

Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore (UK)
Woking Muslim Mission Heritage

(AAIIL–UK: *Registered Charity No.* CIO 1195956)

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Annual Report for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

This CIO, Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore (UK), was registered at the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 28 September 2021. It replaces the unincorporated charity, The Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore (UK), Reg. no. 278963.

This is the annual report for the second full year of the CIO.

1. Monthly Meetings

1. An open meeting of members and guests, at which usually two talks are given, is held at our Centre on the first Sunday of each month starting at 3.00 pm. The meetings can also be joined on Zoom, and are also broadcast in audio on the Internet radio Mixlr. Recorded talks are made available to those who could not attend.
2. Here is a summary of the monthly meetings during the period of this report:
 1. April 2023: Due to Ramadan (23/3/23 to 21/4/23), the normal Sunday monthly meeting for April was not held, but replaced by Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr activities. Eid-ul-Fitr of April 2023 was covered in last year's report, as Ramadan partly fell in that year.
 2. 7/5/23: A talk by a senior member was given on charity, and the service of humanity in general, as one of the fundamentals of Islam, and the teachings of the Quran and Hadith on this subject. A young member gave a talk on the importance of belief in the Holy Prophet Muhammad.
 3. 4/6/23: An invited speaker, Ms Di Stiff, archivist at the Surrey History Centre, sent us her slide presentation on the work of this Centre in preserving and making accessible to visitors a vast collection of unique historical documents. Our charity's interest is the material held by the centre relating to the Mosque at Woking, which includes photographs of events at the Mosque from the 1920s and 1930s. The speaker appreciated our co-operation in providing the Centre with relevant information about the events.
 4. July: Due to Eid-ul-Adha on 28 June, the Sunday monthly meeting for 2nd July was cancelled.
 5. 3/9/23: A talk was given on the topic: 'The practical Muslim and the Spirit of Islam'. This was followed by a lengthier presentation on the Hajj of June 2023, with personal experiences and memories.

6. 1/10/23: A member gave a talk on ‘Need of a Mujaddid or Reformer’. She described the desperate situation of the Muslims all over the world at the time when the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement appeared, and the work he did for the defence and propagation of Islam. The second talk was given by a member from Berlin over Zoom on the topic ‘Morals shown by the Holy Prophet Muhammad as described in the Quran’. He underwent many trials and tribulations, and faced the greatest variety of circumstances. This happened so that he could display a wide range of moral qualities. He proved that true strength lies in a person’s character, not in his authority or wealth.
7. 5/11/23: A member gave a talk on ‘Positive Influence through Communication’. She pointed out that this is important both in our worldly dealings and jobs, and in how we follow Islam. How to communicate with people is mentioned many times in the Quran. This was followed by talks paying tribute to a late devoted member (Mr Zaman Shaw) who passed away in December 2021.
8. 3/12/23: A member gave a talk on ‘Peace of Mind’ and how to attain it according to Islam. She explained that there are five ways of doing so: to have strong faith, to have total trust in Allah, constant mention of Allah, supplication or *dua*, and to have positive attitude for every distress. The second talk was on ch. 94 of the Quran (beginning “Have We not expanded for you your breast?”) The “expansion” here stands for “comfort”. This chapter was revealed to comfort the Holy Prophet and inform him of his eventual success. The speaker described how these relate to our own lives. We, like prophets, have burdens on our backs. Hardship comes to everyone, but is followed by ease. In that state, it must not to be forgotten that it was Allah Who brought ease.
9. 7/1/24: Some members had attended the annual gathering in Lahore in December 2023. Two members presented their impressions of this convention and more generally their visit to Pakistan. One talk also explained the background of the origin of this annual gathering, established by the Founder of the Movement in the early 1890s, and what objectives he set for it.
10. 4/2/24: A member from the USA presented a talk via Zoom on “The Importance of Listening”. The points were made that: God Himself says that He listens; deafness mentioned in the Quran means not paying attention; when we don’t listen to others, it’s because we feel superior to them; and to improve ourselves the first step is to actively listen. In the second talk, a question by a Muslim found on social media was answered in detail and the opinion of a non-Muslim was discussed.
11. 3/2/24: In view of Ramadan and associated gatherings, the normal Sunday monthly meeting for March was cancelled.

2. Other regular religious functions

1. Eid-ul-Adha during the period of this report was held on 28 June 2023 and broadcast on our radio channel.

2. Ramadan 2024 fell across our current report year ending 31/3/24 and the next year. It is covered in this year's report as below.
3. The Daily Ramadan Quran Studies were produced in March/April 2024, as every year. The audio recording of the text of the slides was improved this year by using three well-spoken members to read it. As in previous years the Studies were circulated to a wide mailing list of people in the UK and abroad and were much appreciated.
4. During Ramadan, fast ending gatherings were held every Saturday at our Wembley Centre, at which a talk was given before ending the fast. Special attention was paid to Friday *khutbas* and prayers. These were all broadcast on Internet radio Mixlr on our channel 'Lahore Ahmadiyya UK'.
5. Eid-ul-Fitr was held on 10 April 2024. Members raised more than £1600 for our funds. For the hospitality during Ramadan and at Eid-ul-Fitr more than £1500 was donated by our members.
6. Friday *khutbas* (sermons) and prayers were broadcast live in audio on Internet radio Mixlr on the channel 'Lahore Ahmadiyya UK'. After the *khutba* had been delivered, the text was in most cases uploaded to our website www.aaail.uk, and the audio was uploaded to our YouTube channel Ahmadiyya.Lahore.
7. After the war in Gaza started in October 2023, a number of Friday sermons dealt with the broad topics of the tolerant and generous teachings of the Quran about Jews, which require Muslims to treat Jews with humanity and justice, and condemn antisemitism.
8. Our meetings and religious functions, as mentioned above, are also attended by invited guests, some from other faiths. A Christian gentleman regularly presents his perspective on the teachings of Islam. The Vicar from St James' Church Alperton has also attended our Eid functions. We maintain harmonious relations with the local community around our Centre and offer our neighbours any help or assistance they may require.

3. Book free distribution and publication

1. Ten copies of the English translation of the Quran were donated to our Movement's branch in Guyana (South America), free of charge and postal cost.
2. The compilation of a book *Islam and Antisemitism* was started during the period of reporting. It dispels the grave misconception that Islam teaches its followers to bear hatred and enmity towards Jews. On the contrary, Islam recognises the validity of the prophets and scriptures of the Jews, and requires Muslims to come to their defence against antisemitism, whether it be verbal hate or physical persecution. The book also provides historical details to show that Muslims came to the rescue of Jews under persecution, from the time of the Spanish expulsion to the Second World War and the Holocaust. The book is scheduled for publication in August 2024.

4. Trustees

1. Three trustees and some other members attended the December annual gathering in Lahore, Pakistan, at the international Centre of our Movement (at no cost to this Charity). They all made useful contributions to the meetings there.
2. Humaira Ahmad was co-opted by the trustees as a trustee in March. (Subsequently, after the current reporting period, she was elected by members as trustee at the AGM on 5 May 2024.)

5. Report on the work of Woking Muslim Mission Heritage

1. A 20 minute video presentation was produced, consisting of a compilation of archive newsreel material relating to the Woking Mosque and Muslim history in Britain, which was filmed between 1918 and 1958 by newsreel companies such as British Pathe. In our compilation we supplemented the clips with background information about each clip that we researched from our own archive magazines. This video is a unique production by our charity, which brings together several scattered newsreel items, which we made available freely on our YouTube channel.
2. We have in our possession the Woking Mosque Visitors Book covering the years 1948–1954, consisting of 187 pages signed by visitors, many of them distinguished figures from the Muslim world. During the period of this report, we converted this into a page-by-page video presentation and made it available on our YouTube channel.
3. A group of our members participated in the Brookwood Cemetery Open day on 16 September 2023. We had our own stall with a banner, on which we displayed a large number of our publications. The two video presentations mentioned above (newsreel clips and the Mosque Visitors Book) were available for viewing by visitors.
4. Tharik Hussain, author and researcher specialising in Muslim heritage in Europe, attended our Eid-ul-Fitr in April 2023 and invited two of our trustees to join the advisory board of the Muslim Cemetery Project which he has set up.
5. We continued to help and advise researchers who contact our websites. Four queries relating to the history of the Woking Muslim Mission were answered.

6. Charity work

During the period of the report £560 was donated to the UK charity Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP).

7. Building related work

1. The extension of our lease on flat 17D Stanley Avenue with the freeholder of 17 Stanley Avenue was agreed in a deed dated 26 July 2023. The term of lease now is “215 years from 25 December 1977”.
2. The background is that this leasehold flat was purchased by our previous, unincorporated charity (no. 278963) in 1999. It has been rented out since then. Its ownership was

registered in the names of two senior trustees and a senior member of the time. The lease extension negotiations in 2021–2023 had to be conducted by the current President with their written authority. The negotiations became protracted due to the lack of any response from the freeholder (the “landlord”) for several months. This also added to the legal costs incurred by us during the financial year ending 31 March 2023. As we are now a CIO, we have applied to the Land Registry to transfer the flat ownership from the three property-holding trustees of 1999 to the CIO as a corporate body. The transfer is expected to be completed sometime from September 2024 onwards.

Report produced by the Trustees, AAIL (UK), 4 September 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

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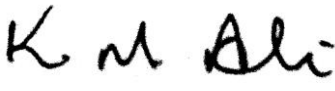
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Direct donations	12056	-	-	12056	7861
Donations received through CAF (inc. Gift Aid £1616, minus CAF fees £229)	9941	-	-	9941	15694
HMRC Gift Aid for direct donations	4008	-	-	4008	443
Donation from the AALF charity	0	-	-	0	4350
Donations for cemetery plots	4000	-	-	4000	7800
Rent from flat 17D Stanley Avenue	11700	-	-	11700	10425
Interest from bank accounts	1157	-	-	1157	242
Internet income	18	-	-	18	5
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,879	-	-	42,879	46,819
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Transfer of funds held by our previous, unincorporated charity, regd. 278963	362	-	-	362	57,305
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	362	-	-	362	57,305
Total receipts	43,241	-	-	43,241	104,125
A3 Payments					
Utility bills	7,820	-	-	7,820	6,579
Renovation/Maintenance of 15 Stanley Avenue	3,670	-	-	3,670	3,393
Building improvements at 15 Stanley Avenue	8,857	-	-	8,857	11,975
New gas boiler & radiator flush	-	-	-	-	4,904
Public liability/contents insurance premium	912	-	-	912	832
Cost of lease extension on flat 17D Stanley Avenue	-	-	-	-	10,672
Legal fees for lease extension flat 17D	1,932	-	-	1,932	11,491
Donations to various charities	660	-	-	660	4,560
Fees	404	-	-	404	-
Postage, stationary, books	418	-	-	418	73
Hospitality for functions held at 15 Stanley Ave	1,375	-	-	1,375	1,838
Sub total	26,048	-	-	26,048	56,316

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,048	-	-	26,048	56,316
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,192	-	-	17,192	47,809
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,860	-	-	54,860	7,051
Cash funds this year end	72,052	-	-	72,052	54,860

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Natwest Current Account 80564232 (main)	1,711	-	-
	Natwest Reserve Account 80593712	35,346	-	-
	Natwest Reserve Account 80564267 (for use at direction of CA, Lahore)	4,883	-	-
	Natwest Current Account 80564259 (Cemetery)	1,000	-	-
	Natwest 35-day Account 80717039	29,113	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,052	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ZAHID AZIZ	05/05/2024	
		KEN MUSTAQ ALI	05/05/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ishaat Islam Lahore (UK)

On accounts for the year
ended

31.03.2024

Charity no
(if any)

1195956

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that
disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

13 Sep 24

Name:

MAHMOOD BRUCE ROSS-MAGENTY (Mahmood Bruce Ross-Magenty)

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Retd. Accountant

(if any):

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.