

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 257559

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1969-01-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS OF THE ISLAMIC RELIGION AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE DOCTRINES ON WHICH IT RESTS AND OF THE OBSERVATIONS THAT SERVETO PROMOTE AND MANIFEST IT ESPECIALLY AMONGST THE MOSLEMS RESIDING IN LEICESTER ANDIN THE COUNTY OF LEICESTER. (FOR DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 3 OF CONSTITUTION).

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LEICESTER CITY AND COUNTY
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£444,747	£376,887	-	-
2024-04-30	£649,431	£396,169	£4,604,211	16
2023-04-30	£546,414	£461,524	£4,350,949	14
2022-04-30	£701,726	£251,821	£4,266,059	13
2021-04-30	£279,846	£205,052	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ABDULLABHAI AHMEDBHAI PATEL		2024-08-23
Abdul Waheed Bajwa		2022-10-21
Ahmed Raza Sheikh		2022-02-19
Amjad Kaleem		2021-10-30
Hafiz Mohammed Mukadam		2024-10-19
MOHAMMAD HAFEEZ		2022-09-16
MOHAMMED AYUB		2021-10-30
MR MUSTAFA MALIK		2017-12-22
Mahomed Hanif Girach		2021-10-30
Mohammed Farooq Nathani		2021-10-30
Mohammed Rafiq		2021-10-30
Pervaiz Ahmed Malik		2021-10-30
Qaiser Abbas		2021-10-30
Shabbir Aslam		2022-10-29
Sheikh Muhammad Nawaz		2021-10-30
Tasawar Hussain		2021-10-30
YASIR RASHID KHILJI		2021-10-30

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 257559

Islamic Centre Leicester
Financial Statements
30 April 2025

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Chartered accountants & statutory auditor

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Financial Statements

Year ended 30 April 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 30 April 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Islamic Centre Leicester
Charity registration number 257559
Principal office 2A Sutherland Street
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The trustees

Mr A A Patel	(Appointed 23 August 2024)
Mr A W Bajwa	
Mr M Hafeez	
Mr M Malik	
Mr H Jussab	
Mr H Mukadam	(Appointed 19 October 2024)
Mr M Aslam	
Mr A Sheikh	
Mr S Nawaz	
Mr T Hussain	
Mr Y Khilji	
Mr M Nathani	
Mr M Ayub	
Mr A Kaleem	
Mr M Girach	
Mr M Rafiq	
Mr P Malik	
Mr Q Abbas	

Mr Harun Jussab passed away on 25th June 2024.

Chairman Abdul Waheed Bajwa

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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Islamic Centre Leicester is an unincorporated charity controlled by its governing document, 'The Constitution of the Islamic Centre Leicester'. The constitution was adapted on 3 November 1968 and subsequently amended on 12 October 1986. The charity is registered with The Charity Commission under registration no 257559.

Ownership structure

The Trustees hold the Trust Fund and its income upon trust to apply them for any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community.

Management Structure

The Trustees meet periodically to administer the charity in line with their Constitution.

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Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are as set out in its governing document. The main activities during the year were providing places of worship for Muslims and promoting, improving, developing and maintaining public education in, and appreciation of, Islamic values and ethos.

The aims of the charity are to:

1. Adopt ways and means to improve, protect and promote the religious, educational, social and cultural interests of all Muslims living within the local area.
2. Serve as a Centre of Learning and to teach the principles of the Islamic Faith in accordance with the Sunni tradition.
3. Actively promote and provide facilities and activities for the benefit of local Muslim men, women, the young and the elderly.
4. Promote the spiritual teachings of Islam and the maintenance of the doctrines upon which it rests, as well as the observances that serve to promote and manifest them, especially amongst Muslims residing in Leicester and the county of Leicestershire.

Public benefit statement

In planning our activities, the trustees have considered guidance from the Charity Commission to ensure that the charity fulfills its public benefit requirements, including the Commission's general guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide meaningful benefits both to those who worship at the mosque and to the wider community.

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Achievements and performance

Attendance at the Islamic Centre Leicester has increased significantly in recent years. This has been especially evident during peak periods such as Friday prayers, school holidays, and the two major Islamic festivals.

Review of the year

The Islamic Centre Leicester (ICL) is dedicated to promoting and providing facilities and activities for the benefit of the local Muslim community. This year, we continued to deliver established programmes and initiatives while exploring new and creative ways to strengthen our relationship with the community we serve.

1. Mosque and religious services

Prayer Facilities

Our mosques are open every day of the year for congregational prayers, including the five daily prayers, Friday prayers, and Tarawih prayers during Ramadan. Facilities are open to both men and women, who are welcome to participate in all prayers and activities. During the winter months, the Central Mosque site on Conduit Street remained open to the public from Zuhr (midday prayer) through to Isha (night prayer), providing worshippers with greater flexibility and access to the mosque throughout the day.

Ramadan

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is a period of profound spiritual significance for Muslims worldwide. During this holy month, Muslims engage in fasting (sawm), prayer (salah), reflection, and community building. Ramadan is the most anticipated and active period in the ICL calendar, with the community coming together in large numbers to participate in the special nightly Tarawih prayers.

Each evening, we provided Iftar meals to enable worshippers to break their fast together, fostering a spirit of unity and togetherness. Ramadan also serves as a time for increased charitable giving and community outreach, and we organised various initiatives to support those in need, embodying the compassion and generosity central to this holy month.

Eid Prayers

This year, as in previous years, we joyously celebrated three significant festivals: Eid ul-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan; Eid ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice; and Eid Mawlid an-Nabawi, commemorating the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). These festivals are cornerstones of our community's religious and cultural life, bringing together families and friends in celebration, prayer, and reflection.

We continued to witness a remarkable increase in attendance at Eid prayers. To accommodate the growing number of worshippers and to offer flexibility, we expanded the number of prayer times available at both mosques. This allows attendees to select a time that suits them, whether they prefer an early morning or a later service, and ensures a more comfortable and organised experience for all.

2. Education

2a Islamic Centre Madrasah

The Islamic Centre Madrasah is a well-established Islamic school providing Muslim children with a grounding in the fundamentals of the Islamic faith. It is currently attended by approximately 220 children, with numbers fluctuating as families move into or out of the local area.

Our aim at the ICL Madrasah is to help students fulfill the obligation of seeking knowledge through the

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Our aim at the ICL Madrasah is to help students fulfill the obligation of seeking knowledge through the study of Islam and the Qur'an, enabling them to gain reward whilst also equipping them to fulfill their role in society as British Muslims

Key Facts:

- 220 students aged between 4½ and 30 years.
- Twelve daily classes operating across two sites: Sutherland Street Mosque and Leicester Central Mosque, Conduit Street.
- Classes include three boys' classes, three girls' classes, and three mixed reception classes for younger children.
- Three additional classes providing advanced Islamic studies, including two Aalim classes for adults and one Hifz class.

The Madrasah syllabus covers a broad range of subjects, including:

- Holy Qur'an with Tajweed
- Islamic Deeniyaat
- Islamic History and Jurisprudence (Fiqh)
- Aalim (religious scholar) and Hifz (memorisation of the Qur'an) classes
- Arabic language classes (selected students)

2b. Adult Courses/Workshops

In addition to our children's education services, the Islamic Centre offers educational courses for adults. The following courses have proved highly effective and well-attended, with a combined total attendance of over 200 people:

Islamic inheritance course - This course covered the basic principles of Islamic inheritance law alongside an exploration of how English common law applies to this subject. It also incorporated practical demonstrations of Muslim funeral rites, including how to bathe and enshroud the deceased.

Fiqh (Jurisprudence) - Two separate classes were run simultaneously for men and women, enabling attendees to enhance their knowledge of key jurisprudential rulings and their practical application in daily life, including the chapter on purification.

Arabic language course - Open to and attended by both men and women, this course provides students with a foundation in Arabic vocabulary and grammar, opening further avenues for study and spiritual development.

3. Schools Educational Visits

Since its foundation in 1968, the ICL has prioritised inter-faith relations, community cohesion, and the promotion of a positive understanding of Islam to children and adults alike. Each year, Leicester Central Mosque welcomes a diverse range of visitors, including schools, colleges, universities, organisations, professional bodies, and individuals.

This year, the ICL proudly hosted between 60 and 70 schools and colleges from Leicestershire and beyond. These visits, typically lasting one hour, offer a comprehensive introduction to Islam, including a guided tour of the mosque's men's and women's sections, followed by an engaging session with our Imam covering the core articles of faith and the experience of being a British Muslim. Each visit includes a dedicated question-and-answer segment to encourage open dialogue and curiosity.

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Mosque visits can be booked online through our website or by contacting us directly. We are committed to maintaining our open-door policy and accommodating requests from schools, organisations, and individuals wherever possible.

4. Interfaith, Diversity, Cohesion and Outreach

As a Muslim faith organisation, the ICL's core values are rooted in mutual respect and understanding for people of all faiths and none. We are committed to fostering interfaith relations as a means of promoting harmony within our diverse society, through open dialogue and cooperation that builds bridges across communities.

Our interfaith events bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds to share insights, highlight shared values, break down stereotypes, and foster a genuine sense of belonging. These gatherings feature contributions from religious leaders, cultural performances, workshops, and interactive sessions, and have a lasting impact in building community relationships that transcend religious and cultural boundaries.

5. Other Services for Community

Funeral Facilities:

The charity provides a complete funeral service in accordance with Islamic teachings, relieving bereaved families of the burden of arranging burials. This service covers both the religious aspects of the funeral and the logistical requirements of transportation and storage of the deceased. The charity liaises with the local council for burial arrangements, supporting families through a smooth and dignified process.

Nikah (Islamic Marriage):

The charity provides an Islamic Nikah marriage ceremony service for the Muslim community. As part of the booking process, couples schedule an appointment to go through the formalities and address any questions, ensuring a smooth and meaningful ceremony.

It is important to note that a mosque Nikah ceremony, whilst valid in an Islamic context, is not in itself a legally recognised marriage under UK law. The Islamic Centre Leicester has a firm policy of advising all parties - particularly women - to register their marriage with the civil authorities, preferably prior to the Nikah, in order to ensure they are recognised as husband and wife under English law.

6. Other community engagement activities

Interfaith Eid Dinner

To mark the occasion of Eid ul-Fitr, we organised a gathering where the spirit of celebration, joy, and community was brought together with the rich diversity of faiths and perspectives that enrich our society. We were honoured to welcome leaders and representatives from various faith traditions and non-faith groups, all united in a commitment to understanding and mutual respect. Such gatherings provide vital opportunities for communities to learn from one another, build connections, and cultivate a deeper appreciation of our shared humanity.

MP Surgery

The charity hosts a free, drop-in surgery service with the Leicester South MP. No appointment is required, ensuring the service is accessible to all. The surgery has helped community members resolve a wide range of issues, including Home Office queries.

Tell MAMA's Surgery

The charity provides space and facilities for Tell MAMA to hold a monthly surgery. Tell MAMA supports victims of anti-Muslim hate crime, offering free advice and assistance to residents across

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Leicester and Leicestershire. No appointment is needed to access this service.

Ramadan Iftar

Throughout Ramadan, the mosque prepares and provides food each evening for those attending who wish to break their fast together in congregation.

Community Events

Throughout the year, we organise a range of events for the benefit of the wider community, including talks, lectures, and conferences on topics of religious, educational, and civic interest.

7. Working with statutory and other bodies

The charity has maintained strong working relationships with statutory bodies and continues to welcome representatives from Leicester City Council's Social Services and Education departments, as well as Leicestershire Constabulary, to visit the mosque and learn about the Muslim community and its faith.

We have also provided space for information desks run by local service providers on a range of health-related issues, including mental health advice from NHS representatives, smoking cessation support, and diabetes awareness campaigns. Tell MAMA have also used this platform to raise awareness of support available to those experiencing anti-Muslim hate crime.

8. Health and well-being

The charity promotes the physical wellbeing of its congregation by providing sports activities for both men and women on four evenings per week. Our popular sports hall hosts badminton tournaments, basketball, and other activities. We aim to expand these programmes further as demand continues to grow.

9. Spiritual well-being

The charity recognises the importance of spiritual as well as physical wellbeing. Every Thursday, we hold spiritual gatherings focused on heart purification through Zikr (the remembrance of Allah). Attendees are encouraged towards reflection and contemplation as a means of becoming better Muslims and contributing more positively to society.

10. Women only activities

While activities at the Centre are generally open to all, a number of programmes are provided specifically for women and are led by the Islamic Centre Women's Association (ICWA). The main objectives of the ICWA are to:

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- Work for the welfare and well-being of Muslim women
- Provide women with education in Islamic knowledge.
- Assist women in developing their self-confidence and self-respect.
- Support women in addressing the specific challenges faced by Muslim women today.

A sample of the women-only activities organised throughout the year includes:

- Ladies Tajweed class
 - Ladies sports sessions.
 - Ladies Ghosia Khatam
 - Ladies Dars-a-Quran
 - Ladies Essential Knowledge Class (Support for new Muslim sisters)
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11. Volunteers

The charity deeply appreciates the invaluable contributions of its volunteers, who are essential to our service delivery and fundraising efforts. Their dedication, generosity of time, and commitment to the community are immeasurable, and we are grateful for everything they do.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have responsibility for ensuring that effective risk management and internal control systems are in place to manage the charity and support the achievement of its strategic objectives. The principal risks and how they are managed are set out below.

Financial performance and sustainability

Any significant reduction in fundraising income due to adverse economic conditions would risk undermining the charity's ability to meet the needs of its users and achieve its strategic aims. This risk is managed through maintaining significant financial reserves and conducting regular reviews to ensure reserves remain within the target range set by the trustees. Senior management and trustees also regularly review and scrutinise the charity's short and medium-term financial position.

Safeguarding of Vulnerable People and Young People

Risks in this area include:

- negligence in relation to safeguarding policies, or
- when practice results in or contributes to serious harm, or
- injury to a young person or vulnerable adult which could damage ICL's reputation.

This risk is managed through mandatory safeguarding training for all employees working directly with vulnerable people and young people.

Risk - information security

Risk concerning information security includes serious data protection or security failure that may result in legal and contractual issues, reputational damage and potential fines and loss of income.

Risk concerning information security is managed by having a structure in place for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) monitoring and compliance and by the routine testing of IT systems to identify any security weaknesses.

Information Security

A serious data protection or security failure could result in legal and contractual issues, reputational damage, and potential financial penalties. This risk is managed through a structured approach to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) monitoring and compliance, alongside routine testing of IT systems to identify and address any security vulnerabilities.

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Financial review

Reserves Policy

The Islamic Centre Leicester recognises the importance of maintaining adequate reserves. These unrestricted funds are available to be spent on any of the charity's purposes and may be used to mitigate significant falls in income or to take advantage of new opportunities as they arise.

The principal risks that may give rise to a need to draw on reserves include:

- A reduction in donations from the congregation or members of the public;
- Unexpected refurbishment or maintenance costs; and
- External factors affecting the charity, such as increases in the National Living Wage or rising utility costs.

Reserves are represented by the fund balances as disclosed in the balance sheet on page 16 of the financial statements. The balance sheet shows total reserves of £6,616,463 as at 30 April 2025 (2024: £4,604,211).

In assessing our level of free reserves as at 30 April 2025, we also exclude restricted funds totalling £267,089, fixed assets totalling £4,000,261 and designated fund balances totalling £1,050,000 for the construction of the Minaret. This leaves free reserves at £1,299,113 as at 30 April 2025.

ICL has set its reserves at £420,000, this covers approximately 12 months operational expenditure. It is the Trustees view that this amount means the charity has a balanced approach between having funds available to run the charity on a day-to-day basis, and keeping funds aside in case any of the risks mentioned above materialise. The Trustees also believe this level of reserves provides the charity with adequate financial stability and the means to meet its charitable objectives for the future. The level of reserves will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with risks the charity faces.

Plans for future periods

1. Expansion & Infrastructure Development

A search for suitable architects has already begun to design a minaret.

2. Community Engagement & Programmes

We intend to introduce new educational and social programmes to better serve the community, including workshops, youth activities, and welfare support. Enhancing outreach efforts to engage a wider audience and provide additional support services.

3. Governance & Structural Improvements

Consideration of transitioning the charity to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) for better governance and operational efficiency. Strengthening compliance, transparency, and reporting structures to align with regulatory requirements.

4. Sustainability & Fundraising

Implementing long-term fundraising initiatives to ensure financial stability for future projects. Exploring sustainable development opportunities such as partnerships, grants, and donation drives.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

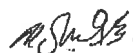
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, as amended by Charities Act 2022, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 25 February 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr A W Bajwa
Trustee



Mr M Hafeez
Trustee

Islamic Centre Leicester

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Islamic Centre Leicester

Year ended 30 April 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Islamic Centre Leicester (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 April 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Year ended 30 April 2025

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011, as amended by Charities Act 2022 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- * the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- * adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- * the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- * we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- * Reviewing minutes of the trustees meetings with regard to actual and potential fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- * Reviewing correspondence with the Charities Commission;
- * Understanding and evaluating the charity's control environment;
- * Testing of journal entries that were deemed unusual;
- * Assessing financial statement disclosures, and testing to supporting documentation, for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentation or through collusion.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

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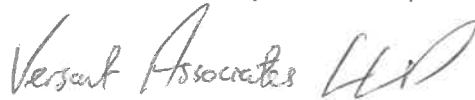
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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrew Wheatcroft BFP ACA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Versant Associates LLP
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
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26/02/2026

Islamic Centre Leicester
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 30 April 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	335,280	92,796	428,076	633,500
Investment income	5	16,671	—	16,671	15,931
Total income		<u>351,951</u>	<u>92,796</u>	<u>444,747</u>	<u>649,431</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	340,937	35,950	376,887	396,169
Total expenditure		<u>340,937</u>	<u>35,950</u>	<u>376,887</u>	<u>396,169</u>
Net losses on investments	8	(62,054)	—	(62,054)	—
Net income		<u>(51,040)</u>	<u>56,846</u>	<u>5,806</u>	<u>253,262</u>
Other recognised gains and losses					
Gains from revaluation of fixed assets		2,006,446	—	2,006,446	—
Net movement in funds		<u>1,955,406</u>	<u>56,846</u>	<u>2,012,252</u>	<u>253,262</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		4,393,968	210,243	4,604,211	4,350,949
Total funds carried forward		<u>6,349,374</u>	<u>267,089</u>	<u>6,616,463</u>	<u>4,604,211</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Islamic Centre Leicester
Statement of Financial Position
30 April 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	3,520,261	1,566,894
Investments	14	480,000	542,054
		<u>4,000,261</u>	<u>2,108,948</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	4,825	3,615
Debtors	16	100,725	170,723
Cash at bank and in hand		2,549,696	2,360,112
		<u>2,655,246</u>	<u>2,534,450</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	39,044	39,187
Net current assets		<u>2,616,202</u>	<u>2,495,263</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>6,616,463</u>	<u>4,604,211</u>
Net assets		<u>6,616,463</u>	<u>4,604,211</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		267,089	210,243
Unrestricted funds:			
Revaluation reserve		2,006,446	—
Other unrestricted income funds		4,342,928	4,393,968
Total unrestricted funds		<u>6,349,374</u>	<u>4,393,968</u>
Total charity funds	19	<u>6,616,463</u>	<u>4,604,211</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25 February 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr A W Bajwa
Trustee



Mr M Hafeez
Trustee

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Islamic Centre Leicester

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 30 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	5,806	253,262
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	57,021	72,688
Net losses on investments	62,054	—
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(16,641)	(15,900)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(30)	(31)
Accrued expenses/(income)	118	(3,480)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Stocks	(1,210)	105
Trade and other debtors	69,998	(155,226)
Trade and other creditors	(261)	(49,983)
Cash generated from operations	176,855	101,435
Interest received	30	31
Net cash from operating activities	<u>176,885</u>	<u>101,466</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	16,641	15,900
Purchase of tangible assets	(3,942)	(23,280)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>12,699</u>	<u>(7,380)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	189,584	94,086
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,360,112	2,266,026
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>2,549,696</u>	<u>2,360,112</u>

The notes on pages 18 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Islamic Centre Leicester
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 30 April 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 2A Sutherland Street, Leicester, LE2 1DS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes and the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds (Sadqa, Zakat, Fitra) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefit associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: - income from donations is recognised on a receipts basis as there is no contractually enforceable right to donations promised. - income from gift aids accounted for on a receivable basis. - Income from investments are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	- 2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
Year ended 30 April 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

Investment property

Investment property is initially recorded at cost, which includes purchase price and any directly attributable expenditure.

Investment property is revalued to its fair value at each reporting date and any changes in fair value are recognised in income or expenditure.

If a reliable measure of fair value is no longer available for an item of investment property, it shall be transferred to tangible assets and treated as such until it is expected that fair value will be reliably measurable on an on-going basis.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for obsolete and slowing moving items.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 30 April 2025

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations	185,860	—	185,860
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	—	92,796	92,796
Friday collection	42,328	—	42,328
Tuition fees	52,712	—	52,712
Funeral services	21,065	—	21,065
Disposal of recycled clothing	1,515	—	1,515
Hall hire	17,200	—	17,200
Sports collection	6,151	—	6,151
Gift Aid	8,449	—	8,449
	<u>335,280</u>	<u>92,796</u>	<u>428,076</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	233,749	—	233,749
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	—	95,223	95,223
Friday collection	46,126	—	46,126
Tuition fees	59,653	—	59,653
Funeral services	17,141	—	17,141
Disposal of recycled clothing	1,964	—	1,964
Hall hire	16,076	—	16,076
Sports collection	5,875	—	5,875
Gift Aid	157,693	—	157,693
	<u>538,277</u>	<u>95,223</u>	<u>633,500</u>

5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Rental income	16,641	16,641	15,900	15,900
Income from savings	30	30	31	31
	<u>16,671</u>	<u>16,671</u>	<u>15,931</u>	<u>15,931</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 30 April 2025

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	316,655	35,950	352,605
Support costs	24,282	—	24,282
	<u>340,937</u>	<u>35,950</u>	<u>376,887</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	326,906	56,494	383,400
Support costs	12,769	—	12,769
	<u>339,675</u>	<u>56,494</u>	<u>396,169</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	352,605	—	352,605	383,400
Governance costs	—	24,282	24,282	12,769
	<u>352,605</u>	<u>24,282</u>	<u>376,887</u>	<u>396,169</u>

8. Net losses on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fair value adjustment on investment	(62,054)	(62,054)	—	—

9. Net Income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>57,021</u>	<u>72,688</u>

10. Auditors remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,400</u>

Islamic Centre Leicester

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 30 April 2025

11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	99,888	105,021
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,083	926
	<u>100,971</u>	<u>105,947</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 17 (2024: 16).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2025.

No expenses were paid to Trustees during the year.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 May 2024	2,105,000	261,180	21,000	2,387,180
Additions	—	3,942	—	3,942
Disposals	—	—	(3,500)	(3,500)
Revaluations	1,367,000	—	—	1,367,000
At 30 April 2025	<u>3,472,000</u>	<u>265,122</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>3,754,622</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2024	597,346	209,462	13,478	820,286
Charge for the year	42,100	13,915	1,006	57,021
Disposals	—	—	(3,500)	(3,500)
Revaluations	(639,446)	—	—	(639,446)
At 30 April 2025	<u>—</u>	<u>223,377</u>	<u>10,984</u>	<u>234,361</u>
Carrying amount				
At 30 April 2025	<u>3,472,000</u>	<u>41,745</u>	<u>6,516</u>	<u>3,520,261</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>1,507,654</u>	<u>51,718</u>	<u>7,522</u>	<u>1,566,894</u>

The freehold property was revalued in July 2025 by a suitably qualified valuer at £3,472,000 on the basis of the market value and the trustees consider the amount disclosed in the accounts to be the fair value of the property as at 30 April 2025.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2025

14. Investments

	Investment properties £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 May 2024	542,054
Additions	—
Fair value movements	(62,054)
At 30 April 2025	<u>480,000</u>
Impairment	
At 1 May 2024 and 30 April 2025	
Carrying amount	
At 30 April 2025	<u>480,000</u>
At 30 April 2024	<u>542,054</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Investment properties

The investment property was revalued in July 2025 by a suitably qualified valuer at £480,000 on the basis of the market value and the trustees consider the amount disclosed in the accounts to be the fair value of the property as at 30 April 2025.

15. Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Raw materials and consumables	<u>4,825</u>	<u>3,615</u>

16. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	7,650	9,993
Other debtors	<u>93,075</u>	<u>160,730</u>
	<u>100,725</u>	<u>170,723</u>

Included within other debtors of £93,075 is £76,291 of gift aid, of which £42,836 has been received since 30 April 2025, and the remainder is in the process of being claimed.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 30 April 2025

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,294	10,120
Accruals and deferred income	9,118	9,000
Social security and other taxes	766	2,608
Other creditors	20,866	17,459
	<u>39,044</u>	<u>39,187</u>

18. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,083 (2024: £926).

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 30 Apr 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	3,343,968	351,951	(340,937)	62,054	(62,054)	3,354,982
Revaluation reserve	—	—	—	—	2,006,446	2,006,446
Fair value reserve	—	—	—	(62,054)	—	(62,054)
Designated Fund - construction of the Minaret	1,050,000	—	—	—	—	1,050,000
	<u>4,393,968</u>	<u>351,951</u>	<u>(340,937)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,944,392</u>	<u>6,349,374</u>

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 30 Apr 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	3,129,435	554,208	(339,675)	—	—	3,343,968
Revaluation reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fair value reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated Fund - construction of the Minaret	1,050,000	—	—	—	—	1,050,000
	<u>4,179,435</u>	<u>554,208</u>	<u>(339,675)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,393,968</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 30 April 2025

19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 30 Apr 2025 £
Restricted Fund - Zakat, Sadqa & Fitra	210,243	92,796	(35,950)	—	—	267,089
	At 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 30 Apr 2024 £
Restricted Fund - Zakat, Sadqa & Fitra	171,514	95,223	(56,494)	—	—	210,243

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	3,520,261	—	3,520,261
Investments	480,000	—	480,000
Current assets	2,388,157	267,089	2,655,246
Creditors less than 1 year	(39,044)	—	(39,044)
Net assets	6,349,374	267,089	6,616,463
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,566,894	—	1,566,894
Investments	542,054	—	542,054
Current assets	2,324,207	210,243	2,534,450
Creditors less than 1 year	(39,187)	—	(39,187)
Net assets	4,393,968	210,243	4,604,211

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 May 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 30 Apr 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	2,360,112	189,584	2,549,696

22. Related parties

During the year, the charity made payments amounting to £3,600 (2024: £3,600) to Malik & Co, an accountancy firm in which one of the Trustees is a the owner.

Islamic Centre Leicester
Management Information
Year ended 30 April 2025

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Islamic Centre Leicester
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 30 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	185,860	233,749
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	92,796	95,223
Friday collection	42,328	46,126
Tuition fees	52,712	59,653
Funeral services	21,065	17,141
Disposal of recycled clothing	1,515	1,964
Hall hire	17,200	16,076
Sports collection	6,151	5,875
Gift Aid	8,449	157,693
	<u>428,076</u>	<u>633,500</u>
Investment income		
Rental income	16,641	15,900
Income from savings	30	31
	<u>16,671</u>	<u>15,931</u>
Total income	<u><u>444,747</u></u>	<u><u>649,431</u></u>

Islamic Centre Leicester
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*
Year ended 30 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	99,888	105,021
Pension costs	1,083	926
Rates and water	7,266	6,588
Light and heat	41,514	64,208
Repairs and maintenance	50,437	19,499
Insurance	6,326	5,362
Other establishment	4,038	5,699
Legal and professional fees	24,282	12,769
Telephone	1,068	1,378
Other office costs	819	422
Depreciation	57,021	72,688
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	35,950	56,494
Niaz, langar and food distribution	28,364	25,010
Hall services	5,813	8,533
Coffins, funeral and ambulance cost	8,590	7,212
Paypal charges	232	275
Sumup charges	1,073	1,085
Bank charges	2,685	3,000
Subscriptions	888	—
(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible assets	(450)	—
	<u>376,887</u>	<u>396,169</u>
Total expenditure	<u>376,887</u>	<u>396,169</u>
Net losses on investments		
Fair value adjustment on investment	(62,054)	—
Net income	<u>5,806</u>	<u>253,262</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages/salaries	99,888	105,021
Pension costs	1,083	926
Rates & water	7,266	6,588
Light & heat	41,514	64,208
Repairs & maintenance	50,437	19,499
Insurance	6,326	5,362
Sundry and cleaning	4,038	5,699
Telephone	1,068	1,378
Postage and stationery	819	422
Depreciation	57,021	72,688
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	35,950	56,494
Niaz, langar and food distribution	28,364	25,010
Hall services	5,813	8,533
Coffins, funeral and ambulance cost	8,590	7,212
Paypal charges	232	275
Sumup charges	1,073	1,085
Bank charges	2,685	3,000
Subscriptions	888	—
(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible assets	(450)	—
	<u>352,605</u>	<u>383,400</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,600	3,600
Audit fees	5,400	5,400
Legal and other professional fees	15,282	3,769
	<u>24,282</u>	<u>12,769</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>376,887</u>	<u>396,169</u>

Accounts

Islamic Centre Leicester
Financial Statements
30 April 2024

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Islamic Centre Leicester

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Islamic Centre Leicester

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 30 April 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Islamic Centre Leicester

Charity registration number 257559

Principal office 2A Sutherland Street
Leicester
LE2 1DS

The trustees

Mr A A Patel	(Appointed 23 August 2024)
Mr A W Bajwa	
Mr M Hafeez	
Mr M Malik	
Mr H Jussab	(Passed away on 25th June 2024)

Chairman Abdul Waheed Bajwa

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Islamic Centre Leicester is an unincorporated charity controlled by its governing document, 'The Constitution of the Islamic Centre Leicester'. The constitution was adapted on 3 November 1968 and subsequently amended on 12 October 1986. The charity is registered with The Charity Commission under registration no 257559.

Ownership structure

The Trustees hold the Trust Fund and its income upon trust to apply them for any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community.

Management Structure

The Trustees meet periodically to administer the charity in line with their Constitution.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are as per its trust deed. The main activities of the charity during the year were providing places for worship for Muslims and promoting, improving, developing and maintaining public education in and appreciation of Islamic values and ethos.

The aims of the Charity are to:

1. To promote the spiritual teachings of the Islamic religion and the maintenance of the doctrines on which it rests and of the observations that serve to promote and manifest it especially amongst the Muslims residing in Leicester and in the county of Leicestershire.
2. Adopt ways and means in order to improve, protect and promote the Religious, Educational, Social and Cultural interests of all Muslims living within the local area.
3. To serve as a Centre of Learning and to teach the principles of the Islamic Faith in accordance with the Sunni Path.
4. To actively promote and provide facilities and activities for the benefit of local Muslim men and women, young and elderly.

In order to achieve these objectives, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.

Public benefit statement

In planning our activities, we have considered guidance from the Charity Commission to ensure we meet our public benefit requirements.

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefits to those who worship at the mosque and the wider community.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

Achievements and performance

Over the past few years, attendance at the Islamic Centre Leicester has increased significantly. Following the end of the Covid lockdown, our facilities have resumed normal operations, witnessing a notable increase in the availability of Islamic prayer facilities. This phenomenon is particularly noticeable during peak periods, such as Friday prayers, school holidays, and the two Islamic festivals.

Review of the year

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester (ICL)

The ICL is dedicated to promoting and providing facilities and activities for the benefit of the local Muslim community. The Charity is delivering its aims with due diligence. This year, we continued with the following programmes and initiatives, and looked for new, creative and inspiring ways to strengthen our relationship with the community we serve.

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester include:

1. Mosque and religious services

Prayer Facilities

Our mosques are open every day of the year for congregational prayers (The five daily prayers, Friday prayers and Tarawih prayers during Ramadan). Our facilities are open to women, and they are welcome to participate in all prayers, including Friday prayers as well as other activities and events.

During the winter months, the Central Mosque site (conduit Street) remained open to the public from Zuhr Salah to Isha Salah (afternoon prayer to the last evening prayer), allowing worshippers more flexibility and access to the mosque for longer hours. The Islamic Centre witnessed many individuals benefit from this facility, many of whom expressed their appreciation.

Ramadan

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is a period of profound spiritual significance for Muslims worldwide. During this holy month, Muslims engage in fasting (sawm), prayer (salah), reflection, and community building.

Ramadan is the most anticipated and active time in the ICL calendar. Our community comes together in large numbers to participate in special nightly prayers called Tarawih. These prayers provide an opportunity for spiritual growth and connection with our faith.

A central aspect of Ramadan is the daily fast, abstaining from food and drink from dawn until sunset. Each evening, we provided Iftar meals to break the fast, fostering a sense of unity and togetherness within our community.

In addition to the religious observances, Ramadan is also a time for increased charitable giving and community outreach. We organised various initiatives to support those in need, embodying the spirit of compassion and generosity that is central to this holy month.

Eid Prayers

This year, as every year, we joyously celebrated three significant festivals: Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan; Eid-ul-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice; and Eid Mawlid an-Nabawi, the celebration of the Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) birth. These festivals are cornerstones of our community's religious and cultural life, bringing together families and friends in celebration, prayer, and reflection.

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We have witnessed a remarkable increase in attendance at our events, particularly the Eid prayers for both Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha. To better accommodate the growing number of worshippers and to cater to individual preferences for prayer times, we have expanded the number of Eid prayers offered at both of our mosques. This allows more people to participate in the communal prayers and ensures a more comfortable and organised experience for all attendees. The additional prayer times provide flexibility, allowing individuals to choose a time that suits them best, whether they prefer an early morning or a later service. This expansion reflects our commitment to serving our growing community and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to celebrate these important occasions.

2. Education

Islamic Centre Madrasah

The Islamic Centre Madrasah is a well-established Islamic school for educating Muslim children in the fundamentals of the Islamic faith, and is currently attended by 220 children, the numbers does change up and down occasionally due to people moving in or out of the vicinity.

Our aim at ICL Madrasah is to help our students fulfil the obligation of seeking knowledge through the study of Islam and the Qur'an. This not only enables them to gain immense reward but also helps them to comprehend and subsequently fulfil their role within the society they live in as British Muslims.

Facts and figures

The Madrasah currently has 220 students aged between 4 1/2 and 30. Daily classes of which there are twelve in total run from two different sites namely Sutherland Street Mosque and Leicester Central Mosque Conduit Street. There are 3 boys' classes and 3 girls' classes with 3 mixed reception classes for minors. Along with these classes, we have three additional classes that provide more advanced knowledge in Islamic studies, 2 Aalim classes for adults and 1 Hifz class.

Current Syllabus

The Madrasah syllabus is a broad one designed to cover a wide range of subjects and topic areas. These include:

- Holy Qur'an with Tajweed
- Islamic Deeniyaat
- Islamic History and Jurisprudence (Fiqh)
- Aalim (religious scholar) & Hifz (memorization of the Holy Qur'an) Classes
- Arabic language class (selected children)

2a. Adult Courses/Workshops

In addition to our education services for children, the Islamic centre offers educational courses for adults. In the recent years, the following courses proved to be very effective and well-attended, with a total attendance of over 200 people.

Islamic inheritance course - the course focused on the basic principles of Islamic inheritance as well as discussing how English common law applies to this topic. The course also incorporated lessons and practical demonstration on Muslim funeral rites such as how to bathe and enshroud the deceased.

Fiqh (Jurisprudence) - two separate classes were run simultaneously for men and women. The sessions allow attendees to enhance their knowledge on certain jurisprudence rules equipping them with practical application in daily life. Amongst the subjects covered was the chapter of purification.

Arabic language course - open to and attended by both men and women. The course provides an opening for students to gain a better understanding of Arabic words and grammar to open up further

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doors of study and progression.

3. Schools Educational Visits

Since its inception in 1968, the ICL has prioritised the importance of inter-faith relations, community cohesion and the positive promotion of Islam to children and adults alike. Each year the Leicester Central Mosque welcomes a diverse range of visitors, including schools, colleges, universities, organisations, professional bodies and individuals to the mosque where they learn about the work we do in the community and about the religion of Islam.

This year, the ICL proudly hosted 60-70 schools and colleges from Leicestershire and beyond.

These visits, typically lasting one-hour, offers a comprehensive introduction to Islam. The programme includes a guided tour of the mosque, showcasing both the men's and women's sections, followed by an engaging session led by our Imam. These sessions cover the core articles of faith and the importance of being a British Muslim, complementing the schools' Religious Education curriculum and reinforcing classroom learning through practical demonstrations. A dedicated question-and-answer segment is a crucial part of each visit, fostering open dialogue and allowing students and teachers to explore their curiosities. These long-standing relationships with schools and colleges, often resulting in repeat visits, highlight the value and trust placed in our educational programmes.

To ensure accessibility, mosque visits can be easily booked online through our website or by contacting us directly. Our Imam's flexible approach means we strive to accommodate every request from schools, organisations, and individuals. We are committed to maintaining this open-door policy, promoting a positive image of Islam, its values, and its contribution to building stronger communities.

4. Interfaith, Diversity, Cohesion and Outreach

As a Muslim faith organisation, the ICL's core values are rooted in understanding and mutual respect for all, regardless of faith. We are dedicated to fostering interfaith relations as a means to promote harmony within our diverse society. We believe that open dialogue and cooperation among people of different faiths as a way to build bridges and create a cohesive society. This perspective extends to individuals who may identify with no specific faith, as we believe every individual deserves respect and understanding, irrespective of their religious convictions.

Our interfaith events are vital for fostering community cohesion and promoting interfaith relations and harmony. These events provide a platform for individuals from diverse backgrounds and faiths to come together in a spirit of unity, mutual understanding, and respect. Religious leaders from various communities share insights on community cohesion and address relevant issues, encouraging dialogue and the exchange of ideas. A key focus of these events is highlighting shared values, fostering a sense of belonging, and breaking down stereotypes and prejudices. Cultural performances, workshops, and interactive sessions further promote understanding and appreciation for different customs and traditions.

These events have a lasting impact, serving as catalysts for ongoing community engagement and collaboration on various projects and initiatives. This sustained interaction builds a sense of community that transcends religious and cultural boundaries, promoting harmonious coexistence. The ICL's commitment to organising these events reflects our dedication to building a cohesive, integrated, and tolerant society where everyone can thrive.

5. Other Services for Community

Funeral Facilities:

A complete funeral service in line with the teachings of Islam. We relieve the deceased's bereaved relatives of the burden of organising burials.

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The Charity provides a complete funeral service package that carries both the religious aspects of the funeral services and the logistics of transportation and storage of the deceased body. The Charity liaises with the council for the burial arrangements, and it aims to support the bereaved families by providing a service that allows a smooth transition.

Nikah (Islamic Marriage):

Family life is the foundation of a successful society, and marriage is an occasion of great joy in the Muslim community.

The Charity provides the Muslim community with Islamic marriage the Nikah service. As part of the booking process, the couple schedules an appointment to go over the formalities and ask questions to ensure a smooth ceremony.

While valid in the Islamic context, the 'normal' Mosque Nikah ceremony is not a valid marriage in the UK on its own; it is solely a religious ceremony.

The Islamic Centre Leicester has a policy of recommending all individuals, particularly women, who participate in a Nikah ceremony that they should register their marriage, preferably before Nikah, so that they are considered as husband and wife under UK law.

6. Other community engagement activities

NHS Galleri Trials Clinic

The collaboration between the Islamic Centre and the NHS saw the hosting of Galleri Trial clinics at the Leicester Islamic Centre. These clinics played a crucial role in assisting the NHS in its research on early cancer detection. The programme required participants to engage in three appointments spread over a span of three years, with intervals of approximately 12 months between each appointment.

MP and Councillors Surgery

The Charity hosts a free MP and Councillors drop-in service to its community without the need of an appointment system in order for the service it provides to be easily accessible to all. The MP and Councillors service has helped and resolved issues ranging from housing, business to Home Office queries. The service is provided by the Leicester South MP and Councillors from the local wards of Spinney Hills, Wycliffe and Stoneygate.

Tell MAMA's Surgery

The Charity provides the space and facilities to allow Tell MAMA to hold their surgery on monthly basis. TELL MAMA supports victims of anti-Muslim hate and offers advice and support to victims of hate crime. The service is free for all Leicester and Leicestershire residents, without the need of an appointment system.

Ramadan Iftar

The mosque prepares food during Ramadhan for those attending our mosque who wish to break their fast together.

Community Events

These are for the benefit of the wider community, such as talks and conferences.

7. Working with statutory and other bodies

- The Charity has and continues to provide the local authority and its services, namely the social services, Education department and the Leicestershire Constabulary an opportunity to visit the mosque and learn about Muslims in Britain and its faith as well as to ask questions.

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- The Charity has always, as and when needed provided an information desk to local service providers to benefit the community on a range of health-related issues. This ranges from advice on mental health issues provided by the NHS as well as advice and support in order to quit smoking and health awareness campaigns on diabetes. There have been self-referrals to the organisations as follow-ups. The information desk has also given space for Tell MAMA on ways to support families and individuals experiencing anti-Muslim hate crime.

8. Health and well-being

The Charity promotes the wellbeing of its congregation for both men and women on 4 evenings of the week by providing sports activities such as badminton tournaments and basketball in its popular sports hall. We aim to expand these programmes as demand increases.

9. Spiritual well-being

The charity recognises the need for and importance of physical as well as spiritual well-being. We hold spiritual gatherings every Thursdays with a focus on heart purification through Zikr (chanting the names of Allah). The attendees are also encouraged towards reflection, contemplation in order to become better Muslims and citizens.

10. Women only activities

Activities at the Centre in general are open to men and women; however, some activities are catered for women only and are led by the Islamic Centre Women's Association (ICWA).

The Main objectives of the ICWA are to:

- work for the welfare and well-being of Muslim women
- enlighten women with the knowledge of Islam
- assist women in developing their self-confidence and self-respect
- enable women to deal with issues faced by Muslim women

ICWA organised a range of spiritual activities throughout the year on weekly and monthly basis. This is a sample of some of the many activities held at the Centre for women:

- Ladies Tajweed class
- Ladies Sports
- Ladies Ghosia Khatam
- Ladies Dars-a-Quran
- Ladies Essential Knowledge Class (Support for new Muslim sisters)

11. Volunteers

The charity deeply appreciate the invaluable contributions of our volunteers, who are essential to our service provision and fundraising. Their dedication and hard work are immeasurable.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have responsibility for ensuring that there are effective risk management and systems of internal control in place to manage the charity and major risks and support the achievement of our strategic objectives.

The principal risks to the charity and how these are managed is set out below.

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Risk - financial performance and sustainability

Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability includes any significant reduction in fundraising due to economic conditions. These risks undermining our ability to meet the needs of our users and to meet our strategic aims.

Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability is managed by the holding of a significant value of reserves and a regular review of charity reserves to ensure these remain within the target set by the Trustees. Senior management and the Trustees also regularly review and scrutinise the charity's short- and medium-term financial position.

Risk - safe guarding of vulnerable and young people

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people includes:

- negligence in relation to safeguarding policies, or
- when practice results in or contributes to serious harm, or
- injury to a young person or vulnerable adult which damages ICL's reputation.

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people is managed by safeguarding training for all employees working directly with vulnerable and young people.

Risk - information security

Risk concerning information security includes serious data protection or security failure that may result in legal and contractual issues, reputational damage and potential fines and loss of income.

Risk concerning information security is managed by having a structure in place for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) monitoring and compliance and by the routine testing of IT systems to identify any security weaknesses.

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Financial review

Reserves Policy

Islamic Centre recognises the importance of having reserves. These funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes and hence exclude restricted funds. They will be used to mitigate significant falls in income or to take advantage of new opportunities. ICL faces a number of risks that may result in the need to use the charity's reserves. Some of these include:

- Reduction in donations from congregation / members of the public.
- Unexpected refurbishment costs.
- External factors affecting the charity, such as National Living Wage increases or increasing utility bills.

Reserves are represented by the fund balances as disclosed in the balance sheet on page 16 of the financial statements. The balance sheet shows unrestricted reserves (reserves that do not carry any restrictions on how they can be used) of £4,393,968 as at 30 April 2024 (2023: £4,179,435).

In assessing our level of free reserves as at 30 April 2024, we also exclude restricted funds totalling £210,243, fixed assets totalling £2,108,948 and designated fund balances totalling £1,050,000 for the construction of the Minaret. This leaves free reserves at £1,235,020 as at 30 April 2024.

ICL has set its reserves at £420,000, this covers approximately 12 months operational expenditure. It is the Trustees view that this amount means the charity has a balanced approach between having funds available to run the charity on a day-to-day basis, and keeping funds aside in case any of the risks mentioned above materialise. The Trustees also believe this level of reserves provides the charity with adequate financial stability and the means to meet its charitable objectives for the future. The level of reserves will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with risks the charity faces.

Plans for future periods

1. Expansion & Infrastructure Development

A search for suitable architects has already begun to design a minaret.

2. Community Engagement & Programmes

We intend to introduce new educational and social programmes to better serve the community, including workshops, youth activities, and welfare support. Enhancing outreach efforts to engage a wider audience and provide additional support services.

3. Governance & Structural Improvements

Consideration of transitioning the charity to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) for better governance and operational efficiency. Strengthening compliance, transparency, and reporting structures to align with regulatory requirements.

4. Sustainability & Fundraising

Implementing long-term fundraising initiatives to ensure financial stability for future projects. Exploring sustainable development opportunities such as partnerships, grants, and donation drives.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 26 February 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr A W Bajwa
Trustee



Mr M Hafeez
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Islamic Centre Leicester

Year ended 30 April 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Islamic Centre Leicester (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 April 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- * the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements: or
- * adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- * the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- * we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- * Reviewing minutes of the trustees meetings with regard to actual and potential fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- * Reviewing correspondence with the Charities Commission;
- * Understanding and evaluating the charity's control environment;
- * Testing of journal entries that were deemed unusual;
- * Assessing financial statement disclosures, and testing to supporting documentation, for compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentation or through collusion.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



26th February 2025

Mark Illingsworth (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Versant Associates LLP
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
The Old Mill,
9 Soar Lane
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Islamic Centre Leicester
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 30 April 2024

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	538,277	95,223	633,500	516,358
Investment income	5	15,931	—	15,931	30,056
Total income		<u>554,208</u>	<u>95,223</u>	<u>649,431</u>	<u>546,414</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	339,675	56,494	396,169	461,524
Total expenditure		<u>339,675</u>	<u>56,494</u>	<u>396,169</u>	<u>461,524</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>214,533</u>	<u>38,729</u>	<u>253,262</u>	<u>84,890</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		4,179,435	171,514	4,350,949	4,266,059
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,393,968</u>	<u>210,243</u>	<u>4,604,211</u>	<u>4,350,949</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position
30 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	2,108,948	2,158,356
Current assets			
Stocks	13	3,615	3,720
Debtors	14	170,723	15,497
Cash at bank and in hand		2,360,112	2,266,026
		<u>2,534,450</u>	<u>2,285,243</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	39,187	92,650
Net current assets		2,495,263	2,192,593
Total assets less current liabilities		4,604,211	4,350,949
Net assets		<u>4,604,211</u>	<u>4,350,949</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		210,243	171,514
Unrestricted funds		4,393,968	4,179,435
Total charity funds	17	<u>4,604,211</u>	<u>4,350,949</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 26 February 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr A W Bajwa
Trustee



Mr M Hafeez
Trustee

The notes on pages 18 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 30 April 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	253,262	84,890
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	72,688	71,510
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(15,900)	(14,725)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(31)	(15,331)
Accrued (income)/expenses	(3,480)	4,800
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Stocks	105	(40)
Trade and other debtors	(155,226)	395
Trade and other creditors	(49,983)	62,905
Cash generated from operations	101,435	194,404
Interest received	31	15,331
Net cash from operating activities	<u>101,466</u>	<u>209,735</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	15,900	14,725
Purchase of tangible assets	(23,280)	(17,825)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(7,380)</u>	<u>(3,100)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	94,086	206,635
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>2,266,026</u>	<u>2,059,392</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>2,360,112</u>	<u>2,266,027</u>

The notes on pages 18 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

Islamic Centre Leicester
Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 30 April 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 2A Sutherland Street, Leicester, LE2 1DS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes and the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds (Sadqa, Zakat, Fitra) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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Year ended 30 April 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefit associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: - income from donations is recognised on a receipts basis as there is no contractually enforceable right to donations promised. - income from gift aids accounted for on a receivable basis. - Income from investments are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Tangible assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for obsolete and slowing moving items.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	233,749	—	233,749
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	—	95,223	95,223
Friday collection	46,126	—	46,126
Tuition fees	59,653	—	59,653
Funeral services	17,141	—	17,141
Disposal of recycled clothing	1,964	—	1,964
Hall hire	16,076	—	16,076
Sports collection	5,875	—	5,875
Gift Aid	157,693	—	157,693
	<u>538,277</u>	<u>95,223</u>	<u>633,500</u>

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4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	243,983	—	243,983
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	—	104,827	104,827
Friday collection	38,510	—	38,510
Tuition fees	55,963	—	55,963
Funeral services	15,825	—	15,825
Disposal of recycled clothing	1,975	—	1,975
Hall hire	7,770	—	7,770
Sports collection	—	—	—
Gift Aid	47,505	—	47,505
	<u>411,531</u>	<u>104,827</u>	<u>516,358</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Rental income	15,900	15,900	14,725	14,725
Income from savings	31	31	15,331	15,331
	<u>15,931</u>	<u>15,931</u>	<u>30,056</u>	<u>30,056</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	326,906	56,494	383,400
Support costs	12,769	—	12,769
	<u>339,675</u>	<u>56,494</u>	<u>396,169</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	417,776	33,534	451,310
Support costs	10,214	—	10,214
	<u>427,990</u>	<u>33,534</u>	<u>461,524</u>

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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	383,400	—	383,400	451,310
Governance costs	—	12,769	12,769	10,214
	<u>383,400</u>	<u>12,769</u>	<u>396,169</u>	<u>461,524</u>

8. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>72,688</u>	<u>71,510</u>

9. Auditors remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,400</u>

10. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	105,021	90,593
Employer contributions to pension plans	926	706
	<u>105,947</u>	<u>91,299</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 16 (2023: 13).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2024.

No expenses were paid to Trustees during the year.

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 May 2023	2,647,054	237,900	21,000	2,905,954
Additions	—	23,280	—	23,280
At 30 April 2024	<u>2,647,054</u>	<u>261,180</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>2,929,234</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 May 2023	544,405	192,223	10,970	747,598
Charge for the year	52,941	17,239	2,508	72,688
At 30 April 2024	<u>597,346</u>	<u>209,462</u>	<u>13,478</u>	<u>820,286</u>
Carrying amount				
At 30 April 2024	<u>2,049,708</u>	<u>51,718</u>	<u>7,522</u>	<u>2,108,948</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>2,102,649</u>	<u>45,677</u>	<u>10,030</u>	<u>2,158,356</u>

13. Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Raw materials and consumables	<u>3,615</u>	<u>3,720</u>

14. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	9,993	8,245
Other debtors	<u>160,730</u>	<u>7,252</u>
	<u>170,723</u>	<u>15,497</u>

Included within other debtors of £160,730 is £157,693 of gift aid, of which £37,693 has been received since 30 April 2024, and the remainder is in the process of being claimed.

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	10,120	74,011
Accruals and deferred income	9,000	12,480
Social security and other taxes	2,608	531
Other creditors	<u>17,459</u>	<u>5,628</u>
	<u>39,187</u>	<u>92,650</u>

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16. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £926 (2023: £706).

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 April 2024 £
General funds	3,129,435	554,208	(339,675)	3,343,968
Designated Fund - construction of the Minaret	1,050,000	—	—	1,050,000
	<u>4,179,435</u>	<u>554,208</u>	<u>(339,675)</u>	<u>4,393,968</u>

	At 1 May 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 April 2023 £
General funds	3,115,838	441,587	(427,990)	3,129,435
Designated Fund - construction of the Minaret	1,050,000	—	—	1,050,000
	<u>4,165,838</u>	<u>441,587</u>	<u>(427,990)</u>	<u>4,179,435</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 April 2024 £
Restricted Fund - Zakat, Sadqa & Fitra	<u>171,514</u>	<u>95,223</u>	<u>(56,494)</u>	<u>210,243</u>

	At 1 May 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 April 2023 £
Restricted Fund - Zakat, Sadqa & Fitra	<u>100,221</u>	<u>104,827</u>	<u>(33,534)</u>	<u>171,514</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,108,948	2,108,948
Current assets	2,534,450	2,534,450
Creditors less than 1 year	(39,187)	(39,187)
Net assets	<u>4,604,211</u>	<u>4,604,211</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,158,356	2,158,356
Current assets	2,285,243	2,285,243
Creditors less than 1 year	(92,650)	(92,650)
Net assets	<u>4,350,949</u>	<u>4,350,949</u>

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 May 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 30 Apr 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>2,266,026</u>	<u>94,086</u>	<u>2,360,112</u>

20. Related parties

There have been no related party transactions during the year.

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Management Information

Year ended 30 April 2024

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	233,749	243,983
Zakat/Sadqa/Fitra	95,223	104,827
Friday collection	46,126	38,510
Tuition fees	59,653	55,963
Funeral services	17,141	15,825
Disposal of recycled clothing	1,964	1,975
Hall hire	16,076	7,770
Sports collection	5,875	—
Gift Aid	157,693	47,505
	<u>633,500</u>	<u>516,358</u>
Investment income		
Rental income	15,900	14,725
Income from savings	31	15,331
	<u>15,931</u>	<u>30,056</u>
Total income	<u>649,431</u>	<u>546,414</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	105,021	90,593
Pension costs	926	706
Rates and water	6,588	4,494
Light and heat	64,208	27,695
Repairs and maintenance	19,499	162,207
Insurance	5,362	4,973
Other establishment	5,699	7,674
Legal and professional fees	12,769	10,214
Telephone	1,378	1,345
Other office costs	422	206
Depreciation	72,688	71,510
Donations paid out to beneficiaries	56,494	33,534
Niaz, langar and food distribution	25,010	23,821
Hall services	8,533	7,394
Coffins, funeral and ambulance cost	7,212	10,900
Paypal charges	275	231
Sumup charges	1,085	1,165
Bank charges	3,000	2,862
	<u>396,169</u>	<u>461,524</u>
Total expenditure	<u>396,169</u>	<u>461,524</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 30 April 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income	<u>253,262</u>	<u>84,890</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 30 April 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages/salaries	105,021	90,593
Pension costs	926	706
Rates & water	6,588	4,494
Light & heat	64,208	27,695
Repairs & maintenance	19,499	162,207
Insurance	5,362	4,973
Sundry and cleaning	5,699	7,674
Telephone	1,378	1,345
Postage and stationery	422	206
Depreciation	72,688	71,510
Donations paid out to beneficiaries	56,494	33,534
Niaz, langar and food distribution	25,010	23,821
Hall services	8,533	7,394
Coffins, funeral and ambulance cost	7,212	10,900
Paypal charges	275	231
Sumup charges	1,085	1,165
Bank charges	3,000	2,862
	<u>383,400</u>	<u>451,310</u>
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,600	3,600
Audit fees	5,400	5,400
Legal and other professional fees	3,769	1,214
	<u>12,769</u>	<u>10,214</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>396,169</u>	<u>461,524</u>

Accounts

Registered charity number
257559

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Harun Jussab Mohammad Hafeez - Appointed on 16.09.2022 Mustafa Malik Abdul Waheed Bajwa - Appointed on 21.10.2022 Moulana Shahid Raza - Passed away on 05.09.2022
Chairman	Abdul Waheed Bajwa
Principal address	Islamic Centre Leicester 2A Sutherland Street Leicester LE2 1DS
Charity registration number	257559
Accountants	Malik & Co Certified Public Accountants 32 Turner Road Leicester LE5 0QA
Auditors	TC Group 31 High View Close Hamilton Office Park Leicester LE4 9LJ
Bankers	Natwest North Evington Branch 121a East Park Road Leicester LE5 4NY AL Rayan Bank 94a London Road Leicester LE2 0QA

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The trustees submit their annual report along with audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2023. The financial statements have been prepared based on the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

The charity, Islamic Centre Leicester is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the registration number 257559.

Governing document

The Islamic Centre Leicester is an unincorporated charity controlled by its governing document, "The constitution of the Islamic Centre Leicester". The constitution was adapted on 3 November 1968 and and subsequently amended on 12 October 1986.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are as per its trust deed. The main activities of the charity during the year were providing places of worship for Muslims and promoting, improving, developing and maintaining public education in and appreciation of Islamic values and ethos.

The aims of the Trust are to:

- To promote the spiritual teachings of the Islamic religion and the maintenance of the doctrines on which it rests and of the observations that serve to promote and manifest it especially amongst the Muslims residing in Leicester and in the county of Leicestershire.
- Adopt ways and means in order to improve, protect and promote the Religious, Educational, Social and Cultural interests of all Muslims living within the local area.
- To serve as a Centre of Learning and to teach the principles of the Islamic Faith in accordance with the Sunni Path.
- To actively promote and provide facilities and activities for the benefit of local Muslim men and women, young and elderly.

In order to achieve these objectives the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and also supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

Public benefit statement

In planning our activities, we have considered guidance from the Charity Commission to ensure we meet our public benefit requirements.

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefits to those who worship at the mosque and the wider community.

Achievements and performance

Over the past few years, attendance at the Islamic Centre Leicester has increased significantly. Following the end of the Covid lockdown, our facilities have resumed normal operations, witnessing a notable increase in the availability of Islamic prayer facilities. This phenomenon is particularly noticeable during peak periods, such as Friday prayers, school holidays, and the two Islamic festivals.

Review of the year

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester (ICL)

The ICL is dedicated to promoting and providing facilities and activities for the benefit of the local Muslim community. The Charity is delivering its aims with due diligence. This year, we continued with following programmes and initiatives, and looked for new, creative and inspiring ways to strengthen our relationship with the community we serve.

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester include:

1. Mosque and religious services

• Prayer Facilities

Our mosques are open every day of the year for congregational prayers (The five daily prayers, Friday prayers and Tarawih prayers during Ramadan). Our facilities are open to women and they are welcome to participate in all prayers, including Friday prayers as well as other activities and events.

During the winter months, the Central Mosque site (conduit Street) remained open to the public from Zuhr Salah to Isha Salah (afternoon prayer to the last evening prayer), allowing worshippers more flexibility and access to the mosque for longer hours. The Islamic Centre witnessed many individuals benefit from this facility, many of whom expressed their appreciation.

• Ramadan

The month of Ramadan is the most eventful time in the ICL calendar. Thousands participate in prayers each night. Meals to break the fast (Iftar) were provided every evening.

• Eid Prayer

Celebrating the important festival of Eid ul-Fitr (marking the end of the month of Ramadan), Eid ul-Adha and Eid Mawlid an-Nabawi were major events of the year.

With an increasing number of attendees at our events, particularly during the Eid Salah on both Eids, we have expanded the number of Eid prayers at both of our mosques. This adjustment was aimed to accommodate the growing numbers and cater to attendees' preferences for specific times, such as early or late mornings.

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2. Education

The Islamic Centre Madrasah is a well-established Islamic school for educating Muslim children in the fundamentals of the Islamic faith, and is attended by over 220 students, the numbers does change up and down occasionally due to people moving in or out of the vicinity.

Our aim at ICL Madrasah is to help our students fulfil the obligation of seeking knowledge through the study of Islam and the Qur'an. This not only enables them to gain immense reward but also helps them to comprehend and subsequently fulfil their role within the society they live in as British Muslims.

• Facts and figures

The Madrasah currently has 220 students aged between 4½ and 30. Daily classes of which there are twelve in total run from two different sites namely Sutherland Street Mosque and Leicester Central Mosque Conduit Street. There are 3 boys' classes and 3 girls' classes with 3 mixed reception classes for minors. Along with these classes, we have three additional classes that provide more advanced knowledge in Islamic studies, 2 Aalim classes for adults and 1 Hifz class.

• Current Syllabus

The Madrasah syllabus is a broad one designed to cover a wide range of subjects and topic areas. These include:

- Holy Qur'an with Tajweed
- Islamic Deeniyaat
- Islamic History and Jurisprudence (Fiqh)
- Aalim (religious scholar) & Hifz (memorization of the Holy Qur'an) Classes
- Arabic language class (selected children)

2a. Adult Courses/Workshops

In addition to our education services for children, the Islamic centre offers educational courses for adults. The following courses that we offered this year proved to be very effective and well-attended, with a total attendance of over 200 people.

• **Islamic inheritance course** - the course focused on the basic principles of Islamic inheritance as well as discussing how English common law applies to this topic. The course also incorporated lessons and practical demonstration on Muslim funeral rites such as how to bathe and enshroud the deceased.

• **Fiqh (Jurisprudence)** - two separate classes were run simultaneously for men and women. The sessions allow attendees to enhance their knowledge on certain jurisprudence rules equipping them with practical application in daily life. Amongst the subjects covered was the chapter of purification.

• **Arabic language course** - open to and attended by both men and women. The course provides an opening for students to gain a better understanding of Arabic words and grammar to open up further doors of study and progression.

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3. Schools Educational Visits

Ever since its inception in 1968, the ICL has understood the importance of inter-faith relations, community cohesion and the positive promotion of Islam to children and adults alike. Each year the Leicester Central Mosque welcomes countless schools, colleges, universities, organisations, professional bodies and individuals to the mosque where they learn about the work we do in the community and about the religion of Islam.

The ICL proudly celebrates hosting 60-70 schools and colleges from Leicestershire and beyond.

The one-hour visit comprises of an open tour of the mosque of both the men and women sections followed by a programme run by our Imam on the articles of faith and the importance of being British Muslims. The programme is aimed to support the schools on their Religious Education programme of study to supplement their learning. Practical demonstrations reinforce their learning in school. The sessions are concluded with an opportunity for asking questions, a fundamental feature of the visit as the Charity believes in allowing students and teachers a space and an opportunity to ask a range of questions. Over the many years, the school and colleges have built a trusting relationship, which it dearly values. Repeat school visits are a testament to the relationship the Charity promotes and builds.

The Charity has made the mosque visits accessible to all by featuring an online booking on the website, or by direct contact. The flexibility of the Imam to serve the people has ensured that to date no school, organisation, or even individual person's request has been turned down.

We hope to develop this further by maintaining an open door policy that promotes a positive image of Islam, its values and message and the role it plays in building stronger communities.

4. Interfaith, Diversity, Cohesion and Outreach

As a Muslim faith organisation, our core values centre around the principles of understanding and mutual respect for all individuals, regardless of their faith. We firmly believe in fostering interfaith relations as a means to promote harmony within our diverse society.

We recognize the importance of dialogue and cooperation among people of different faiths as a way to build bridges and create a cohesive society. This perspective extends to individuals who may identify with no specific faith, as we believe that every person deserves respect and understanding, irrespective of their religious convictions.

In promoting interfaith harmony, we envision a society where people from various faith backgrounds come together in a spirit of goodwill, breaking down barriers and fostering connections. It is through this shared commitment to respect and understanding that we believe societies can truly flourish.

The interfaith events organised by the Charity plays a crucial role in fostering community cohesion and promoting interfaith relations and harmony. These events and celebrations serve as a platform for individuals from various backgrounds and faiths to come together in a spirit of unity, mutual understanding, and respect.

These events provide an opportunity for religious leaders from the community to address the congregation, sharing insights on the importance of community cohesion and addressing various issues that are relevant to the diverse audience. By giving religious leaders a platform to speak, the Charity encourages dialogue, bridge-building, and the exchange of ideas between different faiths.

One of the key goals of the interfaith events is to emphasize the common values shared among different communities and faiths. By showcasing unity and solidarity, the events help break down stereotypes and prejudices, fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance among attendees.

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In addition to the religious leaders' addresses, the event may include cultural performances, workshops, and interactive sessions that promote mutual understanding and appreciation for different customs and traditions. By incorporating these elements, the Charity not only strengthens interfaith relations but also contributes to building a more inclusive and harmonious community.

The impact of such events extends beyond the day of the celebration. They serve as catalysts for ongoing community engagement, encouraging individuals from diverse backgrounds to continue working together on various projects, initiatives, and shared goals. This sustained collaboration helps create a sense of community that transcends religious and cultural boundaries, promoting a harmonious coexistence that benefits everyone involved.

The Charity's commitment to organising and supporting such interfaith events reflects its dedication to building a cohesive, integrated, and tolerant society where individuals from all walks of life can thrive together.

5. Other Services for the Community

- **Funeral Facilities:**

A complete funeral service in line with the teachings of Islam. We relieve the deceased's bereaved relatives of the burden of organising burials.

The Charity provides a complete funeral service package that carries both the religious aspects of the funeral services and the logistics of transportation and storage of the deceased body. The Charity liaises with the council for the burial arrangements and it aims to support the bereaved families by providing a service that allows a smooth transition.

- **Nikah (Islamic Marriage):**

Family life is the foundation of a successful society, and marriage is an occasion of great joy in the Muslim community.

The Charity provides the Muslim community with Islamic marriage the Nikah service. As part of the booking process, the couple schedules an appointment to go over the formalities and ask questions to ensure a smooth ceremony.

While valid in the Islamic context, the 'normal' Mosque Nikah ceremony is not a valid marriage in the UK on its own; it is solely a religious ceremony.

The Islamic Centre Leicester has a policy of recommending all individuals, particularly women, who participate in a Nikah ceremony that they should register their marriage, preferably before Nikah, so that they are considered as husband and wife under UK law.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

6. Other community engagement activities

- **NHS Galleri Trials Clinic**

The collaboration between the Islamic Centre and the NHS saw the hosting of Galleri Trial clinics at the Leicester Islamic Centre. These clinics played a crucial role in assisting the NHS in its research on early cancer detection. The program required participants to engage in three appointments spread over a span of three years, with intervals of approximately 12 months between each appointment.

- **MP and Councillors Surgery:**

The Charity hosts a free MP Council drop in service to its community without the need of an appointment system in order for the service it provides to be easily accessible to all. The MP and Councillors service has helped and resolved issues ranging from housing, business to Home Office queries. The service is provided by the Leicester South MP and Councillors from the local wards of Spinney Hills, Wycliffe and Stonegate.

- **Tell MAMA'S Surgery**

The Charity provides the space and facilities to allow Tell MAMA to hold their surgery on monthly basis. TELL MAMA supports victims of anti-Muslim hate and offers advice and support to victims of hate crime. The service is free for all Leicester and Leicestershire residents, without the need of an appointment system.

- **Ramadan Iftar**

The mosque prepares food during Ramadhan for those attending our mosque who wish to break their fast together.

- **Community Events**

These are for the benefit of the wider community, such as talks and conferences.

7. Working with statutory and other bodies

- The Charity has and continues to provide the local authority and its services, namely the Social services, Education department and the Leicestershire Constabulary an opportunity to visit the mosque and learn about Muslims in Britain and its faith as well as to ask questions.

- The Charity has always, as and when needed provided an information desk to local service providers to benefit the community on a range of health related issues. This ranges from advice on mental health issues provided by the NHS as well as advice and support in order to quit smoking and health awareness campaigns on diabetes. There have been self-referrals to the organisations as follow-ups. The information desk has also given space for Tell MAMA on ways to support families and individuals experiencing anti-Muslim hate crime.

8. Health and well-being

The Charity promotes the wellbeing of its congregation for both men and women on 4 evenings of the week by providing sporting activities such as badminton tournaments and basketball in its popular sports hall. It aims to increase this as and when the demand arises.

9. Spiritual well-being

The charity recognises the need and importance of physical as well as spiritual well being. We hold spiritual gatherings every Thursdays with a focus on heart purification through Zikr (chanting the names of Allah). The attendees are also encouraged towards reflection, contemplation in order to become better Muslims and citizens.

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10. Women only activities

Activities at the Centre in general are open to men and women however; some activities are catered for women only and are led by the Islamic Centre Women's Association (ICWA).

The Main objectives of the ICWA are to:

- work for the welfare and well-being of Muslim women
- enlighten women with the knowledge of Islam
- assist women in developing their self-confidence and self-respect
- enable women to deal with issues faced by Muslim women

ICWA organised a range of spiritual activities throughout the year on weekly and monthly basis. This is a sample of some of the many activities held at the Centre for women:

- Ladies Tajweed class
- Ladies Sports
- Ladies Ghosia Khatam
- Ladies Dars-a-Quran
- Ladies Essential Knowledge Class (Support for new Muslim sisters)

11. Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising. It has not been possible to quantify the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have responsibility for ensuring that there are effective risk management and systems of internal control in place to manage the charity and major risks and support the achievement of our strategic objectives.

The principal risks to the charity and how these are managed is set out below.

• Risk - financial performance and sustainability

Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability includes any significant reduction in fundraising due to economic conditions. This risks undermining our ability to meet the needs of our users and to meet our strategic aims.

Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability is managed by the holding of a significant value of reserves and a regular review of charity reserves to ensure these remain within the target set by the Trustees. Senior management and the Trustees also regularly review and scrutinise the charity's short and medium term financial position.

• Risk - safe guarding of vulnerable and young people

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people includes:

- negligence in relation to safeguarding policies, or
- when practice results in or contributes to serious harm, or
- injury to a young person or vulnerable adult which damages ICL's reputation.

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people is managed by safeguarding training for all employees working directly with vulnerable and young people.

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• Risk - Information security

Risk concerning information security includes serious data protection or security failure that may result in legal and contractual issues, reputational damage and potential fines and loss of income.

Risk concerning information security is managed by having a structure in place for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) monitoring and compliance and by the routine testing of IT systems to identify any security weaknesses.

Reserves Policy

Islamic Centre recognises the importance of having reserves. These funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes and hence exclude restricted funds. They will be used to mitigate significant falls in income or to take advantage of new opportunities. ICL faces a number of risks that may result in the need to use the charity's reserves. Some of these include:

- Reduction in donations from congregation / members of the public.
- Unexpected refurbishment costs
- External factors affecting the charity, such as National Living Wage increases or increasing utility bills.

Reserves are represented by the fund balances as disclosed in the balance sheet on page 15 of the financial statements. The balance sheet shows unrestricted reserves (reserves that do not carry any restrictions on how they can be used) of £4,179,435 as at 30 April 2023 (2022: £4,165,838).

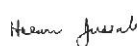
In assessing our level of free reserves as at 30 April 2023, we also exclude restricted funds totalling to £171,514 and fixed assets totalling £2,158,356. The reserve represents the free funds of the charity of which £1,050,000 are designated for the construction of the Minaret. This leaves free reserves at £971,079 as at 30 April 2023.

ICL has set its reserves at £195,000, this covers approximately six months operational expenditure. It is the Trustees view that this amount means the charity has a balanced approach between having funds available to run the charity on a day-to-day basis, and keeping funds aside in case any of the risks mentioned above materialise. The Trustees also believe this level of reserves provides the charity with adequate financial stability and the means to meet its charitable objectives for the future. The level of reserves will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with risks the charity faces.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that TC Group be re-appointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Trustees' Meeting.

This report was approved by the board on 28 February 2024


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Harun Jussab
Trustee


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A W Bajwa
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis
- Review major risks and establish systems or procedures to manage those risks

The trustees have the overall responsibility of ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts & disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Islamic Centre Leicester for the year ended 30 April 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER (CONTINUED)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent, and if any material is repeated in the financial statements; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER (CONTINUED)

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework.

We understood how the charity is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquiries through review of board minutes and discussions with those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by discussion with management from various parts of the business to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We considered the procedures and controls that the charity has established to prevent and detect fraud, and how these are monitored by management, and also any enhanced risk factors such as performance targets.

Based on our understanding, we designed our audit procedures to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations identified in the paragraphs above.

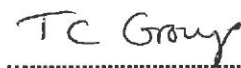
We also performed audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to the trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

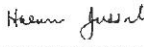
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Year ended 30 April 2022 £
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and legacies	2	411,531	104,827	516,358	689,354
Investment income	3	30,056	-	30,056	6,607
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	4	-	-	-	5,365
Other grants		-	-	-	400
Total		441,587	104,827	546,414	701,726
Expenditure On					
Charitable activities	5	417,776	33,534	451,310	241,621
Governance costs	6	10,214	-	10,214	10,200
Total		427,990	33,534	461,524	251,821
Net income/ (expenditures)		13,597	71,293	84,890	449,905
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		13,597	71,293	84,890	449,905
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		4,165,838	100,221	4,266,059	3,816,154
Total Funds carried forward		4,179,435	171,514	4,350,949	4,266,059

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	2,158,356	2,212,041
		<u>2,158,356</u>	<u>2,212,041</u>
Current assets			
Stock		3,720	3,680
Debtors	11	11,245	15,892
Cash at bank and in hand	12	2,270,279	2,059,392
		<u>2,285,244</u>	<u>2,078,964</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	92,651	24,946
Net current assets		<u>2,192,593</u>	<u>2,054,018</u>
Net assets		<u>4,350,949</u>	<u>4,266,059</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	14	4,179,435	4,165,838
Restricted funds	14	171,514	100,221
Total funds		<u>4,350,949</u>	<u>4,266,059</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 23 were approved by the trustees on 28 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



 Harun Jussab
 Trustee



 A W Bajwa
 Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	a	198,656	518,572
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		198,656	518,572
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase/acquisition of tangible assets		(17,825)	(320,942)
Income from investments		30,056	6,607
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		12,231	(314,335)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		210,887	204,237
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,059,392	1,855,155
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		2,270,279	2,059,392

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

a. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)	84,890	449,905
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	71,510	71,758
Profit from investments	(30,056)	(6,607)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(40)	(435)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	4,647	(3,207)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	67,705	7,158
Net cash provided by operating activities	198,656	518,572

b. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.5.22 £	Cash Flow £	At 30.4.23 £
Net Cash			
Cash at bank	2,059,392	210,887	2,270,279
Total	2,059,392	210,887	2,270,279

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

(c) Fund Accounting

General funds (Lillah) are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds (Sadqah / Zakaat) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest, and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(d) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts / items donated by businesses & communities for distribution to the poor & needy are only included as income where a reliable valuation is available. Otherwise only the costs associated with the transportation and distribution of these items are shown in the financial statements. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

(f) **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(g) **Charitable expenditure**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

(h) **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

(i) **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line method
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% reducing balance method
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance method

(j) **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

(k) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt for Taxation purposes and is not registered for VAT. However, the charity is allowed to reclaim tax on donations received under Gift Aid scheme.

(l) **Stock Accounting Policy**

Stocks are valued at the lower cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for obsolete and slow moving items.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

2	Donations and legacies				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2023	30 April 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Lillah	243,983		243,983	212,558
	Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	-	104,827	104,827	57,366
	Friday collection	38,510		38,510	43,146
	Tuition fees	55,963		55,963	57,040
	Funeral services	15,825		15,825	5,081
	Disposal of recycled clothing	1,975		1,975	2,024
	Hall hire	7,770		7,770	4,600
	Donation property	-		-	250,000
	Donation ambulance	-		-	17,500
	HMRC Gift Aid	47,505		47,505	40,039
		411,531	104,827	516,358	689,354
3	Investment Income				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2023	30 April 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Income from savings	15,331	-	15,331	7
	Rental income	14,725	-	14,725	6,600
		30,056	-	30,056	6,607
4	Other income				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2023	30 April 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	5,365
	Other Grant	-	-	-	400
		-	-	-	5,765
5	Charitable activities cost				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2023	30 April 2022
		£	£	£	£
	Donations paid out to beneficiaries	-	33,534	33,534	23,900
	Niaz, langar and food distribution	23,821		23,821	17,193
	Hall services	7,394		7,394	6,025
	Coffins, funeral and ambulance cost	10,900		10,900	-
	Wages and salaries	90,593		90,593	63,590
	Staff pension	706		706	539
	Rates and water	4,494		4,494	6,629
	Telephone	1,345		1,345	2,116
	Insurance	4,973		4,973	5,624
	Light and heat	27,695		27,695	22,096
	Motor expenses	-		-	5,049
	Repairs and renewals	162,207		162,207	5,798
	Postage and stationery	206		206	89
	Sundry and cleaning	7,674		7,674	8,047
	Paypal charges	231		231	306
	Sumup charges	1,165		1,165	-
	Bank charges	2,862		2,862	2,862
	Depreciation	71,510		71,510	71,758
		417,776	33,534	451,310	241,621

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

6 Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Year ended 30 April 2022 £
Statutory Audit	5,400	-	5,400	4,200
Accountancy	3,600	-	3,600	4,200
Legal fee	1,214	-	1,214	1,800
	<u>10,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,214</u>	<u>10,200</u>

7 Staff numbers

	Total 2023 £	Year ended 30 April 2022 £
The average number of employees during the year was as follows:		
Imams and Teachers	13	13
	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>

8 Staff costs

	Total 2023 £	Year ended 30 April 2022 £
Wages and salaries	90,593	63,590
Pension	706	539
	<u>91,299</u>	<u>64,129</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses and related party transactions

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2023 nor for the year ended 30 April 2022.

There were no travelling expenses during the year (2022: £NIL)

10 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures fittings & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	TOTAL
Cost				
B/fwd	2,647,054	220,075	21,000	2,888,129
Additions		17,825		17,825
	<u>2,647,054</u>	<u>237,900</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>2,905,954</u>
Depreciation				
B/fwd	491,464	176,997	7,627	676,088
Charge for year	52,941	15,226	3,343	71,510
	<u>544,405</u>	<u>192,223</u>	<u>10,970</u>	<u>747,598</u>
Net Book Value				
30 April 2023	<u>2,102,649</u>	<u>45,677</u>	<u>10,030</u>	<u>2,158,356</u>
30 April 2022	<u>2,155,590</u>	<u>43,078</u>	<u>13,373</u>	<u>2,212,041</u>

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Debtors and prepayments	11,245	15,892
	<u>11,245</u>	<u>15,892</u>

12 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash and Bank balances	2,270,279	2,059,392
	<u>2,270,279</u>	<u>2,059,392</u>

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and PAYE	6,023	170
Trade creditors	74,011	16,996
Accountancy and Audit fee	12,480	7,680
Pension	137	100
	<u>92,651</u>	<u>24,946</u>

14 Statement of funds

	At 1 May 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	4,165,838	441,587	(427,990)	-	4,179,435
Total unrestricted funds	<u>4,165,838</u>	<u>441,587</u>	<u>(427,990)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,179,435</u>
Restricted funds:					
Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	100,221	104,827	(33,534)	-	171,514
Total restricted funds	<u>100,221</u>	<u>104,827</u>	<u>(33,534)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,514</u>
Total funds	<u>4,266,059</u>	<u>546,414</u>	<u>(461,524)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,350,949</u>

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

15 Movements in funds

	At 1 May 2022 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30 April 2023 £
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	4,165,838	13,597	4,179,435
Restricted funds:			
Restricted	100,221	71,293	171,514
Total funds	<u>4,266,059</u>	<u>84,890</u>	<u>4,350,949</u>

16 Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Accounts

Registered charity number
257559

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Harun Jussab
Mohammad Hafeez - Appointed on 16.09.2022
Mustafa Malik
Abdul Waheed Bajwa - Appointed on 21.10.2022
Moulana Shahid Raza - Passed away on 05.09.2022

Chairman

Abdul Waheed Bajwa

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Charity registration number

257559

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

The trustees submit their annual report along with audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared based on the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

The charity, Islamic Centre Leicester is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the registration number 257559.

Governing document

The Islamic Centre Leicester is an unincorporated charity controlled by its governing document, "The constitution of the Islamic Centre Leicester". The constitution was adapted on 3 November 1968 and and subsequently amended on 12 October 1986.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are as per its trust deed. The main activities of the charity during the year were providing places of worship for Muslims and promoting, improving, developing and maintaining public education in and appreciation of Islamic values and ethos.

The aims of the Trust are to:

- Adopt ways and means in order to improve, protect and promote the Religious, Educational, Social and Cultural interests of all Muslims living within the local area.
- To serve as a Centre of Learning and to teach the principles of the Islamic Faith in accordance with the Sunni Path.
- To actively promote and provide facilities and activities for the benefit of local Muslim men and women, young and elderly.
- To promote the spiritual teachings of the Islamic religion and the maintenance of the doctrines on which it rests and of the observations that serve to promote and manifest it especially amongst the Muslims residing in Leicester and in the county of Leicestershire.

In order to achieve these objectives the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and also supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

Public benefit statement

In planning our activities, we have considered guidance from the Charity Commission to ensure we meet our public benefit requirements.

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefits to those who worship at the mosque and the wider community.

Achievements and performance

The Islamic Centre Leicester has seen a rise in attendance and provision of Islamic prayer facilities in past years, particularly during peak periods such as Friday prayers, school holidays and the two Islamic festivals.

Volunteering and involvement in various community activities has also increased.

The Centre continues to be provided on a regular basis to various groups providing Islamic and non-religious based activities. Our premises are also used regularly after school for children's learning.

Review of the year

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester (ICL)

The ICL is dedicated to promoting and providing facilities and activities for the benefit of the local Muslim community. The Charity is delivering its aims with due diligence. After the lockdown was lifted, we continued with the following programmes and initiatives, though with some limitations, we looked for new, creative and inspiring ways to strengthen our relationship with the community we serve.

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester include:

1. Mosque and religious services

• Prayer Facilities

Our mosques are open every day of the year for congregational prayers (The five daily prayers, Friday prayers and Tarawih prayers during Ramadan). Our facilities are open to women and they are welcome to participate in all prayers, including Friday prayers as well as other activities and events.

During the winter months, the Central Mosque site (conduit Street) remained open to the public from Zuhr Salah to Isha Salah (afternoon prayer to the last evening prayer), allowing worshippers more flexibility and access to the mosque for longer hours. The Islamic Centre witnessed many individuals benefit from this facility, many of whom expressed their appreciation.

• Ramadan

The month of Ramadan is the most eventful time in the ICL calendar. Thousands participate in prayers each night. Meals to break the fast (Iftar) were provided every evening.

• Eid Prayer

Celebrating the important festival of Eid ul-Fitr (marking the end of the month of Ramadan), Eid ul-Adha and Eid Mawlid an-Nabawi were major events of the year. Even with some limitations, the events were marked a success.

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2. Education

The Islamic Centre Madrasah is a well-established Islamic school for educating Muslim children in the fundamentals of the Islamic faith, and is attended by over 225 students on a daily basis and continues to grow from strength to strength.

Our aim at ICL Madrasah is to help our students fulfil the obligation of seeking knowledge through the study of Islam and the Qur'an. This not only enables them to gain immense reward but also helps them to comprehend and subsequently fulfil their role within the society they live in as British Muslims.

• Facts and figures

The Madrasah currently has 225 students aged between 4½ and 14. Daily classes of which there are twelve in total run from two different sites namely Sutherland Street Mosque and Leicester Central Mosque. There are 5 boys' classes and 4 girls' classes with 3 mixed reception classes for minors.

Up until the end of June 2021, all classes were offered online. Thereafter, physical (face-to-face) provision in the mosque was resumed.

• Current Syllabus

The Madrasah syllabus is a broad one designed to cover a wide range of subjects and topic areas. These include:

- Holy Qur'an with Tajweed
- Islamic Deeniyaat
- Islamic History and Jurisprudence (Fiqh)
- Aalim (religious scholar) & Hifz (memorization of the Holy Qur'an) Classes
- Arabic language class (selected children)

2a. Adult Courses/Workshops

In addition to our education services for children, the Islamic centre offers educational courses for adults. The following courses that we offered this year proved to be very effective and well-attended, with a total attendance of over 200 people.

• **Islamic inheritance course** - the course focused on the basic principles of Islamic inheritance as well as discussing how English common law applies to this topic. The course also incorporated lessons and practical demonstration on Muslim funeral rites such as how to bathe and enshroud the deceased.

• **Fiqh (Jurisprudence)** - two separate classes were run simultaneously for men and women. The sessions allow attendees to enhance their knowledge on certain jurisprudence rules equipping them with practical application in daily life. Amongst the subjects covered was the chapter of purification.

• **Arabic language course** - open to and attended by both men and women. The course provides an opening for students to gain a better understanding of Arabic words and grammar to open up further doors of study and progression.

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3. Schools Educational Visits

Ever since its inception in 1968, the ICL has understood the importance of inter-faith relations, community cohesion and the positive promotion of Islam to children and adults alike. Each year the Leicester Central Mosque welcomes countless schools, colleges, universities, organisations, professional bodies and individuals to the mosque where they learn about the work we do in the community and about the religion of Islam.

The ICL proudly celebrates hosting 60-70 schools and colleges from Leicestershire and beyond.

The one-hour visit comprises of an open tour of the mosque of both the men and women sections followed by a programme run by our Imam on the articles of faith and the importance of being British Muslims. The programme is aimed to support the schools on their Religious Education programme of study to supplement their learning. Practical demonstrations reinforce their learning in school. The sessions are concluded with an opportunity for asking questions, a fundamental feature of the visit as the Charity believes in allowing students and teachers a space and an opportunity to ask a range of questions. Over the many years, the school and colleges have built a trusting relationship, which it dearly values. Repeat school visits are a testament to the relationship the Charity promotes and builds.

The Charity has made the mosque visits accessible to all by featuring an online booking on the website, or by direct contact. The flexibility of the Imam to serve the people has ensured that to date no school, organisation, or even individual person's request has been turned down.

We hope to develop this further by maintaining an open door policy that promotes a positive image of Islam, its values and message and the role it plays in building stronger communities.

4. Interfaith, Diversity, Cohesion and Outreach

The Charity is proud and takes pride in its yearly interfaith event, which hosts approximately 500 people for the Big Iftar and its Eid Party. Religious leaders from the community are given the opportunity to address the congregation and other members of the community. The importance of community cohesion and various other issues are addressed. The event aims to bring people from diverse backgrounds and faith leaders to come together to show support for one another and all their communities.

Due to the lockdown restrictions, we again decided not to hold our annual event this year. We hope to carry on our tradition in the coming years.

5. Other Services for the Community

- **Funeral Facilities:**

A complete funeral service in line with the teachings of Islam. We relieve the deceased's bereaved relatives of the burden of organising burials.

The Charity provides a complete funeral service package that carries both the religious aspects of the funeral services and the logistics of transportation and storage of the deceased body. The Charity liaises with the council for the burial arrangements and it aims to support the bereaved families by providing a service that allows a smooth transition.

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- **Nikah (Islamic Marriage):**

Family life is the foundation of a successful society, and marriage is an occasion of great joy in the Muslim community.

The Charity provides the Muslim community with Islamic marriage the Nikah service. As part of the booking process, the couple schedules an appointment to go over the formalities and ask questions to ensure a smooth ceremony.

The management takes care with administration and documentations whilst the Imam provides the religious obligation.

6. Other community engagement activities

- **Ramadan Clinics**

The Islamic Centre in collaboration with the CCG, Local Community and PCN hosted the Ramadan clinics at Leicester Islamic Centre. It was a walk-in clinic for people to get the Covid vaccination.

- **MP and Councillors Surgery:**

The Charity hosts a free MP Council drop in service to its community without the need of an appointment system in order for the service it provides to be easily accessible to all. The MP and Councillors service has helped and resolved issues ranging from housing, business to Home Office queries. The service is provided by the Leicester South MP and Councillors from the local wards of Spinney Hills, Wycliffe and Stoneygate.

- **Tell MAMA'S Surgery**

The Charity provides the space and facilities to allow Tell MAMA to hold their surgery on monthly basis. TELL MAMA supports victims of anti-Muslim hate and offers advice and support to victims of hate crime. The service is free for all Leicester and Leicestershire residents, without the need of an appointment system.

- **Solicitors' Surgery**

The Charity provides the space and facilities to allow a solicitors' surgery to advice on legal issues. The service is free for all Leicester and Leicestershire residents, without the need of an appointment system.

- **Ramadan Iftar**

The mosque prepares food during Ramadhan for those attending our mosque who wish to break their fast together.

- **Community Events**

These are for the benefit of the wider community, such as talks and conferences.

7. Working with statutory and other bodies

- The Charity has and continues to provide the local authority and its services, namely the Social services, Education department and the Leicestershire Constabulary an opportunity to visit the mosque and learn about Muslims in Britain and its faith as well as to ask questions.

- The Charity has always, as and when needed provided an information desk to local service providers to benefit the community on a range of health related issues. This ranges from advice on mental health issues provided by the NHS as well as advice and support in order to quit smoking and health awareness campaigns on diabetes. There have been self-referrals to the organisations as follow-ups. The information desk has also given space for Tell MAMA on ways to support families and individuals experiencing anti-Muslim hate crime.

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8. Health and well-being

The Charity promotes the wellbeing of its congregation for both men and women on 4 evenings of the week by providing sporting activities such as badminton tournaments and basketball in its popular sports hall. It aims to increase this as and when the demand arises.

9. Spiritual well-being

The charity recognises the need and importance of physical as well as spiritual well being. We hold spiritual gatherings every Thursdays with a focus on heart purification through Zikr (chanting the names of Allah). The attendees are also encouraged towards reflection, contemplation in order to become better Muslims and citizens.

10. Women only activities

Activities at the Centre in general are open to men and women however; some activities are catered for women only and are led by the Islamic Centre Women's Association (ICWA).

The Main objectives of the ICWA are to:

- work for the welfare and well-being of Muslim women
- enlighten women with the knowledge of Islam
- assist women in developing their self-confidence and self-respect
- enable women to deal with issues faced by Muslim women

ICWA organised a range of spiritual activities throughout the year on weekly and monthly basis. This is a sample of some of the many activities held at the Centre for women:

- Ladies Tajweed class
- Ladies Sports
- Ladies Ghosia Khatam
- Ladies Dars-a-Quran
- Ladies Essential Knowledge Class (Support for new Muslim sisters)

11. Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising. It has not been possible to quantify the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have responsibility for ensuring that there are effective risk management and systems of internal control in place to manage the charity and major risks and support the achievement of our strategic objectives.

The principal risks to the charity and how these are managed is set out below.

• Risk - financial performance and sustainability

Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability includes any significant reduction in fundraising due to economic conditions. This risks undermining our ability to meet the needs of our users and to meet our strategic aims.

Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability is managed by the holding of a significant value of reserves and a regular review of charity reserves to ensure these remain within the target set by the Trustees. Senior management and the Trustees also regularly review and scrutinise the charity's short and medium term financial position.

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• Risk - safe guarding of vulnerable and young people

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people includes:

- negligence in relation to safeguarding policies, or
- when practice results in or contributes to serious harm, or
- injury to a young person or vulnerable adult which damages ICL's reputation.

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people is managed by safeguarding training for all employees working directly with vulnerable and young people.

• Risk - information security

Risk concerning information security includes serious data protection or security failure that may result in legal and contractual issues, reputational damage and potential fines and loss of income.

Risk concerning information security is managed by having a structure in place for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) monitoring and compliance and by the routine testing of IT systems to identify any security weaknesses.

Reserves Policy

Islamic Centre recognises the importance of having reserves. These funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes and hence exclude restricted funds. They will be used to mitigate significant falls in income or to take advantage of new opportunities. ICL faces a number of risks that may result in the need to use the charity's reserves. Some of these include:

- Reduction in donations from congregation / members of the public.
- Unexpected refurbishment costs
- External factors affecting the charity, such as National Living Wage increases or increasing utility bills.

Reserves are represented by the fund balances as disclosed in the balance sheet on page 15 of the financial statements. The balance sheet shows unrestricted reserves (reserves that do not carry any restrictions on how they can be used) of £4,165,838 as at 30 April 2022 (2021: £3,749,399).

In assessing our level of free reserves as at 30 April 2022, we also exclude restricted funds totalling to £100,221 and fixed assets totalling £2,212,041. The reserve represents the free funds of the charity of which £1,050,000 are designated for the construction of the Minaret. This leaves free reserves at £903,797 as at 30 April 2022 to cover emergency repairs.

ICL has set its reserves at £185,000, this covers approximately six months operational expenditure. It is the Trustees view that this amount means the charity has a balanced approach between having funds available to run the charity on a day-to-day basis, and keeping funds aside in case any of the risks mentioned above materialise. The Trustees also believe this level of reserves provides the charity with adequate financial stability and the means to meet its charitable objectives for the future. The level of reserves will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with risks the charity faces.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

Easing of the Covid-19 lockdown

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, like the rest of the country, Islamic Centre faced extraordinary disruption. The pandemic struck in full force during March 2020, affecting the day-to-day delivery of our usual services and programmes, in a manner that most of us have never witnessed in our lifetimes.

During this lockdown people were forced to remain within their home bubble (immediate family), wearing a face mask and social distancing became mandatory. We at the Islamic Centre Leicester diligently adhered to government guidelines and did everything we could to protect our communities.

Following the lifting of the lockdown restrictions, the Islamic Centre Leicester (Leicester Central Mosque on Conduit Street and Leicester Mosque on Sutherland Street) reopened its doors, though with fewer services owing to health and safety concerns. As the services gradually returned to normal, the rest of the year was business as usual.

Our vision for the future is simple to inspire the Islamic faith into the hearts of people. We intend to expand, improve and develop on all of our current services, programmes and activities. Our focus is to educate, inspire and serve which will help us bridge gaps, increase understanding and tolerance and improve community relations.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that Fortus Audit LLP, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors be re-appointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Trustees' Meeting.

This report was approved by the board on 23 February 2023



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Harun Jussab
Trustee



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A W Bajwa
Trustee

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis
- Review major risks and establish systems or procedures to manage those risks

The trustees have the overall responsibility of ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts & disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assests of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Islamic Centre Leicester for the year ended 30 April 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER (CONTINUED)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent, and if any material is repeated in the financial statements; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER (CONTINUED)

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework.

We understood how the charity is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquiries through review of board minutes and discussions with those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by discussion with management from various parts of the business to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We considered the procedures and controls that the charity has established to prevent and detect fraud, and how these are monitored by management, and also any enhanced risk factors such as performance targets.

Based on our understanding, we designed our audit procedures to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations identified in the paragraphs above.

We also performed audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to the trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Fortus Audit LLP

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ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

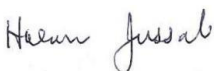
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Year ended 30 April 2021 £
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and legacies	2	631,988	57,366	689,354	228,982
Investment income	3	6,607	-	6,607	28
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	4	5,365	-	5,365	50,836
Other grants		400	-	400	-
Total		644,360	57,366	701,726	279,846
Expenditure On					
Charitable activities	5	217,721	23,900	241,621	196,052
Governance costs	6	10,200	-	10,200	9,000
Total		227,921	23,900	251,821	205,052
Net income/ (expenditures)		416,439	33,466	449,905	74,794
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		416,439	33,466	449,905	74,794
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		3,749,399	66,755	3,816,154	3,741,360
Total Funds carried forward		4,165,838	100,221	4,266,059	3,816,154

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	2,212,041	1,962,857
		<u>2,212,041</u>	<u>1,962,857</u>
Current assets			
Stock		3,680	3,245
Debtors	11	15,892	12,685
Cash at bank and in hand	12	2,059,392	1,855,155
		<u>2,078,964</u>	<u>1,871,085</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	24,946	17,788
Net current assets		<u>2,054,018</u>	<u>1,853,297</u>
Net assets		<u>4,266,059</u>	<u>3,816,154</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	14	4,165,838	3,749,399
Restricted funds	14	100,221	66,755
Total funds		<u>4,266,059</u>	<u>3,816,154</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 23 were approved by the trustees on 23 February 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Harun Jussab
Trustee



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A W Bajwa
Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	a	<u>518,572</u>	<u>121,704</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>518,572</u>	<u>121,704</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase/acquisition of tangible assets		(320,942)	(3,073)
Income from investments		<u>6,607</u>	<u>28</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(314,335)</u>	<u>(3,045)</u>
 Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		204,237	118,659
 Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>1,855,155</u>	<u>1,736,496</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>2,059,392</u>	<u>1,855,155</u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

a. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)	449,905	74,794
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	71,758	49,384
Profit from investments	(6,607)	(28)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(435)	(195)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(3,207)	(734)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	7,158	(1,517)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>518,572</u>	<u>121,704</u>

b. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.5.21 £	Cash Flow £	At 30.4.22 £
Net Cash			
Cash at bank	<u>1,855,155</u>	<u>204,237</u>	<u>2,059,392</u>
Total	<u>1,855,155</u>	<u>204,237</u>	<u>2,059,392</u>

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

(c) Fund Accounting

General funds (Lillah) are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds (Sadqah / Zakaat) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest, and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(d) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts / items donated by businesses & communities for distribution to the poor & needy are only included as income where a reliable valuation is available. Otherwise only the costs associated with the transportation and distribution of these items are shown in the financial statements. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

(f) **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(g) **Charitable expenditure**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

(h) **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

(i) **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line method
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% reducing balance method
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance method

(j) **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

(k) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt for Taxation purposes and is not registered for VAT. However, the charity is allowed to reclaim tax on donations received under Gift Aid scheme.

(l) **Stock Accounting Policy**

Stocks are valued at the lower cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for obsolete and slow moving items.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

2	Donations and legacies				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2022	30 April 2021
		£	£	£	£
	Lillah	212,558		212,558	125,485
	Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	-	57,366	57,366	17,061
	Friday collection	43,146		43,146	30,636
	Tuition fees	57,040		57,040	11,810
	Funeral services	5,081		5,081	844
	Disposal of recycled clothing	2,024		2,024	-
	Hall hire	4,600		4,600	-
	Car parking	-		-	570
	Donation property	250,000		250,000	-
	Donation ambulance	17,500		17,500	-
	HMRC Gift Aid	40,039		40,039	42,576
		631,988	57,366	689,354	228,982
3	Investment income				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2022	30 April 2021
		£	£	£	£
	Income from savings	7	-	7	28
	Rental income	6,600	-	6,600	-
		6,607	-	6,607	28
4	Other income				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2022	30 April 2021
		£	£	£	£
	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	5,365	-	5,365	50,836
	Other Grant	400	-	400	-
		5,765	-	5,765	50,836
5	Charitable activities cost				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year ended
		Funds	Funds	2022	30 April 2021
		£	£	£	£
	Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	-	23,900	23,900	23,000
	Niaz	17,193		17,193	2,370
	Rates and water	6,629		6,629	6,592
	Light and heat	22,096		22,096	12,461
	Sundry and cleaning	8,047		8,047	5,223
	Repairs and renewals	5,798		5,798	9,386
	Security	-		-	912
	Hall service	6,025		6,025	340
	Telephone	2,116		2,116	1,136
	Postage and stationery	89		89	297
	Insurance	5,624		5,624	5,937
	Motor expenses	5,049		5,049	2,521
	Travelling expenses	-		-	61
	Depreciation	71,758		71,758	49,384
	Bank charges	2,862		2,862	1,543
	Paypal charges	306		306	343
	Wages and salaries	63,590		63,590	73,919
	Staff pension	539		539	627
		217,721	23,900	241,621	196,052

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

6 Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Year ended 30 April 2021 £
Statutory Audit	4,200	-	4,200	4,200
Accountancy	4,200	-	4,200	4,800
Legal fee	1,800	-	1,800	-
	10,200	-	10,200	9,000

7 Staff numbers

	Total 2022 £	Year ended 30 April 2021 £
The average number of employees during the year was as follows:		
Imams and Teachers	13	13
	13	13

8 Staff costs

	Total 2022 £	Year ended 30 April 2021 £
Wages and salaries	63,590	73,919
Pension	539	627
	64,129	74,546

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022 (CONTINUED)

9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses and related party transactions

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2022 nor for the year ended 30 April 2021.

There were no travelling expenses during the year (2021: £61)

10 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures fittings & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	TOTAL
Cost				
B/fwd	2,397,054	166,633	3,500	2,567,187
Additions	250,000	53,442	17,500	320,942
	<u>2,647,054</u>	<u>220,075</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>2,888,129</u>
Depreciation				
B/fwd	438,523	162,638	3,169	604,330
Charge for year	52,941	14,359	4,458	71,758
	<u>491,464</u>	<u>176,997</u>	<u>7,627</u>	<u>676,088</u>
Net Book Value 30 April 2022	<u>2,155,590</u>	<u>43,078</u>	<u>13,373</u>	<u>2,212,041</u>
30 April 2021	<u>1,958,531</u>	<u>3,995</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>1,962,857</u>

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors and prepayments	15,892	12,685
	<u>15,892</u>	<u>12,685</u>

12 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash and Bank balances	2,059,392	1,855,155
	<u>2,059,392</u>	<u>1,855,155</u>

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and PAYE	170	507
Other creditors	16,996	2,766
Accountancy and Audit fee	7,680	14,400
Pension	100	115
	<u>24,946</u>	<u>17,788</u>

14 Statement of funds

	At 1 May 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	3,749,399	644,360	(227,921)	-	4,165,838
Total unrestricted funds	<u>3,749,399</u>	<u>644,360</u>	<u>(227,921)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,165,838</u>
Restricted funds:					
Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	66,755	57,366	(23,900)	-	100,221
Total restricted funds	<u>66,755</u>	<u>57,366</u>	<u>(23,900)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,221</u>
Total funds	<u>3,816,154</u>	<u>701,726</u>	<u>(251,821)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,266,059</u>

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

15 Movements in funds

	At 1 May 2021 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30 April 2022 £
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	3,749,399	416,439	4,165,838
Restricted funds:			
Restricted	66,755	33,466	100,221
Total funds	<u>3,816,154</u>	<u>449,905</u>	<u>4,266,059</u>

16 Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Accounts

Registered charity number
257559

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Harun Jussab Sheikh Muhammad Sarwar Mustafa Malik Moulana Shahid Raza
Chairman	Abdul Waheed Bajwa
Principal address	Islamic Centre Leicester 2A Sutherland Street Leicester LE2 1DS
Charity registration number	257559
Accountants	Malik & Co Certified Public Accountants 32 Turner Road Leicester LE5 0QA
Auditors	Fortus Audit LLP Chartered Accountants And Statutory Auditors 31 High View Close Hamilton Office Park Leicester LE4 9LJ
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

The trustees submit their annual report along with audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2021. The financial statements have been prepared based on the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

The charity, Islamic Centre Leicester is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under the registration number 257559.

Governing document

The Islamic Centre Leicester is an unincorporated charity controlled by its governing document, "The constitution of the Islamic Centre Leicester". The constitution was adapted on 3 November 1968 and and subsequently amended on 12 October 1986.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are as per its trust deed. The main activities of the charity during the year were providing places of worship for Muslims and promoting, improving, developing and maintaining public education in and appreciation of Islamic values and ethos.

The aims of the Trust are to:

- Adopt ways and means in order to improve, protect and promote the Religious, Educational, Social and Cultural interests of all Muslims living within the local area.
- To serve as a Centre of Learning and to teach the principles of the Islamic Faith in accordance with the Sunni Path.
- To actively promote and provide facilities and activities for the benefit of local Muslim men and women, young and elderly.
- To promote the spiritual teachings of the Islamic religion and the maintenance of the doctrines on which it rests and of the observations that serve to promote and manifest it especially amongst the Muslims residing in Leicester and in the county of Leicestershire.

In order to achieve these objectives the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and also supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for public benefit.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

Public benefit statement

In planning our activities, we have considered guidance from the Charity Commission to ensure we meet our public benefit requirements.

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefits to those who worship at the mosque and the wider community.

Achievements and performance

The Islamic Centre Leicester has seen a rise in attendance and provision of Islamic prayer facilities in past years, particularly during peak periods such as Friday prayers, school holidays and the two Islamic festivals.

Volunteering and involvement in various community activities has also increased.

The Centre continues to be provided on a regular basis to various groups providing Islamic and non-religious based activities. Our premises are also used regularly after school for children's learning.

Review of the year

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester (ICL)

The ICL is dedicated to promoting and providing facilities and activities for the benefit of the local Muslim community. The Charity is delivering its aims with due diligence. After the lockdown was lifted, we continued with the following programmes and initiatives, though with some limitations, we looked for new, creative and inspiring ways to strengthen our relationship with the community we serve.

Activities conducted by the Islamic Centre Leicester include:

1. Mosque and religious services

• Prayer Facilities

During normal times, our mosques were open every day of the year for congregational prayers (The five daily prayers, Friday prayers and Tarawih prayers during Ramadan). Our facilities are open to women and they were welcome to participate in all prayers, including Friday prayers as well as other activities and events. A large number of attendees came from both the University of Leicester and De Montfort University.

This year was different; for a considerable period of time, we were either unable to provide any services at all or could only deliver them on a restricted basis.

• Ramadan

The month of Ramadan is the most eventful time in the ICL calendar. Thousands participate in prayers each night. Meals to break the fast (Iftar) were provided every evening.

This year Tarawih (special Ramadan prayers) were offered briefly with limited number of attendees.

• Eid Prayer

Celebrating the important festival of Eid ul-Fitr (marking the end of the month of Ramadan), Eid ul-Adha and Eid Mawlid an-Nabawi were major events of the year. Even with some limitations, the events were marked a success.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

2. Education

The Islamic Centre Madrasah is a well-established Islamic school for educating Muslim children in the fundamentals of the Islamic faith, and is attended by over 250 students on a daily basis and continues to grow from strength to strength.

Our aim at ICL Madrasah is to help our students fulfil the obligation of seeking knowledge through the study of Islam and the Qur'an. This not only enables them to gain immense reward but also enables them to comprehend and subsequently fulfil their role within the society they live in as British Muslims.

• Facts and figures

The Madrasah currently has 250 students aged between 4½ and 13. Daily classes of which there are twelve in total run from two different sites namely Sutherland Street Mosque and Leicester Central Mosque. There are 5 boys' classes and 4 girls' classes with mixed classes for minors.

There were only online classes available during the lockdown, with no physical (face to face) provision in the mosque.

• Current Syllabus

The Madrasah syllabus is a broad one designed to cover a wide range of subjects and topic areas. These include:

- Holy Qur'an with Tajweed
- Islamic Deeniyaat
- Islamic History and Salah
- Aalim (religious scholar) & Hifz (memorization of the Holy Qur'an) Classes
- Arabic (selected children)

3. Schools Educational Visits

Ever since its inception in 1968, the ICL has understood the importance of inter-faith relations, community cohesion and the positive promotion of Islam to children and adults alike. Each year the Leicester Central Mosque welcomes countless schools, colleges, universities, organisations, professional bodies and individuals to the mosque where they learn about the work we do in the community and about the religion of Islam.

The ICL proudly celebrates hosting 60-70 schools and colleges from Leicestershire and beyond.

The one-hour visit comprises of an open tour of the mosque of both the men and women sections followed by a programme run by our Imam on the articles of faith and the importance of being British Muslims. The programme is aimed to support the schools on their Religious Education programme of study to supplement their learning. Practical demonstrations reinforce their learning in school. The sessions are concluded with an opportunity for asking questions, a fundamental feature of the visit as the Charity believes in allowing students and teachers a space and an opportunity to ask a range of questions. Over the many years, the school and colleges have built a trusting relationship, which it dearly values. Repeat school visits are a testament to the relationship the Charity promotes and builds.

The Charity has made the mosque visits accessible to all by featuring an online booking on the website, or by direct contact. The flexibility of the Imam to serve the people has ensured that to date no school, organisation, or even individual person's request has been turned down.

We hope to develop this further by maintaining an open door policy that promotes a positive image of Islam, its values and message and the role it plays in building stronger communities.

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4. Interfaith, Diversity, Cohesion and Outreach

The Charity is proud and takes pride in its yearly interfaith event, which hosts approximately 500 people for the Big Iftar and its Eid Party. Religious leaders from the community are given the opportunity to address the congregation and other members of the community. The importance of community cohesion and various other issues are addressed. The event aims to bring people from diverse backgrounds and faith leaders to come together to show support for one another and all their communities.

Due to the lockdown restrictions, we decided not to hold our annual event this year. We hope to carry on our tradition in the coming years.

5. Other Services for the Community

- **Funeral Facilities:**

A complete funeral service in line with the teachings of Islam. We relieve the deceased's bereaved relatives of the burden of organising burials.

The Charity provides a complete funeral service package that carries both the religious aspects of the funeral services and the logistics of transportation and storage of the deceased body. The Charity liaises with the council for the burial arrangements and it aims to support the bereaved families by providing a service that allows a smooth transition.

- **Nikah (Islamic Marriage):**

Family life is the foundation of a successful society, and marriage is an occasion of great joy in the Muslim community.

The Charity provides the community with Islamic marriage the Nikah service to all denominations of the Muslim faith. The management takes care with administration and documentations whilst the Imam provides the religious obligation.

6. Other community engagement activities

- **Ramadan Clinics**

The Islamic Centre in collaboration with the CCG, Local Community and PCN hosted the Ramadan clinics at Leicester Islamic Centre. It was a walk-in clinic for people to get the Covid vaccination.

- **MP and Councillors Surgery:**

The Charity hosts a free MP Council drop in service to its community without the need of an appointment system in order for the service it provides to be easily accessible to all. The MP and Councillors service has helped and resolved issues ranging from housing, business to Home Office queries. The service is provided by the Leicester South MP and Councillors from the local wards of Spinney Hills, Wycliffe and Stoneygate.

- **Solicitors' Surgery**

The Charity provides the space and facilities to allow a solicitors' surgery to advice on legal issues. The service is free for all Leicester and Leicestershire residents, without the need of an appointment system.

- **Ramadan Iftar**

The mosque prepares food during Ramadhan for those attending our mosque who wish to break their fast together.

- **Community Events**

These are for the benefit of the wider community, such as talks and conferences.

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7. Working with statutory and other bodies

- The Charity has and continues to provide the local authority and its services, namely the Social services, Education department and the Leicestershire Constabulary an opportunity to visit the mosque and learn about Muslims in Britain and its faith as well as to ask questions.
- The Charity has always, as and when needed provided an information desk to local service providers to benefit the community on a range of health related issues. This ranges from advice on mental health issues provided by the NHS as well as advice and support in order to quit smoking and health awareness campaigns on diabetes. There have been self-referrals to the organisations as follow-ups. The information desk has also given space for Tell MAMA on ways to support families and individuals experiencing anti-Muslim hate crime.

8. Health and well-being

The Charity promotes the wellbeing of its congregation for both men and women on 4 evenings of the week by providing sporting activities such as badminton tournaments and basketball in its popular sports hall. It aims to increase this as and when the demand arises.

9. Women only activities

Activities at the Centre in general are open to men and women however; some activities are catered for women only and are led by the Islamic Centre Women's Association (ICWA).

The Main objectives of the ICWA are to:

- work for the welfare and well-being of Muslim women
- enlighten women with the knowledge of Islam
- assist women in developing their self-confidence and self-respect
- enable women to deal with issues faced by Muslim women

ICWA organised a range of spiritual activities throughout the year on weekly and monthly basis. This is a sample of some of the many activities held at the Centre for women:

- Ladies Tajweed class
- Ladies Sports
- Ladies Ghosia Khatam
- Ladies Dars-a-Quran
- Ladies Essential Knowledge Class (Support for new Muslim sisters)

10. Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision and fundraising. It has not been possible to quantify the sterling efforts of our volunteers.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have responsibility for ensuring that there are effective risk management and systems of internal control in place to manage the charity and major risks and support the achievement of our strategic objectives.

The principal risks to the charity and how these are managed is set out below.

• Risk - financial performance and sustainability

Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability includes any significant reduction in fundraising due to economic conditions. This risks undermining our ability to meet the needs of our users and to meet our strategic aims.

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Risk concerning financial performance and sustainability is managed by the holding of a significant value of reserves and a regular review of charity reserves to ensure these remain within the target set by the Trustees. Senior management and the Trustees also regularly review and scrutinise the charity's short and medium term financial position.

- **Risk - safe guarding of vulnerable and young people**

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people includes:

- negligence in relation to safeguarding policies, or
- when practice results in or contributes to serious harm, or
- injury to a young person or vulnerable adult which damages ICL's reputation.

Risk concerning the safeguarding of vulnerable and young people is managed by safeguarding training for all employees working directly with vulnerable and young people.

- **Risk - information security**

Risk concerning information security includes serious data protection or security failure that may result in legal and contractual issues, reputational damage and potential fines and loss of income.

Risk concerning information security is managed by having a structure in place for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) monitoring and compliance and by the routine testing of IT systems to identify any security weaknesses.

Reserves Policy

Islamic Centre recognises the importance of having reserves. These funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes and hence exclude restricted funds. They will be used to mitigate significant falls in income or to take advantage of new opportunities. ICL faces a number of risks that may result in the need to use the charity's reserves. Some of these include:

- Reduction in donations from congregation / members of the public.
- Unexpected refurbishment costs
- External factors affecting the charity, such as National Living Wage increases or increasing utility bills.

Reserves are represented by the fund balances as disclosed in the balance sheet on page 14 of the financial statements. The balance sheet shows unrestricted reserves (reserves that do not carry any restrictions on how they can be used) of £3,749,399 as at 30 April 2021 (2020: £3,668,666).

In assessing our level of free reserves as at 30 April 2021, we also exclude restricted funds totalling to £66,755 and fixed assets totalling £1,962,857. The reserve represents the free funds of the charity of which £1,050,000 are designated for the construction of the Minaret. This leaves free reserves at £736,542 as at 30 April 2021 to cover emergency repairs.

ICL has set its reserves at £160,500, this covers approximately six months operational expenditure. It is the Trustees view that this amount means the charity has a balanced approach between having funds available to run the charity on a day-to-day basis, and keeping funds aside in case any of the risks mentioned above materialise. The Trustees also believe this level of reserves provides the charity with adequate financial stability and the means to meet its charitable objectives for the future. The level of reserves will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with risks the charity faces.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

Plans for future and the impact of Covid19

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, like the rest of the country, Islamic Centre faced extraordinary disruption. The pandemic struck in full force during March 2020, affecting the day-to-day delivery of our usual services and programmes, in a manner that most of us have never witnessed in our lifetime.

During this lockdown people were forced to remain within their home bubble (immediate family), wearing a face mask and social distancing became mandatory. The Islamic Centre Leicester (Leicester Central Mosque Conduit Street and Leicester Mosque Sutherland Street) closed its doors to the public on 16 March 2020. It remained closed for a significant part of the current financial year (30 April 2021).

This year has been a difficult year; we did face some negative impact on the amount of income and our services. The government-initiated furlough scheme has provided some relief for the centre and its staff. Without the furlough scheme, inevitable cuts to services and staff would have been considered. We hope and pray that the situation gets better in the next year enabling us to re-open our facilities and continue delivering our much-needed services.

Our vision for the future is simple to inspire the Islamic faith into the hearts of people. Going forward we intend to expand, improve and develop on all of our current services, programmes and activities. Our focus is to educate, inspire and serve which will help us bridge gaps, increase understanding and tolerance and improve community relations. We at the Islamic centre diligently adhered to government guidelines and did everything we could to protect our communities. Throughout the year, we had a full organisational review on our strategy that we are looking to complete in 2022.

Auditors

A resolution proposing that Fortus Audit LLP, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors be re-appointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the Trustees' Meeting.

This report was approved by the board on 19 February 2022



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Harun Jussab
Trustee



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Sheikh Muhammad Sarwar
Trustee

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees have to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis
- Review major risks and establish systems or procedures to manage those risks

The trustees have the overall responsibility of ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts & disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Charity (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Islamic Centre Leicester for the year ended 30 April 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 April 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER (CONTINUED)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent, and if any material is repeated in the financial statements; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER (CONTINUED)

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework.

We understood how the charity is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquiries through review of board minutes and discussions with those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by discussion with management from various parts of the business to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We considered the procedures and controls that the charity has established to prevent and detect fraud, and how these are monitored by management, and also any enhanced risk factors such as performance targets.

Based on our understanding, we designed our audit procedures to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations identified in the paragraphs above.

We also performed audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to the trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Fortus Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
31 High View Close
Hamilton Office Park
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28 February 2022

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and legacies	2	211,921	17,061	228,982	411,885
Investment income	3	28	-	28	14,375
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	4	50,836	-	50,836	-
Total		262,785	17,061	279,846	426,260
Expenditure On					
Charitable activities	5	173,052	23,000	196,052	253,034
Governance costs	6	9,000	-	9,000	7,900
Total		182,052	23,000	205,052	260,934
Net income/ (expenditures)		80,733	(5,939)	74,794	165,326
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		80,733	(5,939)	74,794	165,326
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds brought forward		3,668,666	72,694	3,741,360	3,576,034
Total Funds carried forward		3,749,399	66,755	3,816,154	3,741,360

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	1,962,857	2,009,168
		<u>1,962,857</u>	<u>2,009,168</u>
Current assets			
Stock		3,245	3,050
Debtors	11	12,685	11,951
Cash at bank and in hand	12	1,855,155	1,736,496
		<u>1,871,085</u>	<u>1,751,497</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	17,788	19,305
Net current assets		<u>1,853,297</u>	<u>1,732,192</u>
Net assets		<u>3,816,154</u>	<u>3,741,360</u>
Funds:			
Unrestricted funds	14	3,749,399	3,668,666
Restricted funds	14	66,755	72,694
Total funds		<u>3,816,154</u>	<u>3,741,360</u>

The financial statements on pages 13 to 22 were approved by the trustees on 19 February 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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Harun Jussab
Trustee

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Sheikh Muhammad Sarwar
Trustee

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	a	<u>122,004</u>	<u>199,845</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>122,004</u>	<u>199,845</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible assets		(3,073)	(1,587)
Income from investments		<u>28</u>	<u>14,375</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(3,045)</u>	<u>12,788</u>
 Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		118,959	212,633
 Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>1,736,496</u>	<u>1,523,863</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>1,855,455</u>	<u>1,736,496</u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

a. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per the statement of financial activities)	74,794	165,326
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	49,384	48,840
Profit from investments	(28)	(14,375)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(195)	(2,416)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(734)	130
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,217)	2,340
Net cash provided by operating activities	122,004	199,845

b. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.5.20 £	Cash Flow £	At 30.4.21 £
Net Cash			
Cash at bank	1,736,496	118,959	1,855,455
Total	1,736,496	118,959	1,855,455

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

1 Accounting policies

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

(c) Fund Accounting

General funds (Lillah) are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds (Sadqah / Zakaat) are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund where permissible, otherwise from the unrestricted fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, such as deposit interest, and gains are allocated to the appropriate fund.

(d) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts / items donated by businesses & communities for distribution to the poor & needy are only included as income where a reliable valuation is available. Otherwise only the costs associated with the transportation and distribution of these items are shown in the financial statements. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(e) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

(f) **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(g) **Charitable expenditure**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

(h) **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

(i) **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line method
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% reducing balance method
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance method

(j) **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

(k) **Taxation**

The charity is exempt for Taxation purposes and is not registered for VAT. However, the charity is allowed to reclaim tax on donations received under Gift Aid scheme.

(l) **Stock Accounting Policy**

Stocks are valued at the lower cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for obsolete and slow moving items.

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
Lillah	125,485		125,485	234,384
Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	-	17,061	17,061	38,028
Friday collection	30,636		30,636	35,461
Tuition fees	11,810		11,810	51,952
Funeral services	844		844	1,047
Hall hire	-		-	6,250
Car parking	570		570	3,960
HMRC Gift Aid	42,576		42,576	40,803
	211,921	17,061	228,982	411,885

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
Income from savings	28	-	28	14,375
	28	-	28	14,375

4 Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	50,836	-	50,836	-
	50,836	-	50,836	-

5 Charitable activities cost

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	-	23,000	23,000	12,500
Niaz	2,370		2,370	20,381
Rates and water	6,592		6,592	10,005
Light and heat	12,461		12,461	25,351
Sundry and cleaning	5,223		5,223	12,125
Repairs and renewals	9,386		9,386	6,440
Security	912		912	1,600
Hall service	340		340	5,660
Telephone	1,136		1,136	1,148
Publishing and printing	-		-	1,900
Mosque refurbishment	-		-	9,007
Postage and stationery	297		297	320
Insurance	5,937		5,937	5,595
Motor expenses	2,521		2,521	942
Travelling expenses	61		61	11,000
Pupils gifts/kitabs/books/literature	-		-	1,178
Depreciation	49,384		49,384	48,840
Bank charges	1,543		1,543	3,257
Paypal charges	343		343	141
Wages and salaries	73,919		73,919	74,944
Staff pension	627		627	700
	173,052	23,000	196,052	253,034

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

6 Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
Statutory Audit	4,200	-	4,200	5,400
Accountancy	4,800	-	4,800	2,500
	9,000	-	9,000	7,900

7 Staff numbers

	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
The average number of employees during the year was as follows:		
Imams and Teachers	13	13
	13	13

8 Staff costs

	Total 2021 £	Year ended 30 April 2020 £
Wages and salaries	73,919	74,944
Pension	627	700
	74,546	75,644

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

9 Trustees' remuneration and expenses and related party transactions

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2021 nor for the year ended 30 April 2020.

M S Raza, trustee, was reimbursed travelling expenses during the year amounting to £61 (2020: £11,000)

There were no related party transactions in the year (2020: £NIL)

10 FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures fittings & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	TOTAL
Cost				
B/fwd	2,397,054	163,560	3,500	2,564,114
Additions	-	3,073	-	3,073
	2,397,054	166,633	3,500	2,567,187
Depreciation				
B/fwd	390,582	161,306	3,058	554,946
Charge for year	47,941	1,332	111	49,384
	438,523	162,638	3,169	604,330
Net Book Value 30 April 2021	1,958,531	3,995	331	1,962,857
30 April 2020	2,006,472	2,254	442	2,009,168

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors and prepayments	12,685	11,951
	12,685	11,951

12 Cash at Bank and in hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash and Bank balances	1,855,155	1,736,496
	1,855,155	1,736,496

ISLAMIC CENTRE LEICESTER

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021 (CONTINUED)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and PAYE	507	200
Other creditor	2,766	171
Accountancy and Audit fee	14,400	18,700
Pension	115	234
	17,788	19,305

14 Statement of funds

	At 1 May 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:					
Reserves	3,668,666	262,785	(182,052)	-	3,749,399
Total unrestricted funds	3,668,666	262,785	(182,052)	-	3,749,399
Restricted funds:					
Zakat/Sadka/Fitra	72,694	17,061	(23,000)	-	66,755
Total restricted funds	72,694	17,061	(23,000)	-	66,755
Total funds	3,741,360	279,846	(205,052)	-	3,816,154

The reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

15 Movements in funds

	At 01.05.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.04.21 £
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds	3,668,666	80,733	3,749,399
Restricted funds:			
Restricted	72,694	(5,939)	66,755
Total funds	3,741,360	74,794	3,816,154

16 Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2021.