



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/02/2024

Period start date

To 31/01/2025

Period end date

Charity name: Stevenage Muslim Community Centre

Charity registration number: 1199880

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	SMCC is a faith Based charity working in Stevenage charity as set out in its governing document to look after various needs of the local Muslim community
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity provides praying facilities, funeral services, marriage ceremonies, Islamic education for children and adults and social gatherings to name just a few. It has a pivotal role in organising cultural and social activities for the Muslim community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees are aware of and abide by the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
		N/A

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The charity has successfully achieved many of its objectives including, Purpose-built premises for daily prayers available to any Muslim who wish to use the facilities seven days a week</p> <p>Additional praying facilities are provided during month of Ramadan and on the festivals of Eid</p> <p>Children's Islamic education classes. Act as a Religious Education (RE) centre for schools throughout the county. The praying facilities and the Community Centre is undergoing development to cater for the needs of growing Muslim community in Stevenage and surrounding towns. SMCC is the sole provider of several community services including Muslim funerals and marriage services.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is solely dependent upon donations from the local Muslim community. Our annual income for the financial year is £198,397 and the expenditure for the year is £203,520.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not hold reserves
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Big spending on construction.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity is solely dependent on donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No risk facing the charity
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Written constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Registered Charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Induction of Trustees is conducted by the Chairman of the committee.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Stevenage Muslim community centre
Other name the charity uses	SMCC
Registered charity number	1199880
Charity's principal address	The Sishes, Vardon road Stevenage Hertfordshire. SG1 5PZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Sarfraz Awan	Chairman		
2	Prof Shahid Anis Khan	Secretary		
3	Mohamed Slam Khan	Treasurer		
4	Farhad Choudhury			
5	Dr Majid Islam			
6	Dr Imran Abdulkareem			
7	Dr Farrukh Sheikh			
8	Dr Syed Ishrat Ali Zaidi			
9	Mudassar Ahmed			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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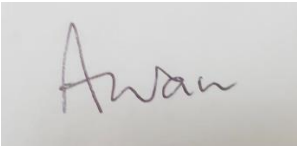
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	 Awan	
Full name(s)	Dr Sarfraz Awan	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	18/11/2025	

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1199880

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:
SHARIQ ABDULLAH CA
ABDULLAH AND ABDULLAH
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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Dr Shahid A Khan	(Secretary)
Mr Mohamed S Khan	(Treasurer)
Dr Farrukh Sheikh	(Trustee)
Dr Imran Abdulkareem	(Trustee)
Mr Farhad Choudhury	(Trustee)
Mr Mudassar Ahmed	(Trustee)
Dr Islam Majid	(Trustee)
Dr Ishrat Zaidi	(Trustee)

Independent Examiner:

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Registered Charity No. :

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STEVENAGE MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stevenage Muslim Community Centre (SMCC)

I report on the accounts of SMCC (the charity) for the year ended 31 January 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 4. This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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Date: 18 November 2025

Stevenage Muslim Community Centre
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 January 2025

	Notes	General Fund	Total January 2025	General Fund	Total January 2024
Assets retained for own use					
Land and buildings	2	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Monetary Assets					
Bank Account		10,017	10,017	17,867	17,867
Paypal Account		5,005	5,005	2,278	2,278
Cash		-	-	-	-
Total Cash		<u>15,022</u>	<u>15,022</u>	<u>20,145</u>	<u>20,145</u>
Other Assets					
PAYE/NIC					
Overpayment to HMRC		1,890	1,890	1,890	1,890
Liabilities					
Qarz-e-Hasna - Loan	3		10,000		15,000
Total Liabilities			<u>10,000</u>		<u>15,000</u>

For use by the charity and belonging to the General Purpose Fund:
 Projector

Approved by the trustees on 18 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature : ---  ---

Name : Dr S Awan

Stevenage Muslim Community Centre
Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31 January 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>					
Donations (Including Friday, Ramadan and Other Collections)			171,067		173,461
Gift aid received from HMRC			-		24,106
Qarz-e-Hasna - Loan receipt/(payment)			(5,000)		(5,000)
Funeral Plan			5,000		-
Children Classes Fees			20,905		7,457
Council Grants			<u>1,425</u>		<u>-</u>
			193,397		200,024
 <u>Expenditure</u>					
Phase II Structural Work Etc.	4	112,719		127,033	
Fund Raising Expenses		460		-	
Advertisement		95		240	
Insurance		1,194		1,741	
Utilities		16,679		7,507	
CCTV & Security		3,901		8,945	
Telephone		1,306		1,054	
Repairs and Replacements		420		886	
Small Equipment		1,779		1,203	
Stationery		381		64	
Catering		1,713		1,575	
Student resources		-		639	
Guest Imam expenses		-		128	
Coach Hire		-		1,345	
DBS Checking		-		369	
Website		-		2,220	
Software & IT costs		1,386		-	
Ramadan - Iftar		4,940		2,335	
Cleaning		6,255		2,905	
Salaries		40,724		33,943	
Staff training		613		-	
Travel		89		-	
Legal Fees		750		1,170	
Paypal Charges		-		246	
Bank Charges		2,466		990	
Subscriptions		79		515	
Sundries		129		-	
Council Fees and Charges		-		270	
Pension including Employer's Contribution		<u>443</u>		<u>443</u>	
		198,520		197,765	
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)			(5,123)		2,259
Balance B/Fwd			20,145		17,885
Balance C/Fwd			<u><u>15,022</u></u>		<u><u>20,145</u></u>

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- 4 Breakdown of Phase II Structural Work is as follows:

	2025	2024
Description	£	£
Building Materials	80,385	48,490
Building Contractor	27,333	15,601
Electric supply upgrade	-	50,170
Cold Room	-	2,163
AC Contractor	-	-
Stairs	5,000	-
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Roofing	-	1,500
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