

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 15 MARCH 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
NELSON COMMUNITY TRUST**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 15 MARCH 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 15 March 2023 to 31 March 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).

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The Charity's Objectives as set out in the governing document are:

The prevention or relief of poverty in Nelson and the surrounding areas by providing food, clothing and other essentials to individuals in need. We help people of all races and religions.

To advance the Islamic faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the statement of faith by providing a place of prayer, religious education, outreach and pastoral care in the community.

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Achievements

We are very much a community masjid. We are grateful to all those generous souls in the Pendle community who support us and donate to our causes. In 2023, we were the winners of "Community Together" award in the Pride of Nelson awards organised by Nelson Town Council. This was in recognition of our work in bringing people together of all races and religions.

Prayer Facilities

The masjid is open to the public during our five daily prayers. The Friday sermon and weekly talks are delivered in English with the aim of inspiring young people. We are running two Jummah prayers due to popular demand.

Religious Teaching

Religious lectures and classes are delivered in the main hall of the mosque with the aim of bringing people closer to Allah and the Prophet and love for one another. We have classes for men, women and children throughout the week.

Spiritual gatherings

We hold spiritual gatherings throughout the week for men, women and children. We have dhikr and mawlid gatherings.

Foodbank

Nelson is one of the most deprived areas in the UK. In 2023 it had the fourth highest levels of child poverty in the UK. Our masjid foodbank provides emergency food parcels, hot meals and other essential support to those in need. Our masjid is open for the general public as a warm space so that people in the cold weather can also benefit. During the year ending 31st March 2024, we delivered 5,100 food parcels and 42,125 hot meals. These meals are a lifeline for our users. We also distributed clothes, toiletries, and other essentials.

Ansaar Project

The masjid helps refugees and asylum seekers living in our local area by providing essential support and living essentials through our Ansaar project. Our masjid is a lifeline for many asylum seekers.

Healing Sessions and pastoral care

As part of our pastoral care, we offer healing sessions. We have group sessions as well as one to one sessions. In our first year, we have benefitted over 300 people. These sessions are very beneficial in helping with mental, spiritual and emotional well being.

Zakat Fund

We operate a Zakat Fund to help those who are most vulnerable in our local community. During this accounting year we distributed 97,924 pounds to those in need. Our recipients include single parents, those heavily in debt, those unable to work due to disability and other such vulnerable people.

Women's services

We run various classes and social gatherings for women. Women are encouraged to take part in our activities.

Youth services

We provide many opportunities for young people to get involved in our projects. We have many young volunteers. We run youth leadership courses to offer training and skills for the youth.

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Financial review

Financial position

Income for the year was £293,875. The vast majority was derived from donations £257,163. Expenditure for the year was 293,935.

At the end of the reporting period the charity has £47,436 in funds.

The financial controls of the charity are managed and controlled by the trustees.

Future plans

Nelson Community Trust is constantly trying to achieve our vision of seeing love, peace and happiness in every home in Nelson by promoting more social services and activities promoting women, youth, helping the needy, refugees and families, especially in the current economic circumstances in the UK. We will be introducing more services to benefit the wider community. Our foodbank, Ansaar Project, pastoral care will be expanded.

We will train more women mentors so they're able to help other members of the community. We will also create a new dedicated space for women at the masjid which will entail some renovation work.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity number

1202331

Principal address

Bradshaw Street
Nelson
BB9 0BH

Trustees

N A Raja (appointed 15.3.23)
W A Ashraf (appointed 15.3.23)
Z M Hussain (appointed 15.3.23)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Z M Hussain - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NELSON COMMUNITY TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nelson Community Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nelson Community Trust (the Trust) for the period 15 March 2023 to 31 March 2024.

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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Farook Patel FCA

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30 January 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 15 MARCH 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from	Notes			
Donations and legacies		162,525	131,350	293,875
Expenditure on				
Raising funds		1,371	-	1,371
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities		92,765	97,924	190,689
Support costs		101,875	-	101,875
Total		196,011	97,924	293,935
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(33,486)	33,426	(60)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		38,456	8,302	46,758
Total funds carried forward		4,970	41,728	46,698

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
Current assets	Notes			
Cash at bank and in hand		5,708	41,728	47,436
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	3	(738)	-	(738)
Net current assets		<u>4,970</u>	<u>41,728</u>	<u>46,698</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		4,970	41,728	46,698
NET ASSETS		<u>4,970</u>	<u>41,728</u>	<u>46,698</u>
Funds	4			
Unrestricted funds				4,970
Restricted funds				<u>41,728</u>
Total funds				<u>46,698</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

W A Ashraf - Trustee

Z M Hussain - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 15 MARCH 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024**

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.

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

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.

2. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

Mr W A Ashraf was paid £19,250 during the year for providing his services as a teacher.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2024.

3. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	£
Other creditors	738
	<u>738</u>

4. Movement in funds

	At 15.3.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	38,456	(33,486)	4,970
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	8,302	33,426	41,728
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,758</u>	<u>(60)</u>	<u>46,698</u>

4. Movement in funds - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	162,525	(196,011)	(33,486)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	131,350	(97,924)	33,426
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>293,875</u>	<u>(293,935)</u>	<u>(60)</u>

The restricted funds relate to Zakat funds held by the charity.

5. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 March 2024.