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JAMIA ALMAARIF

Trustees' Report and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st July 2024

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

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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 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.

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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.

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"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**

"Alhumdulilah 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 Alhumdulilah 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. Alhumdulilah 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, Alhumdulilah 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. Alhumdulilah we admire your flexibility with kids. Alhumdulilah 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 a 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.

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

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 mehfal for me. sometimes when it gets a bit difficult to make it to mehfal, 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 learnt 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: Siddiqi 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: Siddiqi 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.

Community Events

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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, Siddiqah 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 madrasa 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.....

JAMIA ALMAARIF
**Statement of Financial Activities
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		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/24 Total funds £	31/7/23 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	38,316	-	38,316	47,424
Charitable activities	3				
Madrassa		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	5				
Madrassa		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

JAMIA ALMAARIF

Balance Sheet
31ST JULY 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31/7/24 Total funds £	31/7/23 Total funds £
	Notes				
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.

JAMIA ALMAARIF

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:



.....
Mrs F B Bodhee - Trustee



.....
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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2024

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

	Activity	31/7/24	31/7/23
		£	£
Madrassa income	Madrassa	58,496	56,739
Mosque project	Mosque and community	13,385	3,939
Sadaka income	Mosque and community	343	333
Ramadhan	Mosque and community	30	730
Youth club donation	Youth club	3,604	3,600
Revert program	New Muslims	535	3,382
Kids club donation	Kids club	-	650
Disaster appeal donations	Disaster appeal	-	4,896
Zakat income	Zakat & fitrana	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>

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

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Raising funds	2,216	-	2,216
Charitable activities			
Madrassa	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	93,629	14,090	107,719
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	171,355	46,157	217,512

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	67,034	12,555	1,133	80,722
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	23,907	1,960	624	26,491
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st July 2024	43,127	10,595	509	54,231
At 31st July 2023	32,325	437	736	33,498

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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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
TOTAL FUNDS	<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
TOTAL FUNDS	<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
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,463</u>	<u>18,049</u>	<u>217,512</u>

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

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>

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

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
	<hr/> 38,316	<hr/> 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
	<hr/> 82,665	<hr/> 78,344
Total incoming resources	120,981	125,768
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Event cost	5,783	2,216
Collection Boxes	49	-
	<hr/> 5,832	<hr/> 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	-
	<hr/> 15,979	<hr/> 11,505
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	513	201
Wastage	523	285
	<hr/> 1,036	<hr/> 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
	2,831	2,460
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
	105,367	91,052
Total resources expended	131,045	107,719
Net (expenditure)/income	(10,064)	18,049