

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025  
FOR  
THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST**

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**THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Muslim Patel Burial Trust (MPBT), established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) since 2019, upholds its founding mission to provide a dignified and sacred final resting place for the Muslim Patel community. Before its establishment as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, MPBT operated as an Unincorporated Trust since 1985. Its founding purpose was to procure and upkeep a burial ground tailored to the needs of the Muslim Patel community. This included ensuring that all burial practices and rites were in accordance with Islamic Sharia Law. Our adherence to the principles of Islamic Sharia Law in the internment of the deceased remains central to our operations. The initial land for this sacred purpose was secured at The Woodgrange Park Cemetery on Romford Road E7 in the same founding year.

This year, our focus has shifted towards enhancing the cemetery's infrastructure and ensuring the continuity of our services for future generations.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The MPBT's objectives are to promote the Islamic religion by maintaining land in Manor Park, London, for the purpose of the burial of Muslims according to the principles of the Islamic religion, in particular, the Patel Muslim community.

**Public benefit**

We remain committed to our charitable aims, ensuring that our actions consistently provide public benefit. Our strategic priorities are aligned with the delivery of vital services such as providing affordable burial spaces, facilitating funeral prayers, and supporting grieving families.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

**Membership**

Our membership stands as a reflection of our community's growth and engagement. As of August 2023, the Trust has seen a significant increase in members, indicating the community's enduring faith in our services. The precise number of our members is not just a metric but a reminder of the many lives we touch and the responsibility we carry.

**Governance**

The MPBT's governance structure, designed to ensure a balance of skills, knowledge, and experience, has been a bedrock of our effectiveness. The trustees, all volunteers, embody our values of service and stewardship. Our trustees, who serve a term of five years, are elected with careful consideration of their skills, knowledge, and experience, ensuring that they are well-equipped to guide the Trust in fulfilling its mission. We adhere strictly to our constitution in maintaining a maximum of twelve trustees, each bringing unique contributions to the table. This year, we have focused on enhancing our governance processes, increasing transparency, and fostering deeper engagement with our community stakeholders.

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### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Charitable activities**

The day-to-day operations of the cemetery and we acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our team over the past year. As many of you know, the cemetery is maintained through the combined efforts of our part-time staff member, our dedicated volunteers, and the Trustees.

This past year has brought both challenges and meaningful progress, with our volunteers playing a central role in everything we have achieved:

#### **Cemetery Maintenance**

Our volunteers have worked diligently to ensure the ongoing upkeep of the grounds. Their consistent efforts - often carried out quietly and without recognition - form the foundation of our Trust, helping us maintain a peaceful and respectful environment for all who visit.

#### **Installation of New Signage, Speaker System, and Outdoor Lighting Wiring**

To improve the experience for all visitors, we installed new signposts to provide clearer navigation within the cemetery. In addition, a new speaker system has been fitted to support services and announcements, and new wiring has been installed outside to improve the reliability and safety of our lighting. These upgrades reflect our commitment to a welcoming, accessible, and well-equipped space for the community.

#### **Preparation of the Adjoining Plot**

A significant milestone this year was the completion of clearing and preparing the new adjoining burial plot. This expansion demonstrates our forward planning and ensures that future needs of the community will be met with dignity and care.

#### **Volunteer Recognition**

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all volunteers who have devoted their time, skills, and energy. From grave digging to landscaping and general maintenance, their contributions exemplify the spirit of service, community, and brotherhood upon which our Trust is built.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Financial position**

The Trust has managed its finances with due diligence over the past year. Our income streams from burial fees and generous donations have been robust, allowing us to sustain and enhance our operations. The decision to retain the current pricing structure for life memberships and burial services reflects our commitment to affordability and accessibility for our community. Nevertheless, we will reassess our pricing strategy over the coming year to ensure that we can continue to meet the future needs of the Trust and the community it serves.

#### **Reserves policy**

In line with our financial prudence, the Trust maintains a general reserve. This reserve acts as a financial buffer equivalent to six months of unrestricted fund expenditure, safeguarding the Trust's activities against unforeseen financial shortfalls or fluctuations in income.

# **THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is incorporated with the Charity Commission as a CIO and had a constitution as its governing document.

The organisation has two tiers of membership, voting rights and non-voting rights members. The members with voting rights of the CIO are its charity trustees.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 5 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The maximum number of charity trustees is twelve. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

The trustees elect a chairman and other officers from their number as required.

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who are committed individuals whose views are aligned to the charity's vision in addition to being able to offer relevant skills and experience.

Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings to meet the trustees and have an informal interview and are given more details about the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting.

This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Charity number**

1187092

#### **Principal address**

58 Queens Road  
London  
E11 1BB

**THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**Trustees**

**Founding Trustees:**

Gulam Patel - Secretary

**Elected Trustees:**

Iqbal Patel - Chair

Idris Patel

Salim Ibrahim

Saeed Musa - Treasurer

Yunus Patel

Zulfikar Ali

Gulamhusain Mohmed

Ahmed Ibrahim Nekiwala

Gulam Patel

Siddiq Dadabhai

Afzal Sutarya

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits

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**Acknowledgements**

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to the volunteers, who are the backbone of the Trust. Their dedication throughout the year in maintaining the cemetery, contributing to the clearing and preparation of the new plot, and the many unseen tasks they perform, embodies the spirit of volunteerism and community service. The trustees and I are deeply moved by their commitment and wish to recognise each volunteer for their invaluable contribution.

**Conclusion**

As we conclude this report for the period ended 31 March 2024, we, the trustees, are filled with gratitude for the community's support and the opportunity to serve. The Trust remains a testament to the collective efforts of all involved, and we are inspired to continue this journey with renewed vigour and purpose.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee : Saeed Musa

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Muslim Patel Burial Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Muslim Patel Burial Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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: 10/12/2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		<b>31.3.25</b>	31.3.24
		<b>Unrestricted</b>	Total
		<b>funds</b>	funds
	Notes	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	<u>54,090</u>	<u>41,901</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3		
Charitable Activities		<u>18,254</u>	<u>19,830</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>35,836</b>	22,071
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>907,732</u>	885,661
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>943,568</u></u>	<u><u>907,732</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

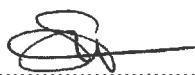


# THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 31 MARCH 2025

		31.3.25 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
	Notes		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	490,000	490,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		457,087	419,032
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,519)	(1,300)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>453,568</u>	<u>417,732</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>943,568</u>	<u>907,732</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>943,568</u>	<u>907,732</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		943,568	907,732
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>943,568</u>	<u>907,732</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 3/12/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Trustee : Saeed Musa

The notes form part of these financial statements

# THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Statutory Information**

The Muslim Patel Burial Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered with Charity Commission in England and Wales. The registered office address can be found at the [information page](#).

#### **Going Concern**

Covid 19 has had an implication on the Trust. There was a high demand in the burial activities.

The Trust is confident to be in operation for the next twelve months and on this basis, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **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**

The Trust owns burial land and therefore it is not depreciated.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from 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.

# THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	1,490	2,000
Membership fees	24,500	26,300
Burial Income	28,100	13,601
	<u>54,090</u>	<u>41,901</u>

### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Charitable Activities	<u>14,164</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>18,254</u>

### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

#### Trustees' expenses

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

### 5. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	9,600	7,927
	<u>9,600</u>	<u>7,927</u>

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Charitable Activities	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

<b>6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YE 31.3.24</b>	Unrestricted funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	41,901
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Charitable activities	
Charitable Activities	19,830
<b>NET INCOME</b>	22,071
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	885,661
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	907,732
<b>7. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL</b>	
Key Management Personnel comprise of the Founding and Elected trustees.	
<b>8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>	Freehold Burial Land £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	490,000
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2025	490,000
At 31 March 2024	490,000

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Taxation and social security	254	-
Other creditors	3,265	1,300
	<u>3,519</u>	<u>1,300</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	907,732	35,836	943,568
	<u>907,732</u>	<u>35,836</u>	<u>943,568</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>907,732</u>	<u>35,836</u>	<u>943,568</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	54,090	(18,254)	35,836
	<u>54,090</u>	<u>(18,254)</u>	<u>35,836</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>54,090</u>	<u>(18,254)</u>	<u>35,836</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	885,661	22,071	907,732
	<u>885,661</u>	<u>22,071</u>	<u>907,732</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>885,661</u>	<u>22,071</u>	<u>907,732</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	41,901	(19,830)	22,071
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>41,901</u>	<u>(19,830)</u>	<u>22,071</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**THE MUSLIM PATEL BURIAL TRUST**

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	1,490	2,000
Membership fees	24,500	26,300
Burial Income	28,100	13,601
	<u>54,090</u>	<u>41,901</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>54,090</b>	<b>41,901</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	9,600	7,927
Rates and water	-	1,200
Insurance	1,486	1,276
Burial Costs	3,078	4,822
	<u>14,164</u>	<u>15,225</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Information technology</b>		
Repairs and renewals	2,640	3,205
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Independent Examiners Fees	1,450	1,400
	<u>18,254</u>	<u>19,830</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>18,254</b>	<b>19,830</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><b>35,836</b></u>	<u><b>22,071</b></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

