly one-to-one meetings were conducted with new Muslims. Additionally new Muslims have been provided with a mentor who have kept regular contact with them. During the reporting period we had 12 mentors who provided support to around 100 new Muslims.

Meditation classes

On average 180 people including youth, women and men from all faiths and backgrounds have attended weekly face to face meditation sessions at the Barking Centre. Our online meditation sessions have continued to run successfully providing many people across the UK with a source of peace and tranquillity for all. Our sessions have focused on developing a connection with their creator and explore inner peace through our silent mediation practice. Non-Muslims and Muslims have both been welcomed to join in; enabling them to enhance their spiritual wellbeing and provided them with a safe space to ask questions, explore beliefs, perspectives and build friendships.

"I went to the Barking Meditation Centre as a Non-Muslim after being invited by my friend to join in the meditation sessions. I was truly amazed by the welcome that I and my son received from everyone. I have found the meditation sessions helpful in making me feel more relaxed and better able to focus on the important things in life. Thank you so much to everyone at Jamia Almaarif for your welcome and support."

Tracy London

With the completion of the construction of the toilet block, it was possible to expand activities at the Broome Centre. The Broome Mosque and Meditation centre held several larger events where families came together from across several cities in the UK for meditation and social gatherings. The gathering held on the 23rd of October for families to celebrate the birth of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him) was attended by over 50 families from different cities in the UK. Around 200 people attended the event over 2 sessions. Families welcomed the opportunity to gather in a peaceful location to remember and praise God for having sent Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon Him) as a mercy to mankind.

During Ramadan 30 people spent the weekend at the mosque for a spiritual retreat. The feedback was that people felt spiritually uplifted in such beautiful quiet surroundings. It was very auspicious to do spend some of the fasting days at the Broome Mosque and Meditation centre for quiet meditation and prayers and sharing the pre-dawn meals and breaking of the fasts with other attendees.

The Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre has also been open for local people to join in for coffee mornings and meditation. The local people have been very welcoming and were keen to find out more about the meditation and a few have been attending the sessions on a regular basis.

"I found the meditation very moving. It was something outside my experience and I was uncertain at first that I would be able to connect but I found it very relaxing, and it enabled me to reflect on what's important in life" **Kary Broome**

Our team has also travelled to the new Peterborough Centre for regular meditation sessions which has been particularly welcomed by those who were previously travelling to London for the face-to-face meditation sessions. Additionally, our pool of users has grown in the Peterborough area with many locals attending and enjoying the meditations sessions taking place monthly and fortnightly. The Peterborough centre resides in the heart of an urban community where there is a need for spiritual meditation, youth development and revert mentoring support. Ample feedback was received from parents, youngsters and adults alike who requested regular meditation sessions. Our services at the Peterborough Centre have also been promoted by the local Mosque, Faizan E Madina who regular announce our events at Friday prayers showing solidarity and support of our intended purpose.

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“My daughter Alayha started attending meditation sessions at the Peterborough Jamia Almaarif Centre and she has thoroughly enjoyed them. I have also attended the meditation sessions with Shaykha and felt such a great feeling of peace and tranquillity. Myself and my children look forward to attending more events in the future.”

Shaista Majid, Parent from Peterborough

Youth Club

Our Youth Club has continued to serve our communities by offering regular one-to-ones for our youth with our youth mentor volunteers along with spiritual one-to-one meetings with our Shaykh and Shaykha. We have also continued our youth forum online via Zoom where professionals from different backgrounds have hosted sessions to help the youth understand different career options available to them.

Our Broome location provided the perfect retreat for our youth which were held in August 21 and the youth had a fantastic time reconnecting with each other after such a long period of not being able to meet with each other in person. Activities included meditation, picnic at Great Yarmouth Beach, swan boat rides at Olympic park followed by restaurant outing and Thorpe Park resort. A further camp was organised during the winter holidays with 30 students participating in activities which included ice-skating, trampoline and bowling.

There have been several career talks to help our youth make their career choices. In September 21 a career talk by Daisy on forensic science career pathway took place with over 60 attendees. The youth shown keen interest in this subject. Talks were also held by our youth students enabling them to grow in confidence in delivering talks to a large audience. Our students Emaan and Safa delivered a talk on preparing for the Holy month of Ramadan in March 2022.

In February 2022 we hosted an Open Day in our Barking Centre highlighting the different services we offer as a charity. This was well received by the local community who were able to speak to us, enquire, enrol and enjoy a snack and cup of tea. We also hosted an activities day during the February half term when children took part in various activities such as arts and crafts, cupcake design, park visits and integration. This was a great initiative as it allowed children to enjoy a fun-filled day whilst learning Islamic manners and behaviours whilst maintaining British values.

In March 2022 we held a mental health awareness presentation online by an NHS qualified Mental Health therapist. More than 100 participants participated via Zoom. This presentation was extremely well received as participants became aware of support available to them via the NHS and different aspects of good and poor mental health.

In April 2022, the charity organised youth specific iftars during Ramadan in both Peterborough and London. Members of our programme and new users joined and enjoyed some free food, socialised and learned more about Ramadan through the perspective of others. Following the completion of Ramadan, we organised a youth Eid party in London and Peterborough where more than 30 young members attended. They took part in quizzes, arts and crafts, henna designs and a lovely dinner was enjoyed by all.

In June 2022, due to it being exam period for the youth, we delivered an online youth forum where students and teachers attended. This session was led by a secondary school teacher who delivered an insightful session on how students can organise their revision and maximise their learning and how parents can support children through this time. The teacher also covered stress management for students who suffer with stress whilst studying for exams. This session proved very helpful and popular with both students and parents.

In this 3-part series PGCE Secondary school teacher Ms Amin takes us through Exam Preparation.

- ◆ Parts 1- Stress Management: <https://youtu.be/UJE0DPwyU1E>
- ◆ Part 2 - Revision Tips : <https://youtu.be/pFzk9e2-6KI>

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- ◆ Part 3 - Useful Revision Resources : <https://youtu.be/voXgrgRKg1g>

In July 2022, London and Peterborough hosted a summer camp across a two-week period for children extending into August 2022. This ran for 3 days each week and had a fantastic reception. Teenagers and young children attended, and the camp consisted of indoor and outdoor activities, arts and crafts, games, Islamic Study sessions, ice breakers, cooking, baking and decorating, sports, part and museum visits. 32 children from the local area attended

in the last week of July at our Barking centre and 16 students joined at our Peterborough centre.

We have had wonderful feedback for our youth activities below are just a few:

Student reviews:

“Asalaamalaikum thank you so much for inviting me to this year’s youth summer retreat I feel so privileged to be able to attend, it was such a fun and exciting experience especially attending camp after two years, this years camp was very fun all the girls really connected especially our spiritual journeys really improved again thank you to our Shaykha and all the organisers.” **Raibah Oldham**

“Alhamdulillah was amazing as always Very spiritually elevating and much needed to be honest. We all learnt so much Alhamdulillah. Even those who couldn’t pray revised/learnt surahs, kalimas and duas. Every time I go to a retreat always come back with more knowledge and love for Islam and Zikhr than before because of how much we learn. And can’t forget to mention that we LOVE the extra time we get with Shaykha” **Inaya Oldham**

“It was a great experience and I wish to attend many more Insha’Allah. I really enjoyed speaking to everyone especially getting together. I enjoyed the activities, but Ice skating wasn’t for me I will be honest. Also, the length of the stay was good but I wouldn’t have minded another day.” **Mehreen London**

“I liked how this time the retreat was more spiritually focused, so I really enjoyed spending more time with Shaykha and doing more Dhikr. The whole experience was really refreshing and spiritually renewing. I look forward to attending more retreats in the future, Insha Allah” **Safa London**

“The Broome retreat was an enjoyable experience where I could have time away from my regular setting and replenish my spiritual energy. While also having fun through activities such as bowling, go karting, we received educational and motivational talks from Shaykh Amir karim who guided us in essential topics such as prayer and fasting. It was a great opportunity and I strongly recommend others to participate.” **Ramzan Peterborough**

“The Norwich Youth Retreat was an amazing experience that gave me the opportunity to get together with people of my age and to engage in the remembrance of Allah (SWT) in the presence of Shaykh Amir. It was jam-packed with a plethora of activities including: Go karting, Bowling and a visit to an Escape room, just to name a few. As well as keeping ourselves physically engaged, we also had daily meditation sittings and talks about goal setting and the importance of gratitude towards our creator, conducted by the Shaykh, to keep ourselves spiritually in touch. I am extremely grateful to Jamia Al Maarif for giving me such an invaluable experience.” **Hussain London**

Parent reviews:

“She really really really enjoyed it MashaAllah and she would always love to go on every retreat. She said it was a great experience and spending a lot of time with other Muslims who are in the same journey by the help of Shaykha is beautiful! Alhumdulillah” **Mother (on behalf of student Maryam Essex)**

“Assalam o Aliqum my girls really enjoyed retreat this time. They like outside trip with friends but mostly they enjoyed the best company of Shaykha. The organisation was excellent. In the future we hope they will do more exciting activities” **Tahira mother of Aishah & Saaleha Peterborough**

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“My children spoke nothing but great words, Super staff, wonderful fun and my children were waking up asking to go back and were sad once it ended.” **Katie Arshard. Barking** (on summer camp held in July 22)

New Muslim

Our reverts mentoring programme has continued to provide key support to new Muslims and those interested in the Islamic faith. Our academic lead has compiled a great curriculum for our new Muslims with dedicated classes for those at a beginner and advance stages encompassing the Islamic teachings and providing the key context required for new learners to grasp the base of the Islamic faith. Our class runs on a rotational basis covering a range of topics, including but not limited to:

- Life of the Prophet Muhammad Peace Be Upon Him (Islamic History)
- Islamic rulings
- Memorisation class of prayers
- Arabic language. Our trained and qualified Arabic teacher provides a fun and engaging lesson teaching the Arabic lesson

Additionally, we have also held monthly online social gatherings where our revert users show case their learnings of Quran recitation, poetry and nasheeds. This gathering provided new Muslims with a platform to share their learnings and experiences with likeminded people. We also held regular online quizzes as a fun avenue to enhance their learnings via platforms such as Menti and Kahoot.

We also launched a new Book Club for new Muslims where they were able to host a portion of our weekly reverts class dedicated to a specified book reading and review to share with all attendees. This provided attendees with increased confidence in their learning and to be able to share their knowledge with others. Furthermore, we also conducted online coffee mornings where our users were able to share a coffee and a chat with other users to further add to social gatherings. These sessions included activities such as attire styling tutorials, recipe sharing and health and wellbeing tips. The value of these social gatherings has been impeccable as new Muslims require an environment where they feel welcome and part of the community. These gatherings provided that much needed support which is required as part of the transition to becoming a Muslim.

We continued the ethos of enhancing our users learning experience by launching Arabic letters classes available throughout the whole year varying at different times including mornings, evenings and weekends to suit different users. In February 2022 we also launched an online weekly study group for new Muslims to drop in at any time and enhance their learning further than scheduled classes allowing a flexible approach to learning.

We made available online learning resources on our YouTube channel for our users. The prayer tutorials were particularly helpful for new Muslims. We have received great feedback on these resources as users feel they can revise their learnings in their own time at their own pace.

“Asalamu Alaykum, sister I just wanted to give you a feedback on the prayer instructions videos. They are so easy to follow and to learn from them. The instructions and the photos of the positions are very helpful. Jazak Allah.” **Magdalena, Slough**

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Social Inclusion & interfaith activities

Throughout August 2021, we held picnics in various parks for all faiths in London, Peterborough, Birmingham and Oldham. Our London locations included the Olympic Park in Stratford, Eastham Park and Barking Park. As we transitioned to the autumn months, all cities mentioned above continued the social gatherings however moved to various food avenues and cafes to continue the momentum.

A grand cultural day was organised on the 13th of September 2021 at the Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre for the local community to celebrate inclusion and diversity. The event was attended by several local people including those who came at the last event on the 10th of July. We were honoured to be joined by the Reverend Chris Hutton who met the Imam. Both emphasised the need for interfaith activities so we can focus on what we have in common. The local community were very happy to learn about Islam and listen to the call to prayer and some verses from the holy Quran. They also had the opportunity to meet Imam and ask any questions. The cultural food was enjoyed by all.

“Thank you so much for Saturday it was lovely. Such a welcome as always and I was so pleased more people came. The food was delicious, we thoroughly enjoyed the tasty dishes. Your kind hearts and minds shine through in your and the other’s smiles. Thank you again.” **Anita & John Broome**

“Thank you for putting on such a lovely cultural day last week and it was lovely to meet you all and the Imam and enjoy the lovely food.” **Reverend Chris Hutton**

We also conducted a ladies’ Discover Islam study group in our Barking Centre. This took place during term time, every Wednesday allowing face to face study and revision sessions for our online classes. This also allowed social integration for those who needed a friendly environment to learn and socialise in. This session is also child friendly as we welcome mothers to bring their young children along with them. This session is after our Baby and Toddler group session which again has allowed a social circle for our users who are mums with young children.

In Ramadan, we held weekly iftars for the local non-Muslims community at our Barking and Peterborough Centre which provided local Muslims and non-Muslims a place to enjoy opening their fast in a spiritual environment with free food. This also allowed New Muslims to be a part of a community where they can celebrate their faith with their children and meet other people. This initiative is key to our purpose and Ramadan can be a very isolated time for new Muslims especially those who are not married into Muslim households. Such events provided them with a place to break the fast with other Muslims whilst meeting others and making new friends.

Mother & Toddler group and Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings were launched in January 2022 in London and May 2022 in Peterborough. This is an all-inclusive session for those in the community where we carry out a rota of activities including recipe sharing, sewing and knitting, mindfulness and meditation.

Our Mother and Toddler group has been running throughout the annual term. It is welcomed by our users as it consists of 10 minutes warm up (light exercises and stretches) and all members enjoy this thoroughly. Users also enjoy arts and crafts, messy play with colourings, sticking and playdoh along with many other activities. We do not charge for this service and wish for this to remain cost free. Many mothers have made friends at our baby group and have been signposted via this group to the other services we offer as well as local opportunities and resources. We have offered free teas, coffees, snacks and light refreshments.

“We’ve been attending the baby and toddler playgroup in the community centre, and we enjoyed it a lot. It’s a nice group to attend with multiple children of different ages, which can be hard to find. But it’s nice for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. We really like that it’s a little bit different every time so it doesn’t get boring. There are different rhymes sometimes and different activities. We really liked the arts and crafts, and we did painting one time which was fun.

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Healthy snacks are served, which is great for kids as they often get a bit hungry in the late morning. In the end, there is free play, and it's nice for the kids to socialise with other kids and just explore on their own. We look forward to attending the baby and toddler group in the future." **Sussane Barking**

"I have been attending study group/ coffee mornings for over a year now and alhamdulillah for me it has been life changing. I've met amazing sisters who have the same thirst of knowledge as myself, so we really enjoy meeting up weekly and sharing our reflections on the online classes over the week. We discuss points that have come up so we can gain a better understanding and discuss ways of further improving ourselves. The best part is it takes place in a informal relaxed setting over a lovely cup of tea & food. I look forward to Wednesdays and pray it continues to be a source of benefit for all those who attend."
Amina Naeem - Barking

PREMISES

As mentioned in our last report, we have successfully negotiated and signed the lease of a property in Peterborough owned by the local Mosque. We are pleased to confirm this was negotiated at a low rental price which has proven affordable, and the centre was launched in March 2022. This has currently been signed at a 12-month rental agreement initially which will then be reviewed at its renewal date by the trustees.

Our existing building in Barking has continued a licence agreement and has still served a good purpose. The rent has remained affordable. Our plan is still to search for a bigger and more permanent premises as our number of users have increased since we have resumed more face-to-face activities.

Our local teams in Oldham, and Birmingham have continued to work in their areas to provide on-line support to their local communities, providing a listening ear and motivating people to remain spiritually uplifted. When Covid restrictions were lifted, premises were hired to conduct various activities for social and religious gatherings. We have also continued to search for affordable premises on rent in those areas, to be able to offer face to face support and for more families to be able to access our services.

The Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre has continued to be available on a rent-free basis and has been used as a place for larger gatherings attended by users across different cities and for the local community to learn more about our faith and practise.

FUNDING & INCOME GENERATION

Our main source of income continues to be from donations and madrassa fees. Madrassa fees had been kept at the same level since the introduction of fees in October 2018. The fees were increased from £20 to £25 per month in January 2022. Our madrassa provided over £49,644 in income during this financial year. Our regular users and their families have continued with their generosity of donating to our charity, generating over £37,835 in general donations which has enabled us further to deliver our programmes. A go fund campaign to support our services is ongoing to raise more funds to expand our services.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Charity has funds applied to the relevant purpose. An analysis of expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 25 - 26. The reserves are kept at £199,463 of which 100% are held in bank. The reserves currently stands at £199,463 and details are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	£166,491
Restricted funds	£32,972

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Governance and Administration

The trustees will continue to ensure that all the policies are in place, reviewed regularly and all volunteers are up to date with their training to ensure compliance with safeguarding children, health and safety and data protection. All volunteers who are working closely with children have been DBS checked and any new volunteers will undergo this check. A suitable insurance policy is in place.

Funding

The financial reserve of the charity is in a stable position despite the economic downturn. Our funding forecast indicates that we will be able to keep up with expenditures despite the rise in fuel bills. We will continue to raise more awareness of our excellent work and to seek opportunities for more donations. Our Youth members are keen to raise funds for our cause and have planned to take part in sports challenges and to organise bake and sale events in the coming months. Some of our young artists are also interested in raising funds for the charity through their artwork.

Projects

Our Youth Personal Development Programme (PDP)

Trustees recognise how important it is for the youth of today to have face to face interactions. As a result of this, we have road mapped a strategy to hold more face-to-face initiatives where the youth of today can integrate into society by providing much needed Islamic values. These initiatives include more youth camps, days out and social activities.

This plan has been developed by the huge success of our current initiatives we have discussed above and parent/carer feedback we have received. Our ambition is to further develop our programme comes from the hard work of our volunteers who provide our youth with support. Our initiatives aim to develop a healthy mindset along with greater values and skills as the youth go on to develop their academic careers.

We aim to continue with retreats at our Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre which offers beautiful scenery of the countryside, scenic views and a calm atmosphere for meditation purposes. These retreats will take place during schools breaks for 2-3 nights offering education activities and meditation. During half term youth activities will also take place in London and Peterborough giving the community the opportunity to engage and take advantage of our excellent services. A key part of our sessions and camps is for our users to take part in meditation and one to one counselling sessions as well as group discussion/ Q&A sessions. The trustees believe this will be key to helping the youth in enhancing their mental health, career development and academic success. Meditation sessions also focus on self-reflection and feeling at peace which we believe is a key success enabler.

Weekly clubs will also take place at our Peterborough, Oldham and London Centres where we will run weekly youth clubs to develop their team building skills and confidence. We will also offer them educational skills sessions including arts and crafts, design, essay writing and much more. Our weekly sessions will also deliver a section called 'Muslimah Moments' focusing on spiritual and Islamic learning combined with a chance to socialise and meet new people in a calm and fun environment.

Up to now, all our younger students also had access to all the services we have provided under the Youth Personal Development Programme. In the coming year we plan to promote even more opportunities for younger children by carrying our regular activity days on weekends and school breaks. We believe a child's physical and mental wellbeing is a key milestone for their development and future progression therefore we aim to help encourage younger children to engage in physical health sessions and activities that promote mental wellbeing such as arts & crafts, icebreaker activities for social inclusion.

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Trustees also acknowledge that as the charity has grown, more volunteering and work experience opportunities should be provided for the youth. We have started this process however we feel this can now be taken to the next level where we aim to offer proper volunteering opportunities, and one to one career mentoring in running a charitable organisation.

Trustees thoroughly believe this will help our youth become successful and confident individuals in society.

Free 'Healthy Minds & Body Project'

Jamia Almaarif has now launched a programme for youth and other members of the community in which we engage the community in vital skills and community building experiences.

This project branches from our Youth Personal Development Programme (PDP) which was initially set up online during the pandemic. We have conducted several holiday clubs and activity days since August 2021 and since then have successfully conducted a number of retreats and local events for our youth and members of the community.

The Jamia Almaarif's Healthy mind & body project goal is to implement new healthy habit's theme in the activities we do and positive outlook of life and the future. We have carried out excursions and activity days this year for our youth designed around keeping fit & healthy this includes nature walks, educational games, exercise, excursions. We understand the importance of good physical health combined with mental wellbeing being a core aspect for any individual's life. Healthy body equals to healthy mind and vice versa. Examples of how we have carried out our project and will continue to develop on this by

1. Providing regular sport activities.
2. Continue excursions in countryside for a more peaceful setting where the youth can engage with the nature, increase in exercise in a natural 'green' setting and additionally practising meditation and mindfulness-based techniques for a healthy mental state. Our Broome location is also perfect for walks in the countryside.

We are liaising with other professionals and use our local services, parks, and forests to encourage good health habits for all of our users. We have a team of healthcare professionals who are onboard in our healthy minds & body project. A dietician & nurse to deliver healthy diet, food balance and exercise learning and mental health therapists to promote mental wellbeing by providing workshops based around cognitive behavioural therapy and mindfulness.

Jamia Almaarif enjoy being innovative and as an organisation we want to progress in our work and services to provide support for all individuals. We are constantly learning and progressing and developing to meet the needs of our service users. We plan to deliver workshops based around healthy minds & healthy bodies to continue promoting a healthy lifestyle especially today where the youth have stated they experience immense stress from schools/colleges and universities and in an era where social media is widely used. We plan to deliver workshops based around relaxation, stress management, and carry out activities that involve de-stress and increase physical activities in a fun way such as doing form of meditation, sports & mindfulness activities.

We are also in touch with the local council representative who updates our team on local activities and events that would be of benefit and interest to our youth, such as local fruit picking, making own jam, events in the local park to engage youth in. We are really excited with our healthy mind & body project and can see the future looking bright for our youth with a project designed to improve health and wellbeing and educate the youth on the importance of having and most importantly maintaining a healthy mind & body.

New Muslims

Trustees believe initiatives for new Muslims have gone from strength to strength and the charity will continue to develop more initiatives to continue developing this. We aim to organise reverts retreat in the Summer in our Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre. This will be around the coastal and rural area

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where new Muslims will have a relaxed environment focusing on meditation, study sessions and socialising. Upon success of this retreat, we aim to continue such retreats in the country and seaside setting and for it to be a regular occurrence.

The Peterborough Centre, which was opened in March 2022, will also aim to deliver a number of new Muslim initiatives. This will be a continuation of social gatherings, mummy and baby group, study sessions, iftars, coffee and catch up, meditation sessions. We may consider some local retreat days for new Muslims in our Barking and Peterborough centres for those who have barriers to travel and time constraints.

Expanding on our current reverts programme we plan to provide a stronger community support for the new Muslims for the month of Ramadan. We also recognise that Eid is a new Muslim holiday for these individuals, and we would like to provide some gifts to uplift their spirits in the festival season.

The trustee board would also like to consider a New Muslims Umrah retreat which we feel is a much-needed support for new Muslims. We feel a pilgrimage to the holy lands of Makkah and Madina will prove invaluable to new Muslims where this sort of spiritual awakening is compared to none. We will also look to launch a retreat to a location in Europe to further enhance the experience and broaden horizons by visiting another country.

Social & Interfaith activities

We plan to hold more interfaith activities and will forge links with local faith groups to work towards common goals. All our centres will remain open to all faiths for meditation, for our activities and for people to join us in our celebrations such as Iftar and Eid gatherings. We aim to launch a new course 'Understanding Islam' to promote better understanding of the Islamic faith and to clear any misconceptions.

Premises

The charity will continue to operate at the London premises for prayer, meditation, and local activities to benefit the local community. We are actively looking for a bigger venue in London to rent or lease so that we can extend our services to more people. With additional toilet facilities in place, the Broome Mosque and Meditation Centre will continue to host larger events for Eid and special events during the year. More activities will be planned there to tie in with the school breaks so that our youth can continue to experience life in a rural area.

Our Peterborough Centre which opened in March 22 is serving the community well and there is sufficient space to expand activities there and we hope to extend the lease agreement after the 12-month period.

Our local teams in Oldham and Birmingham are continuing to search for suitable premises for a permanent provision to be in place. At present local venues are hired on a need basis to host talks, meditation sessions, revert and youth activities. Our long-term goal is to have enough users and donors to be able to raise large funds to eventually have our own place in the cities where many of our users are based.

School

For some time now the trustees of Jamia Almaarif have considered opening an independent school. As a result of the pandemic, we have focused more on restarting activities in our face-to-face locations and working to find premises in our key locations to deliver our existing services. Our longer-term goal will be to find suitable premises to open a school subject to DfE approval.

Staff

During the reporting year, 8 staff were employed on both a permanent and temporary part time basis to deliver some of our key and specialist services. The trustees recognise that we require experts to deliver certain services and for this a salary or paid annual wages is due to the level of service and commitment required.

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Trustees' Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022


STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Its Articles of Association was last updated in August 2019. The Trustees have appointed an Executive Committee for the day to day run of the activities. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Charity operates in accordance with its Article of Association, charity law and other legal requirements and best practice.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on^{20/06/2023}..... and signed on its behalf by:

..........

Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Jamia Almaarif

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jamia Almaarif ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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Usman Zahoor BSc (Hons)

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Chartered Certified Accountants

& Registered Auditors

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London

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Date:20/06/2023.....

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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/22 Total funds £	31/7/21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	57,798	-	57,798	38,002
Charitable activities					
Madrassa	3	49,644	-	49,644	42,755
Mosque and community		-	6,870	6,870	20,982
Total		107,442	6,870	114,312	101,739
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Madrassa	4	32,914	-	32,914	10,399
Mosque and community		32,249	8,771	41,020	37,123
Total		65,163	8,771	73,934	47,522
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		42,279	(1,901)	40,378	54,217
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		124,212	34,873	159,085	104,868
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		166,491	32,972	199,463	159,085

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31ST JULY 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/22 Total funds £	31/7/21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	10,571	29,643	40,214	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments and accrued income		341	-	341	-
Cash at bank and in hand		160,068	3,329	163,397	160,585
		<u>160,409</u>	<u>3,329</u>	<u>163,738</u>	160,585
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,489)	-	(4,489)	(1,500)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>155,920</u>	<u>3,329</u>	<u>159,249</u>	159,085
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>166,491</u>	<u>32,972</u>	<u>199,463</u>	159,085
NET ASSETS					
		<u>166,491</u>	<u>32,972</u>	<u>199,463</u>	<u>159,085</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12			166,491	124,212
Restricted funds				32,972	34,873
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>199,463</u>	<u>159,085</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

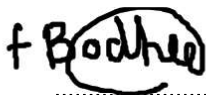
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued
31ST JULY 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
20/06/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee



.....
Miss F Iqbal - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using either a straight line or reducing balance method, as indicated below.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer Equipment - 20% Straight Line

Leasehold Improvements - 15% Straight Line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/7/22	31/7/21
	£	£
Donations	37,835	37,892
Gift aid	19,963	-
Educational trips	-	110
	<u>57,798</u>	<u>38,002</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/7/22	31/7/21
Activity	£	£
Madrassa income	49,644	42,755
Mosque project	2,465	17,481
Zakat income	4,185	3,386
Sadaka income	220	115
	<u>56,514</u>	<u>63,737</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Madrassa	-	32,914	32,914
Mosque and community	3,540	37,480	41,020
	<u>3,540</u>	<u>70,394</u>	<u>73,934</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Madrassa	2,135	30,779	32,914
Mosque and community	1,033	36,447	37,480
	<u>3,168</u>	<u>67,226</u>	<u>70,394</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31/7/22	31/7/21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	7,096	-
	<u>7,096</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31/7/22	31/7/21
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	-	13,200
Trustees' social security	-	607
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,807</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,807</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2022 nor for the year ended 31st July 2021.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/7/22	31/7/21
Engaged on management and administration	8	6
	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	38,002	-	38,002
Charitable activities			
Madrasa	42,755	-	42,755
Mosque and community	-	20,982	20,982
Total	<u>80,757</u>	<u>20,982</u>	<u>101,739</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Madrasa	10,199	200	10,399
Mosque and community	37,123	-	37,123
Total	<u>47,322</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>47,522</u>
NET INCOME	33,435	20,782	54,217
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	90,777	14,091	104,868
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>124,212</u>	<u>34,873</u>	<u>159,085</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
Additions	46,177	1,133	47,310
DEPRECIATION			
Charge for year	6,926	170	7,096
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st July 2022	39,251	963	40,214
At 31st July 2021	-	-	-

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/22 £	31/7/21 £
Social security and other taxes	286	-
Net Wages	2,703	-
Accrued expenses	1,500	1,500
	4,489	1,500

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	124,212	42,279	166,491
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	34,873	(1,901)	32,972
TOTAL FUNDS	159,085	40,378	199,463

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	107,442	(65,163)	42,279
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	6,870	(8,771)	(1,901)
TOTAL FUNDS	114,312	(73,934)	40,378

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,777	33,435	124,212
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	14,091	20,782	34,873
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,868</u>	<u>54,217</u>	<u>159,085</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80,757	(47,322)	33,435
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	20,982	(200)	20,782
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,739</u>	<u>(47,522)</u>	<u>54,217</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,777	75,714	166,491
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	14,091	18,881	32,972
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,868</u>	<u>94,595</u>	<u>199,463</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	188,199	(112,485)	75,714
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	27,852	(8,971)	18,881
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>216,051</u>	<u>(121,456)</u>	<u>94,595</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Lease relating to Broome Methodist Chapel, Sun Road, Broome, Bungay, NR35 2RW is between Jamia Almaarif and Saira Chaudhry who is also part of an executive committee. This is considered at arms length and rent seems to be at market value.

JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

	31/7/22	31/7/21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	37,835	37,892
Gift aid	19,963	-
Educational trips	-	110
	<u>57,798</u>	<u>38,002</u>
Charitable activities		
Madrassa income	49,644	42,755
Mosque project	2,465	17,481
Zakat income	4,185	3,386
Sadaka income	220	115
	<u>56,514</u>	<u>63,737</u>
Total incoming resources	114,312	101,739
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Zakat Payment	3,540	200
Support costs		
Information technology		
Website and IT	1,033	3,562
Media & advertisement	2,135	-
	<u>3,168</u>	<u>3,562</u>
Governance costs		
Trustees' salaries	-	13,200
Trustees' social security	-	607
Wages	30,175	5,578
Social security	524	-
Rates and water	94	-
Insurance	477	1,176
Light and heat	1,923	731
Postage and stationery	40	-
Legal fees	-	2,430
Independent examination fee	1,500	1,750
Information & Publication	-	484
Rent	25,100	13,000
Repair & Maintenance	-	4,000
Equipment Expensed	-	454
Travel	-	350
Carried forward	59,833	43,760

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JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

	31/7/22	31/7/21
	£	£
Governance costs		
Brought forward	59,833	43,760
Professional fee	40	-
Sundry	257	-
Short leasehold	6,926	-
Computer equipment	170	-
	<u>67,226</u>	<u>43,760</u>
Total resources expended	<u>73,934</u>	<u>47,522</u>
Net income	<u>40,378</u>	<u>54,217</u>

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JAMIA ALMAARIF

England & Wales - Charity number 1186352

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 11473276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186352

Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2021
for
JAMIA ALMAARIF

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Reference and Administrative Details FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

Trustees (Directors)

Muhammad Amir Karim (Resigned 31st July 2021)

Dr S Chaudhry (Resigned 2nd November 2021)

Fatma Bodhee (Treasurer)

Adeeba Khan (Vice Chairman)

Rachel Hamilton (Resigned 12th July 2021)

Firyal Iqbal (Appointed 30th July 2021, Chairman)

Parvaiz Aktar (Appointed 4th November 2021)

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11473276 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number

1186352

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Barking Road

London

Executive committee

Muhammad Amir Karim (Imam)

Dr S Chaudhry (Curriculum Lead & teaching Manager)

Adeeba Khan (Youth Lead London)

Sobia Amin (Youth & Revert support)

Kinzah Iqbal (Youth Lead Peterborough)

Rachel Hamilton (Reverts Lead & Communications Officer)

Shamrez Iqbal (Reverts & Men's Classes Coordinator)

Ishrat Parween (Islamic Studies Lead)

Suneela Iqbal (On-line Activities Coordinator)

Nusrit Khatun (Teacher Support)

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Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

COMPANY HISTORY

Our free of charge madrassa started as a home setting, with children of friends and family. The trustees felt they could do more for the community and with that in mind madrassa free of charge was opened at Barking Community Centre in January 2017 to benefit more children and families in the local area. The madrassa was run during the weekday evenings at first. With the madrassa up and running, there was demand to also provide activities during the day to benefit the local women and to engage the youth. Recreational activities were set up during the weekends and school holidays so that children could develop friendships in a safe environment as well as learn about their faith in a fun way. Weekday, evening and Weekend meditation classes were provided to cater for everyone. We also started providing religious advice or pastoral support required by the local community. More activities were set up as more volunteers with a wide range of skills and professional background joined the charity. All of the services provided were free of charge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and public benefits

The objectives of Jamia Almaarif, as set out in its Articles of Association, are:

- 1) To advance the Islamic religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Islam to enlighten others about the Islamic religion.
- 2) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom. The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
- 3) To alleviate poverty and improve the social and economical well-being of individuals who fit the criteria for receipt of zakat & sadaka according to the principles of Islamic rulings, to individuals in the UK and worldwide.
- 4) To advance the education of Muslim children in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of Islam by setting up an on-line learning facility to provide for their education in national curriculum subjects as well as their Islamic education.

In pursuance of these objects, the charity hosts a range of activities for the benefit of the public.

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Significant activities

The charity has continued great efforts to provide support and services to the public. This service has expanded from the centre in Barking (London) to a national level. On the onset of the Pandemic, the charity moved quickly to provide the madrassa and classes on-line. The on-line activities have enabled more people of all ages and backgrounds to access the charity's services from across the UK.

The charity has continued some of the great work it was doing before the pandemic and improved several services. With the ease of lockdown restrictions, some of the face-to-face activities were resumed in order to get back to some sort of normality.

We found a safe way to continue our purpose whilst keeping our people, volunteers, and students safe from the pandemic by continuing with our online activities for both adults and children. We provided interactive videos for educational purposes via our YouTube Channel. This has kept our students engaged, increased their knowledge, and have provided the youth with team bonding, fun-filled activities, and skills to use as they go on in their daily life.

The Youth Personal Development Programme was launched in October 2020. We have also made great progress on our outreach work to the youth as we launched our youth professional development programme. Our programme has made great progress as we have had professionals offer their insight on different careers giving our youth mentees perspective on which career, they would like to pursue. Additionally, we have collated feedback alongside taking a proactive approach in engaging the youth. We resumed outdoor activities for the youth when it was safe to do so.

We also re-opened our Barking Centre in February 2021 after a period of closure during the peak of the 2nd wave of the pandemic, as the charity recognised how important meditation settings were during these challenging times. Many people had missed the face-to-face meditation sittings which are key for mental and physical health. We worked tremendously hard to organise small sittings in line with social distancing and ensured that everyone complied with the mandatory requirement for wearing face masks.

The opening of our new place of worship and meditation centre in Broome took place in the holy month of Ramadan in May 2021. Families from different cities across the UK attended the opening ceremony for a meditation session in Ramadan and for the occasion of Eid. It was a welcome change for families to enjoy Eid in peaceful surroundings. All government guidelines were followed to keep everyone safe. A Cultural Day held on the 11th of July at the new centre, enabled people from the local community to get to know their new neighbours and to learn about our beliefs and culture.

Our reverts mentoring programme launched in June 2020 has gone from strength to strength. As of July 2021, there were over 80 reverts using our programme and gaining great benefit from their mentors and our Shaykha. We have had great feedback on how the reverts feel we have provided them with a friendly atmosphere where they can easily ask questions and work on their spirituality. We also held an online gatherings and Eid Parties for our revert mentees where different participants took the time to connect, celebrate and carry out performances such as poems, reciting nasheeds and their own artistic work.

Our on-line madrassa has been a stable platform for our students to continue with their Islamic Education throughout the pandemic and has provided the charity with a steady income to enable us to continue to deliver our key services.

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Volunteering

Due to the success of our services and volunteers, our charity has grown. In turn, our volunteers have also increased. We have a team of dedicated volunteers who have worked extremely hard to ensure the administration running of the charity is kept to a high standard. Our volunteers are skilled in different areas meaning they provide the charity with support in different areas. We have expanded all programmes across the country with many people benefitting from our services. This would not be possible without the hard work and determination of our volunteers and - the trustees are extremely grateful to all volunteers, previous and those who have come on board in the last 12 months. On average volunteers have contributed over a total of 70 hours per week. All volunteers continue to be DBS checked, health and safety trained. We have delivered Data Protection training and kept our policies up to date in line with legislation.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and performance

The charity measures success through user feedback and educational achievements. The charity always welcomes and acts upon feedback. We have received ample positive feedback and continue to strive to improve our services. Our range of activities, including reviews can be found on our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages.

Religious Projects and Services

Religious Teaching

Spirituality has remained at the core of our religious teachings which encourages the need for individuals to improve their characters (in accordance with the teachings of the Quran and the noble practises of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). We continue to recognise the need for spiritual peace promoted by our meditation sittings and lectures. We have carried out face to face meditation sittings and on-line sessions (for those who were not able to travel for face-to-face sessions in London) which have proved extremely useful following lockdown. Attendees have benefitted massively from our session as they encourage them to improve their characters, reflect upon actions and improving their behaviours towards themselves and others. All whilst maintaining and upholding British and Islamic values.

Our lectures and gatherings have also encouraged everyone to adhere to lockdown rules and included vaccination promotion highlighting the need to protect society. All face-to-face gatherings and events have complied with all government guidelines and social distancing and mask wearing has been observed.

"When you hear that [a plague] is in a land, do not go to it and if it occurs in a land that you are already in, then do not leave it, fleeing from it," [Al Bukhari]

We continued to provide on-going support during the holy month of Ramadan (a special month where Muslims fast and congregate for worship). Our on-line services were well received as we provided comfort to users with several programmes online which kept them socially and spiritually engaged whilst maintaining social distancing and staying safe.

We provided:

- Daily Quran Explanation lessons held in both English and Urdu
- Daily Meditation sessions
- Friday sermon live streamed by Imam Sheikh Muhammad Amir Karim
- Morning broadcast with Imam Sheikh Muhammad Amir Karim

During the period of the pandemic, individuals had time to reflect and to explore other religions. Jamia Almaarif provided the platform for such individuals to help them learn more about Islam and guide them on their journey to discovering a new faith.

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After school madrassa

Once again, our after school on-line Madrassa established at the start of the pandemic has developed even further and this is a testament to our dedicated team of teachers who are all hard-working volunteers. Our teachers work under the guidance of our Imam and Shaykha and have worked to ensure our children are progressing with their learning as well as taking part in our Youth Programme. We have embedded Islamic principles in our students whilst teaching them how to become upstanding citizens of society. Due to the great feedback via word of mouth, our madrassa has grown leaps and bounds. As of 31st July 2021, there were 209 students enrolled in the madrassa taught by 26 volunteer teachers. The Imam also spent 8 hours weekly on teaching sessions for the madrassa.

"I think the online classes are working very well and I am pleased at the effort put in by everyone to allow our children to continue learning in the lockdown." Fatma

We held several on-line performances by the madrassa children. These ensured that our students were still able to enjoy and learn about key events and provided our students with an online platform to demonstrate how much they had gained from learning with us. The students spent weeks preparing their performances and did an amazing job in performing for parents and students alike. We're extremely pleased our students received a unique experience from our teachers as we not only increased their knowledge but also their confidence and belief in themselves which is key to our pillars and beliefs. Parents, students, users, and volunteers all enjoyed the event thoroughly.

"I am extremely happy my children took part in the Seerah Conference. It helped them build their confidence in performing for adults and their peers and they also learnt many things from their classmates. We are very excited for the next conference." Tahira Peterborough

Our madrassa children joined the Eid on-line celebrations with their performances of Quran recitations, speeches and nasheeds. Families from across different cities in the UK were connected to join in the celebrations.

Classes for all the family

Jamia Almaarif has continued its efforts to provide the whole family with services to improve their spiritual wellbeing as well as their Islamic Knowledge.

We continued to provide classes especially for those who are from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure our aim of providing education and opportunities to all is fulfilled. These classes have remained free for all to use. We provided a whole range of classes for all the family to increase their knowledge in Islam, improve their practise and support their children in developing their Islamic and British values. To name some of these classes: Quran Tafsir (explanation of the Holy Quran), Quran Tajweed, Islamic Essentials classes and meditation sessions. As mentioned before, our classes are not only free but also open to people of all faiths to explore and learn as they wish. During this reporting year, we had over 200 people who joined and benefitted from our classes on a weekly basis.

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Social Welfare

Religious Advice and Support

The Imam has continued to provide advice and guidance on religious matters, personal issues concerning marriage, family disputes and other aspects of Islam to help people in the community. He has also provided further services such as Q and A sessions, weekly classes, morning broadcasts and meditation sessions whilst observing social distancing and within government guidelines.

The Imam has also taken an active approach in vaccination promotion to protect us from the Corona Virus. With the spread of rumours and conspiracy theories on social media, causing confusion amongst the Muslim Community, the Imam took a stance to clarify myths and taboos that have nothing to do with Islam. The Imam quoted verses from the Holy Quran and sayings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) that clearly guide Muslims not to believe unauthenticated information and to refrain from spreading such information in society.

"O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become regretful over what you have done." (Quran Ch 49, V6)

Our Imam has continued to be a beacon of light within many homes as numerous followers tune in to listen to his many broadcasts, live streams, classes. He has also been a regular speaker on Iqra TV highlighting in particular the challenges that they youth are facing today and how to keep them away from negative influences.

YOUTH CHALLENGES 21 02 2021 S 1 - YouTube

Many people also reached out the Imam for spiritual support as they suffered with loss of loved ones and the struggle of restrictions or isolation. The Imam continued to provide Islamic knowledge and spiritual support supporting those with loss of loved ones, livelihood and to keep an uplifted spirit. The Imam's continuous efforts to support anyone and everyone who requires emotional support, mentoring or Islamic Knowledge has meant many students have benefited from the experience of very our valued community leader and guide. We have had regular feedback about how the Imam's mentorship and guidance has helped them to establish a steady connection with their creator building a stronger spiritual connection. The Imam's continued efforts do not go unrecognised as our students express how his mentorship has been a vital source of support for their mental wellbeing during these unprecedented times.

Emotional Support

We are extremely fortunate that our volunteers are skilled professionals in various fields. Some of our volunteers who work in a mental health capacity have volunteered their skills to Jamia Almaarif and supported our mentees, students, and users. We arranged mental health support sessions for our youth mentees. This has enabled them to deal with emotional issues better by using coping mechanisms and setting them clear goals and tasks on developing better.

Individuals especially new reverts who often have found themselves alone and isolated in their new environment, have also benefitted from 121 sessions with our Imam and Shaykha who have provided people with emotional and spiritual support.

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Meditation classes

Our meditation sessions have continued virtually to run successfully providing many people across the UK with a source of peace and tranquillity for all. Our sessions focused on developing a connection with their creator and explore inner peace through our silent mediation practice. Non-Muslims and Muslims have both been welcomed to join in; enabling them to enhance their spiritual wellbeing and provided them with a safe space to ask questions, explore beliefs, perspectives and build friendships.

Face to Face sessions in small groups, were held in our Barking centre in London, whilst continuously carrying out risk assessments to ensure the safety of all attendees whilst on our premises. On average 150 people were in regular attendance over 5 sessions on a weekly basis.

When the place of worship and meditation centre in the village of Broome was opened in May 21, it provided a place where families could come together to meditate and take a break from Urban life. Over 150 people including children were in attendance for the opening ceremony during Ramadan and for Eid. We accommodated our families in several sessions to comply with social distancing and ensured all were wearing masks and hand sanitising as a form of protection from virus.

Youth Club

Our Youth Club has continued to provide the youth with fun and free activities and events. These events were open to the public and for people of all backgrounds. In the summer of 2020, we ran an online youth camp which included many activities, educational sessions and team building sessions. 67 young people between the age of 5 and 17 enrolled. We provided our students with topic specific classes, Q&A sessions, and interactive quizzes to consolidate information. This was very well received and appreciated amongst students and parents. The teachers made use of PowerPoint presentations, quizzes, question and answer sessions, art, and craft activities to keep the children engaged in the topics. Some of the students then went on to enrol for the yearlong Islamic Studies sessions on Saturdays.

"Alizah really enjoyed attending the 5-7 year old summer programme classes this August. The teacher was excellent. Alizah learnt so much. It was great that a different topic was taught every day of the week. The lessons were fun and interactive. Alizah will miss these classes very much. Thank you to Jamia Al Maarif for organising these classes and a special thanks to the teachers for all their hard work" Lila

"My daughter started Islamic class for 5-6 years old children recently. I really appreciate the patience that is needed when teaching children at this age. Teacher makes it very interesting and interactive for children, making sure they understand the topic and makes a quiz at the end of each lesson. I'm very pleased with the class and happy for this opportunity." Zuzanna

We provided several on-line resources for children to learn in fun way and at their own leisure via our YouTube channel. We engaged them practically after with online interactive quizzes for the while family which proved great fun.

[Storytime with Zakir | The Story of Prophet Nuh \(alayhis s-salam\) | Prophet stories in Islam - YouTube](#)

[Islamic Studies Quiz with Noor Fatimah : todays topic is Ramadan !! - YouTube](#)

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Our weekly Primetime programme has provided a platform for our children to participate in and showcase their learning in a fun way. We continued to engage our younger audiences with an online Primetime series every Sunday where the children recited poetry, displayed their arts, and expressed their learnings from our online classes.

Primetime has also helped our students develop speaking skills and their confidence in themselves.

"Allhumdullah Asad build his confidence a lot and improved his recitation. He can recite Nasheed anywhere in big crowds Masha Allah." Farhat Sajad

Children also had the opportunity to perform and celebrate Eid online. This gave the children the opportunity to dress up in their best clothes and perform on-line for their friends and families to view across the UK, providing a sense of togetherness during a time of restrictions when families could not celebrate with each other in person.

<https://youtu.be/kQfbosUe6QE>

We provided an on-line homework club supporting children in National Curriculum subjects which was well received by students and parents. Our Youth Mentoring and Development programme has been a huge success and our youths have benefitted from various career on-line forums giving a real insight into various career paths including talks from Qualified teachers, Psychologist, Dermatologist, Banker, Forensic Scientist and more. At a time when mental health was being affected immensely, the Youth Mentoring and Development programme has enabled the youth to deal with the pandemic and its outcomes. We opened this platform for the youth themselves to present their own forums choosing topics which they felt were important to them whilst at the same time building on their presentation skills and confidence, clearly demonstrated by Farhan in his presentation of the topic Quran and Science.

Qur'an and Modern Science- Farhan Youth forum student - YouTube

"Alhumdulillah my experience with the Jamia Al Maarif youth forum has been extraordinary. Before signing up to the forum, I had weak public speaking skills and little confidence and mental health understanding and little knowledge in what academic career I wanted to undertake. However the Jamia Al Maarif youth forum provided me with so many opportunities for me to practice my speech skills, improve my mental health understanding, and even allowed me to learn about various careers in the form of multiple online events that really thrived during tough lockdown times." Safi (Cambridge)

The charity has provided the youth with volunteering opportunities by allowing our youth to help in social media management, fund raising and older teens to help in the madrassa. Our youth mentees have not only enjoyed the exposure but also helped trustees see the perspective of the youth and improve the programme accordingly. We aim to continue these efforts in the next financial year.

"Volunteering for the madrassah has helped me immensely to improve my communication skills as well as time management. With each pupil I had to adopt unique ways of teaching to ensure that they understood everything. I love teaching them and seeing how they progress in their learning is a great pleasure" Emaan (Barking London)

Our youths had missed meeting each other in person. As soon as outdoor limits for social distancing were increased to 30 people in May 2021, a youth event was organised in June 2021 in our new Broome place of worship and meditation centre, attended by 27 youth who travelled from London, Oldham, Bolton, and Peterborough. For some it was their first time to be in a rural location. They really enjoyed being in the peaceful countryside, enjoying the food and spending time in the company of Imam and socialising with other youth members from different cities after such a long period of lockdown.

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Our Arts & Crafts club

Our Arts and Crafts club has remained popular as we maintained this momentum throughout the pandemic. Our volunteers took to online platforms and continued to create tutorial videos for children and adults to take part together. The online platforms have enabled students and parents to do something fun together as an interactive way of engaging children whilst learning a new skill. We had a monthly art tutorial in which our students tried at home, and we offered prizes for best efforts. An example of this is below:

Recreate this Masjid Nabawi Inspired Painting for the chance to win a prize at the end of the month.

https://youtu.be/2x9pqoxk1_0

You can use the materials suggested in the video above, if you don't have any of these materials you can simply recreate this just by using paper and colours!

So, anyone can take part in this art competition!
Send your entries to info@jamiaalmaarif.co.uk.

The winner will be announced at the end of the month. We look forward to seeing your creative pieces.

New Muslims

Our Reverts mentoring programme which was launched in June 2019 continued to support new Muslims in their spiritual journey in various aspects. There have been 80 enrolments to the programme during this reporting year supported by our volunteer mentors who have all been learning with Shaykh and Shaykha for several years now and are equipped to deliver one to one mentoring sessions, answer questions and help with motivation when needed. A one to one eight-week review with Shaykha provided our mentees with pastoral care when needed, a safe space to ask questions and an opportunity for them to feedback on their experience and learning, so we could improve our programme. We also carried out annual reviews where achievements were acknowledged as well as any milestones which had been overcome. Overall, the programme provides new Muslims with a consistent flow of support and knowledge in all aspects of a Muslim's life. It enables the individuals to develop the confidence to make decisions based on their beliefs and contributes to their personal well-being, physically and emotionally.

During this reporting year due to the Covid restrictions, new Muslims were supported with on-line activities with a tailored reverts course free of charge. They were also able to join in with the other regular classes available to everyone.

"I have been enrolled in the mentoring programme with Jamia Almaarif since it began in July 2020. It is such a varied and rewarding programme and I really enjoy the classes. To be assigned a personal mentor and be able to set your own goals and work at a pace that suits you is such a great benefit. The weekly online meetings cover a variety of interesting topics which enhance our learning. We are all reverts with different levels of experience and can put forward any questions we have. This programme has been such a great benefit for me and I would encourage any revert to join the mentoring programme. The support you get is amazing." Lisa

"The Quran Tafseer course is an absolute must for everyone! Everything is explained so clearly by Shayka, I have learnt so much Alhamdulillah. The classes are always something to look forward to. She draws on her wealth of knowledge to deliver engaging and informative detailed explanations of verses from the Quran, setting them in context and highlighting their relevance to the daily lives of her Muslimah students. She is always happy to answer any questions and shows genuine interest in the welfare of her students" Emma

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"I had been struggling to learn Tajweed for a long time before I came about this programme. I struggled to even learn the Arabic alphabet. But thanks to the amazing support from Jamia Almaarif I have been able to complete the Qaida and progress onto reading the Quran." Shanon

Our New Muslim community shared their stories and experiences in Islam through our monthly on-line social gatherings and celebrations. A few of these stories were pre-recorded and premiered onto our YouTube channel. We were awed by their revert stories and it was an opportunity for them to also share how Jamia Almaarif had helped them on their learning journey.

jamia almaarif revert stories - YouTube

When government guidelines allowed, mentees held revert picnics and gatherings in their local parks. This was a great opportunity for reverts to meet other likeminded reverts, make friends, and socialise.

"Thank you! The gathering was very beautiful mashallah, I can't wait for the next event with other sisters. Thank you, it actually really motivated me to hear the things other sisters have/had to go through because of their decision to revert to Islam, inshallah we keep supporting each other like that." Lara Hajdu

Social & interfaith activities

We continue with various social and interfaith activities as they prove to be popular year on year. Before the pandemic, our Mother and Toddler group in our Barking Centre had provided a welcome space for all to socialise and play. People of all faiths and backgrounds were welcomed and it was received well by the local community. Our activities included exercise, outdoor play at local parks, coffee mornings and other activities. This enabled women of diverse backgrounds, faith and ethnic communities mingle and make friendships. It was also a place where they shared experiences and found common ground. As restrictions began to ease, mothers met in the local park for activities and outdoor play.

We hosted a Cultural Day in our new Broome place of worship and meditation centre (see below under premises) to get to know more about our faith and culture. The Village Hall was hired so sufficient space would be available to keep within government guidelines for social distancing. 26 people from Broome and nearby villages attended and were welcomed with information stalls, presentations, refreshments, and lunch followed by a tour of the mosque and Q&A session with our Imam. Everyone enjoyed the cultural food and appreciated the warm welcome they received.

"I really enjoyed meeting you all this afternoon. You made a lot of effort to greet this community with friendship, openness and an insight about your culture and beliefs. I welcome you and believe your presence will enrich the village of Broome." kary

"We really appreciated meeting you and seeing the transformation of the Chapel after all the years of seeing it closed and neglected. Blessings to you all." Steve and Janet

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Premises

Our existing building in Barking has continued a licence agreement and is still serving a good purpose. We altered our way of carrying out services to cater for social distancing by only holding sessions where we catered for smaller groups of people. Our Barking centre has continued to remain in a good condition and the rent has remained affordable. Our plan is to search for a bigger and more permanent premises however for now the premises remains appropriate.

Our new place of worship and meditation centre in Broome Norwich, leased since the 8th of January 2021, was agreed by all trustees as a wonderful opportunity for us to branch out and offer our services in a rural location for our users who are based in urban areas to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside. A 7-year lease agreement is in place for this property and has been granted on a rent-free basis until further notice. Expenditure incurred were on utility bills and installing a fire alarm system and emergency lighting system. We are extremely pleased that we were able to raise a large amount of money in June and July 2021 to upgrade the toilet/wudu (washing) facilities and to also provide a disabled toilet and access.

Our local teams in Oldham, Peterborough and Birmingham have continued to work in their areas to provide on-line support to their local communities, providing a listening ear and motivating people to remain spiritually uplifted during a difficult lockdown period. We continued to search for affordable premises in those areas, to be able to offer face to face support and for more families to be able to access our services.

Fundraising activities

Due to the dedicated work of our volunteer teachers and great mentorship of our Imam and Shaykha, our madrassa programme has grown from strength to strength. It has continued to be our main source of income and generated over £42k in income for the Charity. The monthly fees have remained at an affordable amount. Our students are offered over 20 hours of teaching over the course of the month equating to less than £1 an hour - we have carried out stringent bench marking and still find we are affordable compared to other local providers. Children who joined as a family of 3 were given a discounted rate. We are pleased to confirm we were able to offer 4 children free places and 76 children received a reduced fee rate. Our regular users and their families have continued with their generosity of donating to our charity, generating over £37K in general donations which has enabled us further to deliver our programmes. A go fund Campaign to support our services during the month of Ramadan raised over £4,500.

Our fundraising campaign to upgrade the toilet/washing facilities for the Broome place of worship and meditation centre was extremely successful in June and July with over £16,000 raised for this project. We have also received pledges to provide materials such as tiling, sanitary ware and fitting services which trustees are extremely thankful for.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Charity has funds applied to the relevant purpose. An analysis of expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 22 - 23. The reserves are kept at £159,085 of which 100% are held in bank.

The reserves currently stands at £159,086 and details are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	£124,212
Restricted funds	£34,873

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FUTURE PLANS

Governance and Administration

The trustees will continue to ensure that all the policies are in place, reviewed regularly and all volunteers are up to date with their training to ensure compliance with safeguarding children, health and safety and data protection. All volunteers who are working closely with children have been DBS checked and any new volunteers will undergo this check. A suitable insurance policy is in place.

Funding

The financial reserve of the charity is in a stable position despite the pandemic. Our current income exceeds our expenditure. Our funding forecast indicates that our monthly income will continue to exceed our monthly expenditure. We plan to raise more awareness of our excellent work to support our youth and new Muslims to encourage more donations. We will also continue to raise funds for the upgrade of our toilet facilities at our Broome Centre.

Projects

Our Youth Personal Development Programme (PDP)

Our youth personal development Programme has taken off extremely well. Our mentees received weekly 121 with professional volunteer mentors. We also delivered monthly talks from professionals from different industries such as lawyers, finance professionals and mental health professionals. We aim to continue this with the view to deliver fortnightly intimate workshops where we will focus on career and academic development.

We also recognise how important it is for the youth of today to have face to face interactions. As a result of the pandemic, it has been an extremely difficult period for everyone, especially the youth. We recognise how their social skills, mental health and academic progress have been impacted. For this reason, we will aim to organise and implement regular youth camps, days out and social activities as we did prior to the pandemic.

We will aim to organise further team building sessions, picnics, and social events. Our youth events will also incorporate spiritual retreats where our youth take part in meditation sessions with our Shaykh and Shaykha. The trustees thoroughly believe that bringing the youth back to normality will help enhance their mental health, career development and academic success. Meditation sessions will also focus on self-reflection and feeling at peace which we thoroughly believe will be key success enablers.

Up to now, all our younger students also had access to all the services we have provided under the Youth Personal Development Programme. In the coming year we plan to promote even more opportunities for younger children under the age of 12 by carrying our regular activity days on weekends and school breaks. We believe a child's physical and mental wellbeing is a key milestone for their development and future progression therefore we aim to help encourage younger children to engage in physical health sessions and activities that promote mental wellbeing such as arts & crafts, icebreaker activities for social inclusion.

Trustees also acknowledge that as the charity has grown more volunteering and growth opportunities should be provided for the youth. We have started this process however we feel this can now be taken to the next level where we aim to offer proper volunteering opportunities, and 121 career mentoring in running a charitable organisation. Trustees thoroughly believe this will help our youth become successful and confident individuals in society.

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Free 'Healthy Minds & Body Project'

Jamia Almaarif plans to launch a programme for youth and other members of the community in which we will aim to engage the community in vital skills and community building experiences with youth as a priority.

The project branches from our Youth Personal Development Programme (PDP) which was initially set up online during the pandemic. We have already conducted several holiday clubs and activity days since August 2021 and our aim is to open this experience up to more youth in the communities we serve.

As part of Jamia Almaarif's Healthy mind & body project, we will aim to implement a new healthy habits theme in the activities we do. Future excursions and activity days in the coming year for our youth will be designed around keeping fit & healthy. We understand the importance of good physical health combined with mental wellbeing being a core aspect for any individual's life. Healthy body equals to healthy mind and vice versa. Examples of how we will plan to implement this is

1. Sport activities regularly.
2. Excursions in countryside for a more peaceful setting where the youth can engage with the nature, increase in exercise in a natural 'green' setting and additionally practising meditation and mindfulness-based techniques for a healthy mental state. Our Broome location is also perfect for walks in the countryside.

We will work with other professionals and use any local services, parks, and forests to encourage good health habits for all of our users. We have a team of healthcare professionals who are onboard in our healthy minds & body project. A dietician & nurse to deliver healthy diet, food balance and exercise learning and mental health therapists to promote mental wellbeing by providing workshops based around cognitive behavioural therapy and mindfulness.

Jamia Almaarif enjoy being innovative and as an organisation we want to progress in our work and services to provide support for all individuals. We are constantly learning and progressing and developing to meet the needs of our service users.

New Muslims/Reverts resource development.

As our revert programme has been running for some time and we have had the time to reflect on the programme and collate feedback from our mentees. We are aware of the difficulties new Muslims can face and we are aware our establishment can mean we are they're only form of support.

We will continue to offer our mentorship, a listening ear, and a place they can celebrate being a Muslim. This includes Eid and Ramadan events and any other auspicious occasions we offer and support with our zakat funding for those in need.

Jamia Almaarif also recognises that retreats and outings will be beneficial to our revert mentees. We have started to look into this and will be looking at how we can organise these in the near future. We are also looking in to how we can expand the learning of our mentees as we recognise this needs to be bespoke and tailored to the mentees with appropriate learning resources.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

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Developing Relationships

Our aim to offer our services to both Muslims and non-Muslims has continued and expanded. The Imam has taken a proactive approach in promoting peace and unity in the community by discussing relevant issues in the daily and weekly broadcasts. The Imam has also highlighted the benefits of vaccination and how important it is to keep each other safe whilst maintaining good physical and mental health.

We will aim to hold more interactive sessions at our Barking Centre and our Broome location, where people of all backgrounds are invited to join and take part. This will include our mother and toddler group, coffee mornings where the community can learn about our services and Q&A sessions with the Imam.

Premises

The charity will continue to operate at the London premises for prayer, meditation, and local activities to benefit the local community.

Following the successful obtaining of our Broome Centre, we are happy to confirm we have already carried out several meditation sessions and open days welcoming the local community. Many of our users have also travelled to the centre and had an eventful and fun day there. We plan to have many more open days and face to face activities there including youth days out to the local beach, use of local residential facilities and spiritual retreats for our users to enjoy in the beautiful countryside.

We are also in the process of negotiating the lease of a property in Peterborough as mentioned in our previous report. Preparations for this were put on hold due to the pandemic however we are now back in discussions with the local mosque who own a property which would suit us very well for our purpose and negotiations regarding favourable rental terms are underway. We aim to sign a 12-month rental agreement initially which will then be reviewed by trustees.

Our long-term goal is to have enough users and donors to be able to raise large funds to eventually have our own place. We will be actively looking for any potential affordable premises for our permanent base. However, with the pandemic, currently things do not seem that favourable for big fundraising campaigns, but we are hopeful for a larger venue of our own within the next 5-7 years. Our local teams in Oldham and Birmingham are also searching for premises so our services can reach more local people.

School

For some time now the trustees of Jamia Almaarif have considered opening an independent school. As a result of the pandemic the plans were placed on hold. Our longer-term goal will be to find suitable premises to open a school subject to DfE approval.

Staff

During the reporting year, 6 staff were employed on both a permanent full/part time basis to deliver some of our key and specialist services. The trustees recognise that we require experts to deliver certain services and for this a salary or paid annual wages due to the level of service and commitment required.

The trustees also recognise the need for paid work experience opportunities which is something the charity is looking in to - this will act as a key success enabler to give young people life skills, work experience, and benefit the community.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

**Trustees' Report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Its Articles of Association was last updated in August 2019. The Trustees have appointed an Executive Committee for the day to day run of the activities. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Charity operates in accordance with its Article of Association, charity law and other legal requirements and best practice.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on26/05/2022..... and signed on its behalf by:

Fatma Bodhee

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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Jamia Almaarif

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jamia Almaarif ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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Usman Zahoor BSc (Hons)
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Date: 26/05/2022

JAMIA ALMAARIF

**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/21 Total funds £	31/7/20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	38,002	-	38,002	43,745
Charitable activities					
Madrassa	3	42,755	-	42,755	16,820
Mosque and community		-	20,982	20,982	3,416
Total		80,757	20,982	101,739	63,981
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	-	-	-	828
Charitable activities					
Madrassa	5	10,199	200	10,399	1,306
Mosque and community		37,123	-	37,123	30,021
Other		-	-	-	1,761
Total		47,322	200	47,522	33,916
NET INCOME		33,435	20,782	54,217	30,065
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		90,777	14,091	104,868	74,803
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		124,212	34,873	159,085	104,868

The notes form part of these financial statements

JAMIA ALMAARIF**Balance Sheet
31ST JULY 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/21 Total funds £	31/7/20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	333
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>125,712</u>	<u>34,873</u>	<u>160,585</u>	<u>106,936</u>
		125,712	34,873	160,585	107,269
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(1,500)</u>	-	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>(2,401)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>124,212</u>	<u>34,873</u>	<u>159,085</u>	<u>104,868</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>124,212</u>	<u>34,873</u>	<u>159,085</u>	<u>104,868</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>124,212</u></u>	<u><u>34,873</u></u>	<u><u>159,085</u></u>	<u><u>104,868</u></u>
FUNDS					
	12				
Unrestricted funds				<u>124,212</u>	<u>90,777</u>
Restricted funds				<u>34,873</u>	<u>14,091</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>159,085</u></u>	<u><u>104,868</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued
31ST JULY 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on26/05/2022..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Fatma Bodhee

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Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

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Miss F Iqbal - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31/7/21	31/7/20
	£	£
Donations	37,892	43,375
Educational trips	110	370
	<u>38,002</u>	<u>43,745</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/7/21	31/7/20
Activity	£	£
Madrassa income	42,755	16,820
Mosque project	17,481	1,750
Zakat income	3,386	1,300
Sadaka income	115	366
	<u>63,737</u>	<u>20,236</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31/7/21	31/7/20
	£	£
Seerah project cost	-	786
Event cost	-	42
	<u>-</u>	<u>828</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Madrassa	200	10,199	10,399
Mosque and community	-	37,123	37,123
	<u>200</u>	<u>47,322</u>	<u>47,522</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Madrassa	-	10,199	10,199
Mosque and community	3,562	33,561	37,123
	<u>3,562</u>	<u>43,760</u>	<u>47,322</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	31/7/21 £	31/7/20 £
Trustees' salaries	13,200	7,700
Trustees' social security	607	361
	<u>13,807</u>	<u>8,061</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2021 nor for the year ended 31st July 2020.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/7/21	31/7/20
Engaged on management and administration	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	43,745	-	43,745
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	16,820	-	16,820
Mosque and community	-	3,416	3,416
Total	<u>60,565</u>	<u>3,416</u>	<u>63,981</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	828	-	828

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	1,306	-	1,306
Mosque and community	28,771	1,250	30,021
Other	1,761	-	1,761
Total	<u>32,666</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>33,916</u>
NET INCOME	27,899	2,166	30,065

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	62,878	11,925	74,803
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>90,777</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>104,868</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/21 £	31/7/20 £
Prepayments	-	333

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/21	31/7/20
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	-	308
Net Wages	-	843
Accrued expenses	1,500	1,250
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,401</u>
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,401</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,777	33,435	124,212
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	14,091	20,782	34,873
	<u>104,868</u>	<u>54,217</u>	<u>159,085</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,868</u>	<u>54,217</u>	<u>159,085</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80,757	(47,322)	33,435
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	20,982	(200)	20,782
	<u>101,739</u>	<u>(47,522)</u>	<u>54,217</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,739</u>	<u>(47,522)</u>	<u>54,217</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,878	27,899	90,777
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	11,925	2,166	14,091
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>74,803</u>	<u>30,065</u>	<u>104,868</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,565	(32,666)	27,899
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	3,416	(1,250)	2,166
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,981</u>	<u>(33,916)</u>	<u>30,065</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,878	61,334	124,212
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	11,925	22,948	34,873
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>74,803</u>	<u>84,282</u>	<u>159,085</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,322	(79,988)	61,334
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	24,398	(1,450)	22,948
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>165,720</u>	<u>(81,438)</u>	<u>84,282</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st July 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

	31/7/21 £	31/7/20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	37,892	43,375
Educational trips	110	370
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	38,002	43,745
Charitable activities		
Madrassa income	42,755	16,820
Mosque project	17,481	1,750
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Sadaka income	115	366
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	63,737	20,236
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Total incoming resources	101,739	63,981
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Seerah project cost	-	786
Event cost	-	42
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	-	828
Charitable activities		
Cost of food packs	-	1,250
Madrassa cost	-	630
Children activities	-	676
Zakat Payment	200	-
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	200	2,556
Other		
Premises repair & Maintenance	-	1,556
Advertising and PR	-	193
Bank charges	-	12
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	-	1,761
Support costs		

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JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021**

	31/7/21	31/7/20
	£	£
Support costs		
Information technology		
Website and IT	3,562	1,049
Governance costs		
Trustees' salaries	13,200	7,700
Trustees' social security	607	361
Wages	5,578	1,234
Insurance	1,176	-
Light and heat	731	-
Legal fees	2,430	-
Independent examination fee	1,750	1,250
Information & Publication	484	-
Cleaning	-	77
Rent	13,000	17,100
Repair & Maintenance	4,000	-
Equipment Expensed	454	-
Travel	350	-
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	43,760	27,722
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Total resources expended	47,522	33,916
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Net income	54,217	30,065
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JAMIA ALMAARIF

England & Wales - Charity number 1186352

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 11473276 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1186352

Trustees' Report and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2020
for
JAMIA ALMAARIF

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Reference and Administrative Details FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020

Trustees

Mrs F B Bodhee Treasurer

Mrs S Chaudhry

Mr M A Karim Chairman

Miss Rachel Hamilton (appointed 06.12.2019)

Miss Adeeba Khan Vice Chairman (appointed 06.12.2019)

Registered office

7 Tanner Street

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Barking

Essex

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Registered Company Number

11473276 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number

1186352

Bank

Barclays Bank UK PLC

Barking Road

London

Executive committee

Adeeba Khan (Youth Lead)

Sobia Amin (Youth & Revert Support)

Kinzah Iqbal (Youth Support)

Rachel Hamilton (Reverts Lead & Communications Officer)

Shamrez Iqbal (Reverts & Men's Classes Coordinator)

Firyal Iqbal (Youth & revert support)

Ishrat Parveen (Islamic Studies Lead)

Suneela Iqbal (On-line Activities Coordinator)

Nusrit Khatun (Teacher Support)

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

COMPANY HISTORY

Our free of charge madrassa started as a home setting, with children of friends and family. The trustees felt they could do more for the community and with that in mind madrassa free of charge was opened at Barking Community Centre in January 2017 to benefit more children and families in the local area. The madrassa was run during the weekday evenings at first. With the madrassa up and running, there was demand to also provide activities during the day to benefit the local women and to engage the youth. Recreational activities were set up during the weekends and school holidays so that children could develop friendships in a safe environment as well as learn about their faith in a fun way. Weekday, evening and Weekend meditation classes were provided to cater for everyone. We also started providing religious advice or pastoral support required by the local community. More activities were set up as more volunteers with a wide range of skills and professional background joined the charity. All of the services provided were free of charge.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and public benefits

The objectives of Jamia Almaarif, as set out in its Articles of Association, are:

- 1) To advance the Islamic religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature on Islam to enlighten others about the Islamic religion.
- 2) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom. The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

In pursuance of these objects, the charity hosts a range of activities for the benefit of the public.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The charity has continued to provide facilities to the public at the centre in Barking (London), as well as doing outreach work in other cities.

It continued to deliver activities for all the family through meditation sittings, language classes, support for new Muslims and activities for the youth both for their Islamic and their recreational needs.

Since the pandemic, the charity has adapted the way it has delivered its services and activities. The charity facilitated its existing services through online platforms whilst launching new online services and programmes to which has occupied and lifted the spirits of families during the difficult times the whole nation has faced.

Through live feeds, users across the UK have benefitted from daily lectures and work initiated by some of the students of Jamia Almaarif. Primetime; where children sent in their stories, recitations of Quran, message of encouragement, nasheeds and quizzes (uploaded onto the Jamia Almaarif YouTube channel), and daily quizzes were particularly popular.

The Live Seerah quizzes were a fun way of engaging families to participate together whilst learning the blessed life of the Holy Prophet Muhammed (PBUH). The social media platforms of Jamia Almaarif had daily uploads of artwork from Jamia Almaarif students, including calligraphy of comforting Quran verses and art-work in support of the NHS care workers and Front-line workers.

The Eid festival at the end of Ramadan, was celebrated virtually with Jamia Almaarif providing a platform for the youth from all over the UK to perform in a live on-line Eid party. Families from all over the UK were connected and enjoyed the recitation of verses of the Quran, nasheeds, poems and shared Eid greetings.

Eid party under lockdown. Jamia Almaarif students celebrate Eid together from home - Eid 2020 - YouTube

Volunteering

The charity continues to operate with minimum administration costs with much of the work being completed by a team of dedicated and committed volunteers (who are skilled in many areas). With the strength and motivation of the volunteers, the charity has continued to provide benefit to its users and was able to continue seamlessly with the children's madrassa at the beginning of the pandemic. With additional volunteers coming on-board more people and children from other parts of the UK have benefitted from the services of the charity. All volunteers who are working closely with children have been DBS checked and trained for health and safety. It is estimated that their contribution of time was worth around £130,000 this year. Their contribution is greatly appreciated by all users of Jamia Almaarif.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Trustees' Report FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and performance

The charity measures success through user feedback and educational achievements. The charity always welcomes and acts upon feedback. We have received ample positive feedback and continue to strive to improve our services. Our range of activities, including reviews can be found on our website, Instagram and Facebook pages.

Religious Projects and Services

Religious Teaching

Spirituality has remained at the core of our religious teachings which encourages the need for individuals to improve their characters (in accordance with the teachings of the Quran and the noble practises of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Meditation sittings and lectures in London as well as in other cities in the UK have inspired individuals to reflect upon their actions and to improve their behaviour in their dealings with others, keeping up with British values as well as improve their ritual practise.

Lectures have reminded individuals and families to adhere to lockdown rules, and to follow the advice of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) on how to stay safe during an epidemic. The Prophet (PBUH) gave the following advice:

"When you hear that [a plague] is in a land, do not go to it and if it occurs in a land that you are already in, then do not leave it, fleeing from it," [Al Bukhari]

With the mosques being closed during the pandemic and Ramadan (a special month that Muslims congregate for worship and gatherings) were spent at home, it was a welcome comfort to our users that so many activities were available on-line, keeping them socially and spiritually engaged during isolation.

Jamia Almaarif provided:

- Daily Explanation of the Quran (English and Urdu sessions)
- The Daily Seerah Quiz
- Daily Meditation Sessions
- Friday Sermon live streamed by Imam Sheikh Muhammad Amir Karim
- Special Eid Programme live streamed for the Eid sermon and supplication.

After school madrassa

Our teachers are all dedicated and hard-working volunteers. Under the guidance of the Sheikh and Sheikha, the teachers at Jamia Almaarif have strived hard to make sure that our children progress with their learning. In this time, it is extremely important for our youth today to understand the beauty of Islam and grow up with the true principles and perception of Islam.

The Seerah Conference held in December 2019, provided a platform for children to demonstrate how much they had gained from their learning at the madrassa. The children and teachers worked very hard to put on an excellent performance. Through their performance of stories, poems and recitation of nasheeds, they demonstrated the level of their knowledge of their religion, and the etiquettes that they had developed through this learning. The children displayed confidence in performing and presenting effectively in front of a large audience of friends and family members. It was a fun and happy event for all the children, the teachers and their families

Some of the parents' feedback are listed here:

"Really enjoyed the conference today! All the beautiful kids made such nice effort and well organised... all credit goes to the respected teachers. All Mehfil was beautiful successful event. Thank You Very Much Indeed For inviting us. Jazak'Allah Khair"

Afzah's mum

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"Thank you so much for the invitation we really enjoyed it, although both my children joined the madrasah a month ago they have worked and learned so hard for the seerah conference and both participated. The teachers have worked extremely hard to do an amazing conference and made all children with their efforts. The mehfil was so inspirational, the snacks and food too. Thank you once again, we are very proud parents alhumdullia."
Ruqayah & Ismail's mum

"Assalamoalekum I'm very happy to attend such a magical and spiritual gathering and I really enjoyed all the performances"
Sadiah Sajjad

"Asalaam allikum what a wonderful conference yesterday, the whole afternoon went so fast and the children were a credit to themselves and to the teachers who obviously have put in a lot of work. Looking forward to attending the next one. MashaAllah and well done to everyone involved."
Lisa Hadees

At the beginning of the pandemic, Jamia Almaarif's Online Madrassa was quickly established, to ensure children receiving an Islamic Education in our Barking Centre would continue to learn throughout the pandemic. We now have over 200 students joining online (5 days a week) from various cities across the UK. We have maintained the high standards once again and with lots of positive feedback. We now have children on a waiting list and we are doing our level best to accommodate them by engaging more volunteers and staff.

Classes for all the family

Our focus at Jamia Almaarif remains to improve the spiritual well-being of the whole family, particularly for those who are from less privileged backgrounds who would otherwise not be able to afford paid classes. Jamia Almaarif has provided a whole range of classes available for families to increase their knowledge, improve their practise of Islam and support their children to develop their Islamic and British values. The classes include Quran tafseer, Quran tajweed, Islamic essentials, meditation for the parents and for the public. All classes are free of charge and open to people of all faith who are interested to learn about Islam and Quran. Around 200+ students have benefited from these free classes during the year including non-Muslims.

Social Welfare

Religious Advice and Support

The Imam has provided advice and guidance on religious matters, on issues such as marriage, family disputes and practical aspects of Islam.

At the announcement of mosque closures at the beginning of the pandemic, Imam suggested we turn our homes into beacons of Allah Almighty's worship, doing Salah in congregation with our families, reading and reflecting and do dua (pray) for all those suffering around the world. He emphasised that we should take this opportunity not to feel imprisoned in our homes but to gain closeness to our Creator and bonding with our families.

He also encouraged us to be aware of those in need living near us such as the elderly or disabled who are living alone etc offering them help and assistance too.

During the pandemic, the Imam has continued to be a source of light in many homes nationally through his online classes and lectures for all those seeking Islamic Knowledge and comfort in these hard times. He has provided a listening ear to those families who have suffered loss of family members and loss of livelihood, with words of comfort and hope for better times to come.

Many of the students have expressed the permanent impact in their connection with their creator after the mentoring of the Imam. The Imam has helped many to find inner peace with the practise of silent meditation, which has been a vital source of help for their mental well-being during this pandemic.

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Emotional Support

In addition, few of our volunteers are trained to deal with people who suffer from mental health issues and have worked with both adults and child patients. Sessions were arranged to support young people in dealing with any emotional issues by setting tasks and activities to develop and better their mental health during the hard time of pandemic.

Meditation classes

Our meditation classes have continued to provide a source of peace and tranquillity for all the family and a space for individuals to reflect and develop a connection with their creator. Non-Muslims have been welcomed to join in, exploring inner peace through meditation and enhancing their spiritual wellbeing. These classes have also provided a platform to build friendships and an opportunity for families of all backgrounds to integrate. During the pandemic, the online meditation classes have provided a vital source of comfort for our users, their friends and families. People from all over the UK have connected virtually to console each other through prayer and reflection at a time when many have lost their loved ones.

When the first lockdown ended on the 4th of July 2020, the face-to-face meditation classes were resumed at the Barking Centre. A risk assessment was carried out to ensure that the sittings could safely take place and how many people could be accommodated within the space to ensure social distancing. There were several sessions organised to enable more people to attend. Approximately 120 people attended over 4 sessions on a weekly basis.

Youth Club

We have continued to provide a youth club with free recreational activities open to all the public - open to all faith background. Over 50 children joined the summer camp which was held in August 2019. Activities included a bus tour of London, a trip to the Olympic Park, trampolining at 'Flip Out', outdoor sports and a meal at Franzos Restaurant.

A further camp was organised during the winter holidays. Over 40 children took part in a first aid training session and all enjoyed a new experience of horse riding.

Badminton sessions were also organised for the weekend club for both boys and girls. Outdoor games were organised at Barking Park.

Just before the start of the pandemic, a professional was hired to deliver an 8-week course on Calligraphy as an after-school activity. 2 sessions were offered with 16 students in attendance. Students really enjoyed this class and the sessions were oversubscribed. We hope to offer this class again when we resume face to face activities at the centre.

Arts & Crafts club

This popular club has remained open to the public from all faiths and backgrounds. Students created beautiful artwork (more on our social media platforms)

During the pandemic, the social media platforms of Jamia Almaarif had daily uploads of artwork from Jamia Almaarif students, including artwork in support of the NHS care workers and Front-line workers.

The Charity has continued to provide a platform for children and youth to develop their artistic skills by encouraging them to submit their artwork for various competitions and for display on our online platforms.

'Art by Faiza' through our YouTube channel has been a free resource for our youth to develop their artistic skills.

Patterned Landscape Tutorial | Art with Faaizah - YouTube

Ka'bah (Eid) Pop Up Card Tutorial | Art With Faaizah - YouTube

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Youth from all over the UK have also benefitted from free online Islamic Studies classes, to learn about their faith and develop good manners according to the principles of Islam. Students have been encouraged to submit their learnings through drawings, and art projects. Children have looked forward to online quizzes to test and recap on their knowledge.

Quiz part 11 Test your knowledge on Quran - Fun activity for the family - YouTube

Quiz part 12 Test your knowledge on Quran - Fun activity for the family - YouTube

Our weekly online Primetime programme has provided a platform for children to be motivated to participate in by sharing their learnings in a fun way. Young students have been given the opportunity to develop their confidence and speaking skills as hosts of the online programmes.

New Muslims

We have welcomed many new Muslims and held a regular social circle in our community centre up until March 2020. Due to the effects of isolation, we have launched an Online Mentoring Programme for the new Muslims we had been supporting prior the lockdown. The reverts mentoring programme was launched on the 30th of June. The aim of this programme is to support new Muslims with their spiritual journey, supporting them with their learning needs free of charge. Anyone interested to learn about Islam can also join this programme. Each student on the programme is offered a weekly 1-1 and Arabic reading class, easy access to all our courses and an 8-weekly meeting with our Sheikha for any religious advice and wellbeing check. To facilitate this, we have several mentors on board from a wide range of career paths and demographics. All new enrolments are taken through an official induction to assess their educational levels so that they may be enrolled on the appropriate course for them and to ensure they are aware of all our free services available to them. Due to demand, we have set up 'Jamia Almaarif Reverts Course', a buddy scheme and a monthly On-line Social Gathering enables the new Muslims to share their experiences and make new friends. There were 30 reverts who signed up for this programme and regularly accessed the classes and support on offer.

'I am glad that I have the opportunity to participate in the classes given by Jamia Almaarif, I have learned more than I can imagine. At Jamia Almaarif, teachers teach us in an exemplary way, but for me they are much more than teachers, an atmosphere of family, friendship and trust is installed. In'sha Allah I want to be part of this family as much as possible, thank you Jamia Almaarif'

Alina Florentina London

Social & interfaith activities

Our Mother & Toddler group continued to provide a welcoming space for all to socialise and play. Activities included rhyme time, exercise and outdoor play in the nearby Barking Park. A weekly coffee morning was attended by local women including New Muslims and non-Muslims at our Barking centre. This enabled ladies from various backgrounds, faiths and ethnic communities to make friendships and share their experiences. When the Barking centre closed in March, all were invited to join in our on-line activities.

Free language classes

Ladies of the community from all faiths and background, also benefit from free Language classes - For those who struggle with English as a new language or those who want to communicate in foreign languages. Our team of volunteers are skilled to teach English, Urdu and Arabic. Due to our centre being based in a multicultural area with many transnational marriages our urdu classes have proved to be very popular with English speakers who want to be able to communicate their new family members.

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Premises

The existing building in Barking is on a license agreement and remains in a good condition. We remain on good terms with the landlord and expect to stay at the existing premises until we are able to afford a larger property in the local area as a permanent location. Prior to the pandemic it accommodated the madrassa and the meditation sittings and a place for prayer. For larger meditation and social gatherings, Medina Mosque hall was hired to cater for people who travelled from several cities to attend the monthly gatherings and the performance by the madrassa children and youth. During the pandemic the building remained closed under lockdowns and catered for limited services outside lockdown. The premises are still fit for purpose at an affordable rent.

Fundraising activities

The main source of income for the charity are madrassa fees. The monthly fee remains very low and affordable. Children are offered over 20 hours of teaching over the course of the month for less than £1 per hour. Those who join as a family of 3 children, are given a family discount. We offer those who cannot afford to pay free places or reduced fee. For this financial year 5 children received free places and 3 children were offered reduced fee places at the madrassa. With the benefit of an on-line madrassa, and through the help and support of dedicated volunteer teachers, the charity was able to expand the madrassa. As of July 2020, there were 180 children enrolled in the madrassa.

Donations from users have continued to be mainly from our users and their family and friends who have donated generously specially during the month of Ramadan. We also did various fund appeals to raise funds. However, due to pandemic, we were unable to make big fund calls. There was a welcomed gesture by one of Jamia Almaarif's student who set up a go-fund campaign to raise funds for us to be able to improve the delivery of our programmes through our on-line platforms. This was extraordinarily successful and over £8,500 was raised through this initiative. In addition, more people have come forward for setting up a standing order to support our work.

We continue to offer most of our activities free of charge so that the larger community can benefit from the activities and support on offer to enrich their lives with spiritual growth and enlightenment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Charity has funds applied to the relevant purpose. An analysis of expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 22 - 23. The reserves are kept at £104,868 of which 100% are held in bank.

The reserves currently stands at £104,868 and details are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	£90,777
Restricted funds	£14,091

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FUTURE PLANS

Governance and Administration

The trustees will continue to ensure that all the policies are in place, reviewed regularly and all volunteers are up to date with their training to ensure compliance with safeguarding children, health and safety and data protection. All volunteers who are working closely with children have been DBS checked and any new volunteers will undergo this check. A suitable insurance policy is in place.

Funding

The financial reserve of the charity is in a very good position despite the pandemic. Our current income exceeds our expenditure. Our funding forecast indicates that our monthly income will continue to exceed our monthly expenditure. We plan to raise more awareness of our good work to support our youth and new Muslims to encourage more donations.

Projects

On-line Portal and e-platform development

We plan to develop an online portal for all students at Jamia Almaarif to improve their learning experience. This will

be a professional platform where students can access class resources, track their progress with set goals, receive reminders for classes, and learning timetables. We will also be further developing our e-learning resources to make them more professional for our future students. We will be working with some IT developers who will help us enhance our e-learning tools and we are excited to see their contribution onto our e-educational platforms.

Our Youth Personal Development programme (PDP)

For some time, we had felt a need of a thorough mentoring programme for youth, very similar to the one we launched for reverts to give them a platform to express themselves and get the right support. We now have sufficient volunteers with the right experience to lead it and we will be launching it very soon. PDP will give the young people of today a tailored programme where they will obtain the key skills needed which will shape them for the future of tomorrow. The aim of the PDP programme is to improve the mentees wellbeing by providing mentorship and support in an academic, social and personal capacity promoting personal growth and confidence.

The programme will offer both long- and short-term goals and focus on a variety of assets - whether that's soft skills such as motivation and confidence or long-term goals such as education or employment. There will also be guest speakers from different professional and academic backgrounds, who will give inspirational presentations to the students to enable them to plan for their future career.

As a result of the pandemic, many people have found living in isolation exceedingly difficult. The youth have had to spend most of their time indoors, and their social interactions were limited. At this time there is now a greater need to provide activities that will compensate for what has been lost. As well as meeting their recreational needs, we will be arranging educational and spiritual retreats in a more peaceful and self-reflecting environment. Trustees believe that with the right support and guidance the youth of today can flourish and excel in their chosen careers whilst being proud Muslims.

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Some of our youth participants have suffered loss of friends/family members and loss of family income, which has had an impact on their career development. Trustees have also discussed the potential of providing work experience or employment for young people in positions which will benefit the charity and will be researching funding sources to be able to deliver this. Opportunities for volunteering experience may include Media Production, fund raising and social media management.

We will also be funding activities that will further expand our young people's social and recreational skills as well as any specific skills that will enhance their career opportunities. An online digital arts class will soon be launched to teach how to make social media posts, basic photo editing and digital drawings.

Our aim is to provide our youth with the tools to become successful and confident Muslims who will be able to make positive contributions to the society.

New Muslims/Reverts resource development.

As more new Muslims have joined our programme, we now understand more about their needs and how they can be supported.

New Muslims often face difficulties when embracing a new way of life which is not always understood by their family members and previous friends. Embracing a new religion can be a lonely experience for many. Jamia Almaarif will continue to offer a place where New Muslims can turn to for support and a listening ear; a place where they can socialise and celebrate Eid, Ramadan and other auspicious occasions. Jamia Almaarif has also taken on board their need for family retreats and recreational outings and we are in a process of organising these in near future on a regular basis.

We will also fund the development of specific resources that will enable new Muslims to learn the basics of the Muslim faith. Potential resources include: Prayer guides, online pre-recorded tutorials, pamphlets, online quizzes which can be accessed anytime and a phone app for self-learning.

Developing Relationships

We will continue to open our activities/services to both Muslims and non-Muslims. The Imam has promoted community unity, peace, respect and tolerance for people of all backgrounds, faiths and ethnicities. As it becomes safer to do so, we will hold open days and coffee mornings for the local community to learn about the services we offer. Any future premises in other places will also be open to visitors to the area as well as the locals to learn more about Islam and celebrate different faiths and cultures.

Premises

The charity will continue to operate at the London premises in Barking for prayer and local community activities. We will be resuming more face-to-face activities in our Barking premises as lockdown relaxes. At present only prayer and meditation classes are taking place in the centre. Once restrictions are fully lifted, we will be resuming face to face madrassa classes and other social and recreational activities.

To meet the need of our users of a retreat centre, we are in the process of leasing a place for meditation and recreational retreat sessions in Broome, Norfolk. The place will be specifically used for prayer and meditation and will be a place for those who are based in urban areas to retreat to. We are also actively seeking new premises for local centres in Oldham and Peterborough where we have many of our users and trained volunteers who will deliver activities to support the local people for their spiritual and recreational needs. Such local centres will be extremely useful especially if further lockdowns are imposed, when people have travel restrictions and cannot travel frequently to London.

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Our long-term goal is to have enough users and donors to be able to raise large funds to eventually have our own place, ideally in London, near our present premises. We will be actively looking for any potential building around the Barking area for our permanent base. However, with the pandemic, currently things do not seem that favourable for big fundraising campaigns, but we are hopeful for a larger venue of our own within the next 5-7 years.

School

For some time now the trustees of Jamia Almaarif have considered opening an independent school. As a result of the pandemic the plans were placed on hold, and we have sought to have an on-line learning provision and are awaiting Charity Commission approval of this object. Our longer-term goal will be to find suitable premises to open a school subject to DfE approval.

Staff

Currently there is no full time permanent staff. Six people have been engaged on hourly or part-time basis to help with the management and delivery of some of our key services. As the charity is developing, the trustees are recognising the need to employ more staff with specific skills to deliver its objects. Trustees have also discussed the potential of providing work experience or employment for young people in positions which will benefit the charity and are researching funding sources to be able to deliver this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Its Articles of Association was last updated in August 2019. The Trustees have appointed an Executive Committee for the day to day run of the activities. The Board of Trustees retains ultimate oversight of financial controls, the management of risks, significant developments, and in ensuring the Charity operates in accordance with its Article of Association, charity law and other legal requirements and best practice.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31st May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Jamia Almaarif

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Jamia Almaarif ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st July 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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31st May 2021

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**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	YEAR ENDED 31.7.20 Total funds	PERIOD 19.7.18 TO 31.7.19 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	43,745	-	43,745	64,491
Charitable activities	3				
Madrassa		16,820	-	16,820	1,700
Mosque and community		-	3,416	3,416	11,925
Total		60,565	3,416	63,981	78,116
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	828	-	828	-
Charitable activities	5				
Madrassa		1,306	-	1,306	-
Mosque and community		28,771	1,250	30,021	2,829
Other		1,761	-	1,761	484
Total		32,666	1,250	33,916	3,313
NET INCOME		27,899	2,166	30,065	74,803
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		62,878	11,925	74,803	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		90,777	14,091	104,868	74,803

The notes form part of these financial statements

JAMIA ALMAARIF**Balance Sheet
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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/20 Total funds £	31/7/19 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	333	-	333	-
Cash at bank and in hand		92,845	14,091	106,936	76,053
		<u>93,178</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>107,269</u>	<u>76,053</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,401)	-	(2,401)	(1,250)
		<u>90,777</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>104,868</u>	<u>74,803</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>90,777</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>104,868</u>	<u>74,803</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>90,777</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>104,868</u>	<u>74,803</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>90,777</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>104,868</u>	<u>74,803</u>
FUNDS					
	12				
Unrestricted funds				90,777	62,878
Restricted funds				14,091	11,925
				<u>104,868</u>	<u>74,803</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>104,868</u>	<u>74,803</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st July 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st July 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

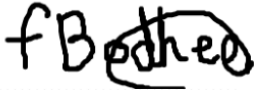
- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued
31ST JULY 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31st May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Handwritten signature of Mrs F B Bodhee in black ink.

Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee

Handwritten signature of Miss A Khan in black ink.

Miss A Khan - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	PERIOD
	19.7.18
	TO
	31.7.19
	£
	£
Donations	64,491
Educational trips	-
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	43,745
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	64,491
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		YEAR ENDED 31.7.20	PERIOD 19.7.18 TO 31.7.19
	Activity	£	£
Madrassa income	Madrassa	16,820	1,700
Mosque project	Mosque and community	1,750	11,925
Zakat income	Mosque and community	1,300	-
Sadaka income	Mosque and community	366	-
		<u>20,236</u>	<u>13,625</u>

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

		YEAR ENDED 31.7.20	PERIOD 19.7.18 TO 31.7.19
		£	£
Seerah project cost		786	-
Event cost		42	-
		<u>828</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Madrassa	1,306	-	1,306
Mosque and community	1,250	28,771	30,021
	<u>2,556</u>	<u>28,771</u>	<u>31,327</u>

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Mosque and community	<u>1,049</u>	<u>27,722</u>	<u>28,771</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	YEAR ENDED 31.7.20	PERIOD 19.7.18 TO 31.7.19
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	7,700	-
Trustees' social security	361	-
	<u>8,061</u>	<u>-</u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st July 2020 nor for the period ended 31st July 2019.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	YEAR ENDED 31.7.20	PERIOD 19.7.18 TO 31.7.19
Engaged on management and administration	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	64,491	-	64,491
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	1,700	-	1,700
Mosque and community	-	11,925	11,925
Total	<u>66,191</u>	<u>11,925</u>	<u>78,116</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Mosque and community	2,829	-	2,829
Other	484	-	484
Total	<u>3,313</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,313</u>
NET INCOME	<u>62,878</u>	<u>11,925</u>	<u>74,803</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>62,878</u></u>	<u><u>11,925</u></u>	<u><u>74,803</u></u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/20 £	31/7/19 £
Prepayments	<u><u>333</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/7/20	31/7/19
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	308	-
Net Wages	843	-
Accrued expenses	1,250	1,250
	<u>2,401</u>	<u>1,250</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	62,878	27,899	90,777
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	11,925	2,166	14,091
	<u>74,803</u>	<u>30,065</u>	<u>104,868</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,565	(32,666)	27,899
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	3,416	(1,250)	2,166
	<u>63,981</u>	<u>(33,916)</u>	<u>30,065</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.19 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	62,878	62,878
Restricted funds		
Restricted fund	11,925	11,925
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>74,803</u>	<u>74,803</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,191	(3,313)	62,878
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	11,925	-	11,925
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>78,116</u>	<u>(3,313)</u>	<u>74,803</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st July 2020.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020

	YEAR ENDED 31.7.20 £	PERIOD 19.7.18 TO 31.7.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	43,375	64,491
Educational trips	370	-
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	43,745	64,491
Charitable activities		
Madrassa income	16,820	1,700
Mosque project	1,750	11,925
Zakat income	1,300	-
Sadaka income	366	-
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	20,236	13,625
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Total incoming resources	63,981	78,116
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Seerah project cost	786	-
Event cost	42	-
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	828	-
Charitable activities		
Cost of food packs	1,250	-
Madrassa cost	630	-
Children activities	676	-
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	2,556	-
Other		
Premises repair & Maintenance	1,556	152
Advertising and PR	193	-
Bank charges	12	-
Insurance	-	332
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	1,761	484

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JAMIA ALMAARIF**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2020**

	YEAR ENDED 31.7.20 £	PERIOD 19.7.18 TO 31.7.19 £
Support costs		
Information technology		
Sundries	-	97
Website and IT	<u>1,049</u>	<u>632</u>
	1,049	729
Governance costs		
Trustees' salaries	7,700	-
Trustees' social security	361	-
Wages	1,234	-
Independent examination fee	1,250	1,250
Consultancy fee	-	850
Cleaning	77	-
Rent	<u>17,100</u>	-
	27,722	2,100
Total resources expended	<u>33,916</u>	<u>3,313</u>
Net income	<u>30,065</u>	<u>74,803</u>

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