



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024	<b>To</b>	Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025

### Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Lantern of Light

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1203567

**Charity's principal address** 52 Manor Way

**Postcode**

HA2 6BY

#### 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	Adil Abbasbhai Kachwala			
2	Mohamed Hassanali Kanji			
3	Nasimbanu Mohamed Husein Pirmohamed Hyderali			
4	Sabira Mohamed Kanji	Chair		
5	Shenaz Sajan			

#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

#### 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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023, and amended on April 2025
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by the existing board and bring expertise in faith leadership, mental health, finance and youth work. They meet regularly to provide strategic oversight and ensure the charity delivers on its objectives.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

The charity's objects are to advance the Islamic faith in accordance with the Al Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and following the Shia Ithna Asheri teachings and traditions for the public benefit, mainly but not exclusively by:

- Provision of Islamic religious education, producing and/or distributing material, and holding events about the Islamic religion.
- Promoting good mental health and spiritual wellbeing, in particular (but not exclusively) for Muslim women.
- Promoting multicultural and religious harmony between Muslims and non-Muslims to foster mutual understanding and tolerance.
- Preventing or relieving poverty by providing grants to individuals in need and/or charities or other organizations working to prevent or relieve poverty worldwide.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

- 1) Islamic religious education:  
The charity organised online lectures, classes and workshops on the Quran, the Sunnah and Shia Ithna Asheri traditions. Teachings were also shared through community-level talks, seminars and educational webinars.
- 2) Mental health and spiritual wellbeing  
During the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, Lantern of Light focused on faith-based mental health and spiritual support, providing safe spaces for growth and trauma-informed healing. Key activities included:
  - 1:1 mentoring: faith-based mental health support provided to 12 women.
  - Healing circles: monthly online sessions for 30 to 40 women.
  - Digital outreach: weekly Qur'anic reflections (45+) with a social media reach of 3,750+ followers.
  - Serenity Sisters Retreat: 2-day retreat hosting 55 women, integrating wellness, Qur'anic reflection and meditation.
  - Youth engagement: 10 youth volunteers supported local homeless initiatives.
  - Interfaith activities: participation in local and international summits.
  - Global online support: daily online group supporting 140+ women worldwide.
- 3) Multicultural and religious harmony  
The charity hosted interfaith dialogue and community-building activities to foster understanding and tolerance. The charity collaborated with Al Abbas Islamic Centre to hold joint events with people of other faiths.
- 4) Poverty relief  
The charity aims to expand its scope to support poverty alleviation both locally and worldwide, including funding emergency relief efforts in areas affected by natural disaster.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Provision of intensive 1:1 spiritual and emotional mentoring for 12 women and monthly healing circles for 30 to 40 participants.
- Serenity Sisters Retreat 2025 welcomed 55 women, including international participants.
- Digital engagement grew to 3,750+ followers and 3,140 YouTube subscribers.
- Ten youth volunteers led service projects, including feeding 100 homeless people during Ramadan.
- Representation of UK Muslim women at the World Council of Churches Summit in Switzerland.
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Impact feedback indicated:

- 80% of participants reported a deeper connection to faith and community.
- 90% of participants in healing programs felt empowered to manage mental health challenges.
- 75% of interfaith event attendees reported reduced misconceptions about Islam.
- Daily online support was sustained for over 140 women globally.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Total income for the year was £104,866 (2024: £15,795), primarily from donations, retreat/event income and Gift Aid. Total expenditure for the year was £73,077.00 (2024: £11,025), relating mainly to grants paid, retreat/event costs and administration.

Total funds comprised of restricted funds of £14,428 and unrestricted funds of £22,131. Restricted funds relate to restricted donations and event income received for specific purposes and may only be applied in accordance with the relevant restrictions.

#### Reserves policy

The charity's reserves policy aims to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover at least three months of core operational expenses, allowing continued service provision in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Unrestricted funds as at 31 March 2025 were £22,131, which the Trustees consider to be in line with this policy.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Sabira Kanji	
Chair	

27-01-2026



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Lantern Of Light

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1203567**

**Set out on pages**

(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 31/03/2025.

**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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:** 27-01-2026

**Name:**

Sajjad Rajan

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

CTA, FCCA, ACA

**Address:**

38 Station Road  
North Harrow, Harrow  
Middlesex, HA2 7SE.



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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025	

## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations, Legacies and grants	21,772	67,664	-	89,436	5,670
Charitable activities	-	15,430	-	15,430	10,125
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>21,772</b>	<b>83,094</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,866</b>	<b>15,795</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>21,772</b>	<b>83,094</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,866</b>	<b>15,795</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Costs of fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of charitable activities	-	68,665	-	68,665	9,069
Governance costs	4,412	-	-	4,412	1,956
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>68,665</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,077</b>	<b>11,025</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>68,665</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,077</b>	<b>11,025</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>17,361</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,789</b>	<b>4,770</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,770	-	-	4,770	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,131</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,559</b>	<b>4,770</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	22,131	14,428	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>22,131</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Trade creditors	0	100	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Sabira Kanji	27/01/2026	