

ISLAMI DARASGAH BRISTOL

England & Wales - Charity number 260804

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1970-04-09

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

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Activities

Objects: TO COLLECT SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE RELIGION OF ISLAMI ACCORDING TO THE HANFI SCHOOL OF THOUGHT.

Activities: To provide Islamic education, a place of prayer (five times a day) and sessions of remembrance (dhikr) for followers of the Islamic faith.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED - IN PRACTICE BRISTOL AND SUBURBS
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£148,228	£50,969	-	-
2023-12-31	£165,336	£72,874	-	-
2022-12-31	£91,427	£47,904	-	-
2021-12-31	£57,226	£26,508	-	-
2020-12-31	£60,293	£41,820	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FIAZ AHMED		
MATLOOB HUSSAIN		
MOHAMMED IQBAL		
TAHIR MAHMOOD		

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Akram Hussain, Shaukat Ali, Malik Yasin, Nomaan Hussain
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Islami Darasgah provides facilities during Ramadhan in Hazrat Bilal Centre for those who wish to break their fast together and join the night prayers called Taravee. We also commemorate important Islamic events including the Prophets Birth, Muharram, Night of Power on the 27th of Ramadan, the completion the Quran on the 29th of Ramadan and the night of 15th of Shabaan.

Nikkah (Islamic marriage) The Masjid provides Muslim couples with an appropriate location for their Nikkah (Islamic Marriage).

Hazrat Bilal Centre has participated in the "Visit my Mosque" day, organised by the Muslim Council of Britain. A day across the UK where Masjids invite the neighbourhood to Visit the Mosques open day.

Charitable giving:

The alleviation of poverty and suffering lies at the heart of Islam and therefore giving charity is greatly encouraged. Islami Darasgah provides an avenue from time to time, for registered charities to appeal to the Congregation to give to worthwhile causes.

Community activities

Islami Darasgah both facilitates and participates in several community activities and initiatives to help make our City peaceful, vibrant and harmonious. During the year under review, we offered a range of community activities including:

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Taste Ramadan day: Another national initiative which Hazrat Bilal Centre participated in whereby the wider community was invited to break a fast with us during Ramadhan. Participating UK mosques open their doors to people of different faiths and none, to share their evening Iftar together. The Iftar is the meal eaten by Muslims at sunset following a day of abstaining from food and drink from dawn.

Partnership working

In developing our community programmes, we are pleased to work in partnership with NHS, Police, Bristol City Council, Government agencies, Government office of Southwest, Building the Bridge (Prevent). We are also active participants in Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) which is made up of Government office of Southwest, Muslim community, Police, Bristol City Council, and other agencies. We work with all of these agencies in promoting harmony, unity and diversity across all communities and are a key Muslim organisation in Bristol.

Financial review

2024 Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet four months' operating costs of the Masjid. After deducting the value of the previous Masjid building at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place, Imam's accommodation at 43 Sevier Street and the Masjid building at 41 Sevier Street, the charity has free reserves of £17,965 which is equal to between three- or four-months expenditure during the year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal funding sources

The charity's main source of income is giving. Giving at Friday prayers amounted to £28,036 (£25,936 - 2023). This demonstrates a slight increase in income from 2023 due to increased donations during the same period. Members of the masjid pay an annual subscription of £200. Subscriptions for the year were £8,339 (£11,496 - 2023). Class fee increased in 2024 and were £13,678 (£12,010 – 2023).

Investment policy and objectives

The charity has purchased a property next door (43 Sevier Street) to the Masjid for £301,867. This was purchased with the help of interest free loans (Karz e Hasna) from our members of £277,300. We are pleased to announce that all loans have been repaid, and the Masjid is debt free with the help of our very generous membership. The property at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place which was returned into a 2-bedroom house. Previous attempts at a sale of the property have been unsuccessful, and therefore the property has been let out during the financial year 2024 generating income of £17,617 (£17,370 – 2023).

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

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.
Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its business.


The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on Page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by :

SAJID MAHMOOD

Sajid Mahmood (Chair)
14 October 2025

	ISLAMI DARASGAH BRISTOL		260804		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Class Fees, Bag Sales, Book Sales	13,723	-	-	13,723	12,023
General Donations including Donation Box	60,946	-	-	60,946	81,248
Eid Namaz Collection / Grand Iftar	3,441	-	-	3,441	4,475
Fitrana	639	-	-	639	1,525
Hazrat Bilal Centre Fund	0	-	-	0	0
Jumma Donations	28,036	-	-	28,036	25,936
Marriage Registration Fees	700	-	-	700	1,490
Rental Income	17,617	-	-	17,617	17,370
Membership Subscriptions	8,339	-	-	8,339	11,496
Sponsorship of Timetables	350	-	-	350	200
Collections for Appeals	14,437	-	-	14,437	9,573
Furlough Grants from HMRC	0	-	-	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	148,228	-	-	148,228	165,336
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	148,228	-	-	148,228	165,336
A3 Payments					
Imam Wages(1)	26,278	-	-	26,278	28,740
Teaching Assistant / 2nd Jumma Imam Fees	9,216	-	-	9,216	8,671
Tax/NI	2,232	-	-	2,232	2,606
Superannuation	1,512	-	-	1,512	1,010
Premises Expenditure	33,632	-	-	33,632	8,717
Insurance	2,111	-	-	2,111	1,903
Legal Fees	0	-	-	0	0

Council Tax / Utilities	5,069	-	-	5,069	6,415
Security	0	-	-	0	800
Advertising /Printing / Stationary / Consumables / Bank Charges	2,134	-	-	2,134	1,269
Programmes	0	-	-	0	1,645
Fitrana	639	-	-	639	1,525
Collections for Appeals	14,437			14,437	9,573
Sub total	97,259	-	-	97,259	72,874
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	97,259	-	-	97,259	72,874
Net of receipts/(payments)	50,969	-	-	50,969	92,461
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	268,863	-	-	268,863	176,402
Cash funds this year end	319,832	-	-	319,832	268,863
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	0	-	-	
	Current Account	245	-	-	
	Lloyds Treasurer Account	9,980			
	Hazrat Bilal Centre Bank Account	7,740	-	-	
	Total cash funds	17,965	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B3 Investment assets	109 Lower Cheltenham Place	Restricted	-	-	
	43 Sevier Street	Restricted	-	-	
			-	-	

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	41 Sevier Street	Restricted	-		-
			-		-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)		When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		Unrestricted			
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
Sajid Mahmood	Sajid Mahmood		Sajid Mahmood		14/10/2025

Notes to the Accounts

- The Imam Qari Mohammed Altaf Sahib was paid gross wages of £7,897 the other full time Imam Asim Malik Khan was paid £18,381.
- The property at 43 Sevier Street next to the Masjid, is provided as accommodation for Imam Asim Malik Khan to enable him to carry out his duties effectively.
- The Masjid allowed a few charities to collect donations from its congregation during 2024. These funds were deposited with the Masjid and then paid out to the respective charities.
- During the year the Masjid replaced carpets on the Ground Floor, redecorated all interiors, cleared up the alley approaching the Masjid from York Street and installed a pathway and finally replaced the roof on 109 Lower Cheltenham Place.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	Islami Darasgah Bristol		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2024	Charity no (if any)	260804
Set out on pages	9 to 11		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>		

<p><u>Independent examiner's statement</u></p>	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act <p>have not been met; or</p> <p>1. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>	
<p>Signed:</p>	<p>M Shakeel</p>	<p>Date: 14/10/2025</p>
<p>Name:</p>	<p>Mohammed Shakeel</p>	
<p>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</p>		
<p>Address:</p>	<p>18 Ingmire Road</p>	
	<p>Eastville, BRISTOL, BS5 6XD</p>	

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Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by :

TAHIR MAHMOOD

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27 May 2024

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General Donations including Donation Box	81,248	-	-	81,248	39,826
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Fitrana	1,525	-	-	1,525	516
Hazrat Bilal Centre Fund	0	-	-	0	0
Jumma Donations	25,936	-	-	25,936	18,608
Marriage Registration Fees	1,490	-	-	1,490	600
Rental Income	17,370	-	-	17,370	11,170
Membership Subscriptions	11,496	-	-	11,496	8,735
Sponsorship of Timetables	200	-	-	200	400
Collections for Appeals	9,573	-	-	9,573	0
Furlough Grants from HMRC	0	-	-	0	0
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	165,336	-	-	165,336	91,427
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	165,336	-	-	165,336	91,427
A3 Payments					
Imam Wages(1)	28,740	-	-	28,740	20,530
Teaching Assistant / 2nd Jumma Imam Fees	8,671	-	-	8,671	7,150
Tax/NI	2,606	-	-	2,606	1,379
Superannuation	1,010	-	-	1,010	815
Premises Expenditure	8,717	-	-	8,717	9,867
Insurance	1,903	-	-	1,903	946

Legal Fees	0			0	0
Council Tax / Utilities	6,415	-	-	6,415	4,962
Security	800	-	-	800	0
Advertising /Printing / Stationary / Consumables / Bank Charges	1,269	-	-	1,269	1,739
Programmes	1,645	-	-	1,645	0
Fitrana	1,525	-	-	1,525	516
Collections for Appeals	9,573			9,573	0
Sub total	72,874	-	-	72,874	47,904
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72,874	-	-	72,874	26,508
Net of receipts/(payments)	92,461	-	-	92,461	43,523
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	176,402	-	-	176,402	132,879
Cash funds this year end	268,863	-	-	268,863	176,402
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period					
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand		-	-	
	Current Account	1,550	-	-	
	Lloyds Treasurer Account	23,988			
	Hazrat Bilal Centre Bank Account	6,458	-	-	
	Total cash funds	31,996	-	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details				
		-	-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B3 Investment assets	109 Lower Cheltenham Place	Restricted	-	-	

	43 Sevier Street		Restricted		-		-
					-		-
	Details		Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	41 Sevier Street		Restricted		-		-
					-		-
	Details		Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (optional)		When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Outstanding Kardh-e-Hasana		Unrestricted		65,000		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature			Print Name			Date of approval

Notes to the Accounts

- The Imam Qari Mohammed Altaf Sahib was paid gross wages of £10,121 the other full time Imam Asim Malik Khan was paid £18,596.
- The property at 43 Sevier Street next to the Masjid, is provided as accommodation for Imam Asim Malik Khan to enable him to carry out his duties effectively.
- The Masjid allowed a number of charities to collect donations from its congregation during 2023.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	Islami Darasgah Bristol		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2023	Charity no (if any)	260804
Set out on pages	9 to 11		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,• to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.</p>		

<p><u>Independent examiner's statement</u></p>	<p>In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act <p>have not been met; or</p> <p>1. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
<p>Signed:</p>	<p>M Shakeel</p>	<p>Date:</p>	<p>18/05/2024</p>
<p>Name:</p>	<p>Mohammed Shakeel</p>		
<p>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</p>			
<p>Address:</p>	<p>18 Ingmire Road</p>		
	<p>Eastville, BRISTOL, BS5 6XD</p>		

ISLAMI DARASGAH BRISTOL

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Accounts

Islami Darasgah Bristol

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the trust deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Reference and Administrative Information.

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41 Sevier Street
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Board of Trustees

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Treasurer Fiaz Ahmed

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Governing Committee

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Akram Hussain, Shaukat Ali, Malik Yasin, Nomaan Hussain
Mohammed Iqbal, Mohammed Younis

Imam Mohammed Altaf, Malik Asim Khan

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Accounts Prepared by Mohammed Farooq

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BRISTOL

Bankers Barclays Bank PLC
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Harbourside
BRISTOL, BS1 4NP

Islami Darasgah Bristol

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

Objectives aims and Strategies.

Our aims

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:
To promote Islam in accordance with the Holy Quran, Sunnah and Hadith for the benefit of the public through spiritual teaching and by conducting regular congregational prayers and ceremonies.

To promote Islamic education amongst both children and adults through holding regular classes and organising events and functions from time to time.

To relieve those Muslims who are in need.

Our objectives

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims.

They are: -

To establish an efficient and effective governance structure with clear policies and procedures.

To improve the educational services offered by establishing a high-quality centre of learning for both religious and secular teachings meeting the broad needs of the community.

To ensure women are provided with the highest standard of prayer facilities, educational services and social support.

To maintain and strengthen our partnerships with local and central government, interfaith forums and many other groups including local mosques.

To effectively manage the operations and expenditure of the Mosque with clarity and transparency.

To promote and encourage the participation from youth and women.

To reject and condemn extremism and terrorism in all its forms and develop the self-confidence of Bristol's Muslims in their faith, and through our facilities and activities, help make our city a peaceful, vibrant and harmonious community.

To make the Mosque a vibrant, welcoming and active focal point for the whole community, Muslim and non-Muslim.

Each year our Trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Strategies

We want to ensure that we have a robust management structure, operational team and team of volunteers to deliver our objectives.

We want to engage with the community to ensure our objectives are aligned with their needs and expectations and secular teachings meeting the broad needs of the community.

We want to engage with the non-Muslim community, local authority and local charities to strengthen relationships with the wider community and deliver support and services for all.

We want to ensure that the Mosque supports those in need through the effective and robust collection and distribution of Zakat and Sadaqah payments.

We want to continually review the educational needs of the community and identify how the offering can be strengthened.

We want to make our organisation an accessible and welcoming venue where all Muslims, or those who wish to know more about our faith, can gather to learn about their religion and worship.

Islami Darasgah Bristol is open for all five daily prayers, the Friday prayers being a focus of our weekly activities.

The charity aims to promote the Islamic faith by continuing to provide facilities for teaching both children and adults and through the holding of regular events for Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

We participate in the 'Diverse doors open day' event each year as part of the Bristol Diverse Doors Open Day event organised by Bristol Multi faith forum. We open our doors to the public of Bristol to visit us look around and learn about our faith so that misconceptions can be rooted out and common faith traditions recognised.

An important part of our strategy is community welfare and education. All our community facilities and activities including classes, health initiatives and seminars are advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community, Muslim and non-Muslim alike. Most of our activities are free and supported by donations. Where a charge is made, concessions are made for students, people on means-tested benefits and pensioners. Funds are raised to meet the charity's objectives by voluntary collections at the Masjid and from yearly donations from our members.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Islami Darasgah (Bristol) is registered with the Charity Commission under Charity number 260804. The governing instrument is the Charity's Constitution.

Organisational structure

The charity's Management committee are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The committee members give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The committee meet as a body monthly and as and when necessary and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running facilities and the activities provided by the charity. The day-to-day management of facilities and projects are delegated to staff and volunteers where appropriate.

Appointment of Committee Members

The Committee Members are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) every year through an election process by the general members of Islami Darasgah Bristol.

In selecting new committee members, general members seek to identify people who regularly attend programmes, events and functions organised by the charity, are known to the members, who fully support the constitution, and are willing to volunteer themselves practically to help in the management and running of the charity. New committee members are guided as to their role and responsibilities by more long-standing committee members.

Risk management

The Management committee regularly assess the risks the charity faces and are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. Insurance cover is in place and the finances of the Masjid are kept under review.

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Use of volunteers

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Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

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Fitrana	516	-	-	516	30
Hazrat Bilal Centre Fund	0	-	-	0	0
Jumma Donations	18,608	-	-	18,608	22,863
Marriage Registration Fees	600	-	-	600	0
Rental Income	11,170	-	-	11,170	7,788
Membership Subscriptions	8735	-	-	8,735	5,967
Sponsorship of Timetables	400	-	-	400	0
Collections for Appeals					0
Furlough Grants from HMRC	0			0	10,050
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	91,427	-	-	91,427	57,226
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	91,427	-	-	91,427	57,226
A3 Payments					
Imam Wages(1)	20,529	-	-	20,529	13,551
Teaching Assistant / 2nd Jumma Imam Fees	7,150	-	-	7,150	1,800
Tax/NI	1,379	-	-	1,379	416
Superannuation	815	-	-	815	442
Premises Expenditure	9,867	-	-	9,867	4,520
Insurance	946	-	-	946	894
Legal Fees	0			0	1,871

Council Tax / Utilities	4,962	-	-	4,962	2,570
Security	0	-	-	0	0
Advertising /Printing / Stationary / Consumables / Bank Charges	1739	-	-	1,739	444
Fund raising	0	-	-	0	0
HBC Building Costs	0	-	-	0	0
Fitrana	516	-	-	516	0
Collections for Appeals	0	-	-	0	0
Sub total	47,904	-	-	47,904	26,508
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,904	-	-	47,904	26,508
Net of receipts/(payments)	43,523	-	-	43,523	30,718
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand		-	-	
	Current Account	822	-	-	
	Youth Club Account	742	-	-	
	Hazrat Bilal Centre Bank Account	13,971	-	-	
	Total cash funds	15,535	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK	
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details				
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	

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Daily after school classes: Islami Darasgah provides after school classes for children to be schooled in Islamic Education including reading the Muslim holy Book the Holy Quran. Students are taught the Islamic way of life so they can be Model Muslim citizens. The classes are run by the Imam Hafiz

Muhammad Altaf alongside two part time teachers. There were approximately 60 children attending after school classes.

Classes were resumed once the Covid threat was much reduced in May 2021. This had an effect on income from class fees.

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Festivals: The two Eid festivals are our focal points of the year and facilities are provided for the Muslims of Bristol to celebrate Eid in an Islamic manner. We also participate in the annual peace march held to commemorate the Prophets Muhammads Birth date.

In normal years Islami Darasgah provided facilities during Ramadhan in the new Hazrat Bilal Centre for those who wish to break their fast together and join the night prayers called taravee. We also commemorated important Islamic events including the Prophets Birth, Muharram, Night of Power on the 27th of Ramadan, the completion the Quran on the 29th of Ramadan and the night of 15th of Shabaan.

Nikkah (Islamic marriage) The Masjid provides Muslim couples with an appropriate location for their Nikkah (Islamic Marriage). A much reduced service was provided during 2021.

Inter-faith dialogue:

Islami Darasgah Bristol is an active member of the Bristol Multi Faith Forum and our Masjid chair was formerly part of the multi faiths steering group committee. We use this platform to promote inter-faith dialogue and social cohesion.

Charitable giving:

The alleviation of poverty and suffering lies at the heart of Islam and therefore giving charity is greatly encouraged. Islami Darasgah provides an avenue from time to time, for registered charities to appeal to the Congregation to give to worthwhile causes. Unfortunately due to the Masjid being closed, and reopened with limited places collections were unable to take place.

Community activities

Islami Darasgah both facilitates and participates in a number of community activities and initiatives to help make our City peaceful, vibrant and harmonious. During the year under review, we offered a range of community activities including:

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Council of Bristol Masjids (CBM) :

The Council of Bristol Masjids is run with strong input from our organisation which gives the Masjids a stronger and united Voice within the community at large. The Council of Masjids has continued to

work with key stakeholders including NHS, Police, Bristol City Council, Government agencies, Government office of Southwest and is considered a key Muslim stakeholder in Bristol.

Partnership working

In developing our community programmes we are pleased to work in partnership with NHS, Police and Bristol City Council. We are also active participants in Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) which is made up of Government office of Southwest, Muslim community, Police, Bristol City Council, and other agencies. We work with all of these agencies in promoting harmony, unity and diversity across all communities and are a key Muslim organisation in Bristol.

Financial review

2020 Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet four months' operating costs of the Masjid. After deducting the value of the Masjid building at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place, the charity has free reserves of £13,012 which is equal to between three or four months expenditure during the year ended 31 December 2021. Whilst this is significantly lower than one would expect in normal times, the trustees are confident that should the need arise the congregation would provide additional emergency funding if an appeal was made.

Principal funding sources

The charity's main source of income is giving. Giving at Friday prayers amounted to £22,863 (£13,107 - 2020). This demonstrates the increase in income from 2020 to 2021 due to normalisation of Jummah activities. During 2020 there was a period when Friday prayers could not be conducted and a reduction in collections due to having a smaller congregation due to social distancing. Members of the masjid pay an annual subscription of £180. Subscriptions for the year were £5967 (£5,031 - 2020). Class fees were reduced for 2021 at £2961 (£6,516 – 2020) due to the Masjid not being able to continue with classes during the lockdown period.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity has purchased a property next door (43 Sevier Street) to the Masjid for £301,867. This was purchased with the help of loans from our members £277,300. In the medium term the property at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place (which served as the old Masjid) will be sold and the proceeds used to repay the loans to members. The property at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place which was returned into a 2 bedroom house, has been let out during the financial year 2021 generating income of £7788 (£12,264 – 2020) whilst some legal issues relating to ownership are resolved.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

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;
Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on Page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by :

TAHIR MAHMOOD

Tahir Mahmood (Chair)
1 Feb 2023



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-21	To	31-Dec-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Class Fees, Bag Sales, Book Sales	2,961	-	-	2,961	6,516
General Donations including Donation Box	6,592	-	-	6,592	6,785
Eid Namaz Collection / Grand Iftar	975	-	-	975	535
Fitrana	30	-	-	30	39
Hazrat Bilal Centre Fund	0	-	-	0	0
Jummah Donations	22,863	-	-	22,863	13,107
Marriage Registration Fees		-	-		900
Rental Income	7,788	-	-	7,788	12,264
Membership Subscriptions	5,967	-	-	5,967	5,031
Sponsorship of Timetables					0
Collections for Appeals					424
Furlough Grants from HMRC	10,050			10,050	14,693
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	57,226	-	-	57,226	60,293
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	57,226	-	-	57,226	60,293

A3 Payments

Imam Wages(1)	13,551	-	-	13,551	21,462
Teaching Assistant / 2nd Jummah Imam Fees	1,800	-	-	1,800	3,286
Tax/NI	416	-	-	416	586
Superannuation	442	-	-	442	677
Premises Expenditure	4,520	-	-	4,520	2,641
Insurance	894	-	-	894	974
Legal Fees	1,871	-	-	1,871	8,772
Council Tax / Utilities	2,570	-	-	2,570	2,397
Security	0	-	-	0	0
Advertising /Printing / Stationary / Consumables / Bank Charges	444	-	-	444	851
Fund raising	0	-	-	0	0
HBC Building Costs	0	-	-	0	0
Fitrana	0	-	-	0	0
Collections for Appeals	0	-	-	0	174
Sub total	26,508	-	-	26,508	41,820

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	26,508	-	-	26,508	41,820
Net of receipts/(payments)	30,718	-	-	30,718	18,473
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	102,161	-	-	102,161	83,688
Cash funds this year end	132,879	-	-	132,879	102,161

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand		-	-
	Current Account	258	-	-
	Youth Club Account	742		
	Hazrat Bilal Centre Bank Account	13,012	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,012	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Details			
109 Lower Cheltenham Place	Restricted	-	-
43 Sevier Street	Restricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Details			
41 Sevier Street	Restricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Outstanding Kardh-e-Hasana	Unrestricted	183,000	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Religious activities

Islami Darasgah provides a centre for our prayers and worship and for the activities associated with our faith. During the year under review, we offered a range of religious services and activities including:

Prayers: Hazrat Bilal Centre is open for the 5 times daily and Friday prayers. In normal times, during the week we have over 30 people who regularly attend daily prayers and over 200 who regularly attend Friday prayers.

2020 has been a challenging year insofar as the management committee had to close the Masjid for prayers on 17 March 2020. It was reopened for congregational prayers on 4 July 2020, with a further period of closure from 4 November until 22 January 2021.

Daily after school classes: Islami Darasgah provides after school classes for children to be schooled in Islamic Education including reading the Muslim holy Book the Holy Quran. Students are taught the Islamic way of life so they can be Model Muslim citizens. The classes are run by the Imam Hafiz Muhammad Altaf alongside two part time teachers. There were approximately 60 children attending after school classes.

Classes were discontinued throughout much of 2020 as the country went into lockdown and the Masjid closed for after school classes on 17 March 2020. They were only resumed once the Covid threat was much reduced in May 2021.

Islamic lectures: Islamic lectures are held on a daily and weekly basis to promote Islamic knowledge and awareness. Muslims are encouraged to attend these events. Special lectures are also organised throughout the year for the benefit of all people in the community.

No lectures were able to be held during 2020.

Festivals: The two Eid festivals are our focal points of the year and facilities are provided for the Muslims of Bristol to celebrate Eid in an Islamic manner. We also participate in the annual peace march held to commemorate the Prophets Muhammads Birth date.

In normal years Islami Darasgah provided facilities during Ramadhan in the new Hazrat Bilal Centre for those who wish to break their fast together and join the night prayers called taravee. We also commemorated important Islamic events including the Prophets Birth, Muharram, Night of Power on the 27th of Ramadan, the completion the Quran on the 29th of Ramadan and the night of 15th of Shabaan.

Unfortunately during 2020 gatherings during Ramadhan were cancelled, although some online content was provided through social media. Eid Prayers for Eid ul Fitr were cancelled but a reduced service was provided for Eid ul Adha in July 2020.

Nikkah (Islamic marriage) The Masjid provides Muslim couples with an appropriate location for their Nikkah (Islamic Marriage). A much reduced service was provided during 2020.

Inter-faith dialogue:

Islami Darasgah Bristol is an active member of the Bristol Multi Faith Forum and our Masjid chair is part of the multi faiths steering group committee. We use this platform to promote inter-faith dialogue and social cohesion.

Charitable giving:

The alleviation of poverty and suffering lies at the heart of Islam and therefore giving charity is greatly encouraged. Islami Darasgah provides an avenue from time to time, for registered charities to appeal to the Congregation to give to worthwhile causes. Unfortunately due to the Masjid being closed, and reopened with limited places collections were unable to take place.

Community activities

Islami Darasgah both facilitates and participates in a number of community activities and initiatives to help make our City peaceful, vibrant and harmonious. During the year under review, we offered a range of community activities including:

Open doors day: Diverse Doors is an annual day when a wide variety of religious institutions and places of worship are opened to the public for viewing and to talk to those of that faith on an open, one-to-one basis, without barriers. We participated in diverse doors open day event and kept our doors open on the Day for the public to walk into our place of worship and ask any question on our faith. This event promoted diversity and respect for each other's faith and gave message of Unity and being proud to be part of diverse society.

Council of Bristol Masjids (CBM) :

The Council of Bristol Masjids is run with strong input from our organisation which gives the Masjids a stronger and united Voice within the community at large. The Council of Masjids has continued to work with key stakeholders including NHS, Police, Bristol City Council, Government agencies, Government office of Southwest and is considered a key Muslim stakeholder in Bristol.

Partnership working

In developing our community programmes we are pleased to work in partnership with NHS, Police, Bristol City Council, Government agencies, Government office of Southwest, Building the Bridge (Prevent). We are also active participants in Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) which is made up of Government office of Southwest, Muslim community, Police, Bristol City Council, and other agencies. We work with all of these agencies in promoting harmony, unity and diversity across all communities and are a key Muslim organisation in Bristol.

This was even more important during 2020 as we worked to protect our congregation and the wider community.

Financial review

2020 Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Their policy is to hold enough funds to meet four months' operating costs of the Masjid. After deducting the value of the Masjid building at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place, the charity has free reserves of £16,563 which is equal to between two or three months expenditure during the year ended 31 December 2020. Whilst this is significantly lower than one would expect in normal times, the trustees are confident that should the need arise the congregation would provide additional emergency funding if an appeal was made.

Principal funding sources

The charity's main source of income is giving. Giving at Friday prayers amounted to £13,107 (£28,443 - 2019). This demonstrates the challenge faced during 2020 especially in view of the period when Friday prayers could not be conducted and the reduction in collections due to having a smaller congregation due to social distancing. Members of the masjid pay an annual subscription of £180. Subscriptions for the year were £5,031 (£7,280 - 2019). Class fees were much reduced for 2020 at £6,516 (£17,553 – 2019) due to the Masjid not being able to continue with classes during the lockdown period.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity has purchased a property next door (43 Sevier Street) to the Masjid for £301,867. This was purchased with the help of loans from our members £277,300. In the medium term the property at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place (which served as the old Masjid) will be sold and the proceeds used to repay the loans to members. The property at 109 Lower Cheltenham Place which was returned into a 2 bedroom house, has been let out during the financial year 2020 generating income of £12,264 (£12,138 – 2019) whilst some legal issues relating to ownership are resolved.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

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;
Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on Page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by :

TAHIR MAHMOOD

Tahir Mahmood (Chair)
30 June 2021



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-20	To	31-Dec-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Class Fees, Bag Sales, Book Sales	6,516	-	-	6,516	17,553
General Donations including Donation Box	6,785	-	-	6,785	800
Eid Namaz Collection / Grand Iftar	535	-	-	535	3,955
Fitrana	39	-	-	39	834
Hazrat Bilal Centre Fund	0	-	-	0	13,448
Jumma Donations	13,107	-	-	13,107	28,443
Marriage Registration Fees	900	-	-	900	350
Rental Income	12,264	-	-	12,264	17,738
Membership Subscriptions	5,031	-	-	5,031	7,280
Sponsorship of Timetables	0	-	-	0	500
Collections for Appeals	424	-	-	424	6,835
Furlough Grants from HMRC	14,693	-	-	14,693	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	60,293	-	-	60,293	97,736

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	60,293	-	-	60,293	97,736

A3 Payments

Imam Wages(1)	21,462	-	-	21,462	25,296
Teaching Assistant / 2nd Jummah Imam Fees	3,286	-	-	3,286	4,174
Tax/NI	586	-	-	586	3,387
Superannuation	677	-	-	677	1,045
Premises Expenditure	2,641	-	-	2,641	3600
Insurance	974	-	-	974	930
Legal Fees	8,772	-	-	8,772	3,390
Council Tax / Utilities	2,397	-	-	2,397	4,787
Security	0	-	-	0	445
Advertising /Printing / Stationary / Consumables / Bank Charges	851	-	-	851	1,568
Fund raising	0	-	-	0	0
HBC Building Costs	0	-	-	0	3,267
Fitrana	0	-	-	0	834
Collections for Appeals	174	-	-	174	6,835
Sub total	41,820	-	-	41,820	59,559

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,820	-	-	41,820	59,559
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,473	-	-	18,473	38,177
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	83,688	-	-	83,688	45,511
Cash funds this year end	102,161	-	-	102,161	83,688

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	190	-	-
	Current Account	4,299	-	-
	Youth Club Account	742	-	-
	Hazrat Bilal Centre Bank Account	16,563	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,794	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	<u>Details</u>	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
109 Lower Cheltenham Place	Restricted	-	-
43 Sevier Street	Restricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
41 Sevier Street	Restricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Outstanding Kardh-e-Hasana	Unrestricted	221,500	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Notes to the Accounts

1. The Imam Qari Mohammed Altaf Sahib was paid gross wages of £12,069, the other part time Imam Hafiz Shakeel was paid £9093 he joined in August 2019 and resigned in February 2021.
2. The property at 43 Sevier Street is rented out to the Imam Qari Mohammed Altaf Sahib of the Masjid to enable him to carry out his duties effectively.
3. The Masjid allowed Harchial Muslim Society to collect donations of £174 from its congregation in Jan 2020.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Islami Darasgah Bristol

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

260804

Set out on pages

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**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address: