



Trustees' Annual Report
for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

Charity Name: HAZRATH SHAJALAL CENTRAL MOSQUE SWINDON
Charity Registration Number: 1203107



3. Introduction

Charity Overview: Founded by Swindon's Bangladeshi Community in 1999, the Hazrath Shajalal Central Mosque was formally established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 17th May 2023. The mosque aims to advance the religion of Islam through various services including worship, education, and community support. Rooted in the teachings of the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the mosque follows the Sunni Hanafi School of Thought.

Message from the Chair of Trustees: This year has been a year of immense growth and progress for our mosque. By the grace of Allah (SWT), our Friday congregations are flourishing, with the mosque filled to capacity, requiring us to hold two separate congregational prayers.

We have made significant strides in supporting those in need, both locally and internationally, from providing Islamic education in Swindon to raising funds for flood victims in Sylhet.

Despite challenges, including threats from far-right groups, we remain committed to playing a pivotal role in fostering unity and understanding within Swindon's diverse society.

We are actively exploring ways to expand our facilities to accommodate all who wish to attend and to better serve our growing community.

4. Objectives and Activities

Statement of Objectives:

Our objectives, as stated in our constitution, focus on advancing the Islamic faith by providing facilities for worship, education, and community services, including Nikkah, funerals, and burials, in accordance with Sunni Hanafi traditions.

Overview of Main Activities:

This year, our primary activities included:

- Conducting regular prayers and religious ceremonies.
- Providing Islamic education to children and adults.
- Organising community events and open mosque days to engage with the wider community.

Impact and Outcomes:

Our activities have had a profound impact on the community:

- Welcomed local school children to learn about Islam through our open mosque program.
- Raised vital funds to support flood relief efforts in Sylhet, Bangladesh.



5. Achievements and Performance

Key Achievements:

- Successfully held multiple educational and community events, strengthening ties with the local population.
- Raised £24,088 in donations, reflecting strong community support.
- Initiated plans to expand our mosque's capacity to better serve the growing congregation.

Performance Against Objectives:

We have met our primary objectives by offering comprehensive religious services and fostering a sense of community among Muslims in Swindon. Our fundraising efforts have also supported critical international relief work.

6. Financial Review

Financial Summary:

For the period ending 31st December 2023, the charity recorded a total income of £24,088, with an expenditure of £13,930, resulting in a net surplus of £10,158.

Reserves Policy:

The charity aims to maintain a reserve that covers at least six months of operating costs, ensuring stability in the face of unforeseen circumstances.

Principal Funding Sources:

Our primary source of income is donations from our congregation and the wider community. We did not receive any government grants or contracts during this period.

Expenditure Breakdown:

- **Charitable Activities:** £13,930
- **Total Expenditure:** £13,930

7. Structure, Governance, and Management

Governance Structure:

The mosque is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the overall management and decision-making processes. Regular meetings ensure that the charity's objectives are met and that activities are in line with our mission.

Trustees and Management Team:

The Board consists of dedicated individuals who bring diverse skills and experience to the management of the mosque. There were no significant changes in the Board during this period.



8. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. All activities carried out by the mosque are aimed at benefiting the public by providing religious services, education, and community support.

9. Plans for the Future

Future Strategy:

We are planning to expand our facilities to accommodate our growing congregation and to enhance our educational programs. Additionally, we aim to increase our outreach efforts, fostering greater understanding and cooperation within the wider community of Swindon.

Upcoming Projects:

- Launching a fundraising campaign for mosque expansion.
- Introducing new programs focused on youth engagement and community cohesion.

10. Administrative Information

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11. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity prepares its financial statements in accordance with legal requirements and that they provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial position.

12. Approval and Signature

Date of Approval: 4th September 2024

Chair of Trustees
Mr A Khalique Ali

Secretary
Mr W Miah

Treasurer
Mr M Ahmed



13. Appendix

Detailed Financial Statements:

- Basic Income and Expenditure Statement
- Notes to the Financial Statements

Basic Income and Expenditure Statement

Income	Amount (£)
Donations and Legacies	24,088
Charitable Activities	0
Other Trading Activities	0
Investments	0
Other	0
Total Income	24,088

Expenditure	Amount (£)
Charitable Activities	13,930
Fundraising Costs	0
Governance Costs	0
Total Expenditure	13,930

| Net Surplus/Deficit | 10,158 |

Notes:

- **Income:** All the income is reported under "Donations and Legacies," with no income from other sources such as charitable activities, trading, or investments.
- **Expenditure:** All expenditure is reported under "Charitable Activities," with no separate entries for fundraising or governance costs.