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

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

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**Trustees' Report
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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.

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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 Madrasa 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 Madrasa 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 madrasa 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 madrasa 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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"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**

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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 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 madrasa 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 madrasa parent Peterborough**

"I would like to write a review on jamia al Maarif madrasa. 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 Madrasa 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 madrasa 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 madrasa 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" **Madrasa 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/89nx67vic8HFAz5s/>

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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 key 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 alot. 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 its so good to see something like that for our kids, the rhymes, stories, colouring ect. 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 have 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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/qjmp3xETga57HeH8/>

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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 Naeem - 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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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.

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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.

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Usman Zahoor (FCCA)

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Date:31/05/2024.....

JAMIA ALMAARIF
**Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/23 Total funds £	31/7/22 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	37,424	10,000	47,424	57,798
Charitable activities	3				
Madrassa		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	5				
Madrassa		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**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/23 Total funds £	31/7/22 Total funds £
	Notes				
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

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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.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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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

	Activity	31/7/23	31/7/22
		£	£
Madrassa income	Madrassa	56,739	49,644
Mosque project	Mosque and community	3,939	2,465
Zakat income	Mosque and community	-	4,185
Sadaka income	Mosque and community	333	220
Ramadhan	Mosque and community	730	-
Youth club donation	Youth club	3,600	-
Revert program	New Muslims	3,382	-
Kids club donation	Kids club	650	-
Disaster appeal donations	Disaster appeal	4,896	-
Zakat income	Zakat & fitrana	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>

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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
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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	166,491	32,972	199,463

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	46,177	514	1,133	47,824
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st August 2022	6,926	-	170	7,096
Charge for year	6,926	77	227	7,230
At 31st July 2023	13,852	77	397	14,326
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st July 2023	32,325	437	736	33,498
At 31st July 2022	39,251	-	963	40,214

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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
TOTAL FUNDS	<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
TOTAL FUNDS	<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
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>159,085</u>	<u>40,378</u>	<u>199,463</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	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>

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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 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	-
	<hr/> 47,424	<hr/> 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	-
	<hr/> 78,344	<hr/> 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	-
	<hr/> 11,505	<hr/> 3,540
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	201	-
Wastage	285	-
	<hr/> 486	<hr/> -
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>