

Charity registration number 0276549

THAMESDOWN ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 March 2023

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Report and accounts
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Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Reference and administration details

The following persons served as trustees during the year:

Dr R Ahmed
Mr F T Amawi
Mr W Khan
Mr M Khatib
Mr A H Shaikh

Trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity:

Dr R Ahmed
Mr F T Amawi

Independent examiner:

Mustafa Asmat of Asmat Accountancy Services
84 High Street, Slough
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by the constitution adopted 11 June 1978, as amended 29 August 2004 and 7 February 2021.

The constitution requires that there shall be 5 trustees, at least one from the Executive Committee and four from the founder members or from their direct families. All trustees must reside permanently in the Country of Whiltshire or surrounding countries. Trustees are elected for life subject to disqualification as defined in the constitution.

The Executive Committee shall comprise of 15 members who shall be elected by the members at a meeting of the General Council specifically called for this purpose or at the AGM.

The executive committee shall include the following office holders:

The President
The Vice President
The General Secretary
The Assistant Secretary
The Treasurer

The General Council comprises members (other than junior members) of the association and notables or dignitanes nominated or appointed by the Executive Committee as honorary members. (Honorary members shall have no voting rights at meetings of the General Council or at the AGM)

The constitution also requires that there shall be an Imam or a Religious Teacher, or both, or two Imams, as appropriated by the Executive Committee.

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Objectives and activities

The object of the association is to advance the Islamic Religion and its beliefs in the districts of Swindon and Thamesdown (the Thamesdown region). In doing so the aims of the association are to:

- i. to help the Muslims Community in the Thamesdown region, regardless of its ethnic origin and race, in the peaceful conduct of their religious activities
- ii. promote an understanding of the teachings of Islam not only within the Muslim Community but also within the communities at large within the Thamesdown region

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives:

To provide facilities which are in the best interest of Social Welfare, recreation and leisure. The Charity is principally engaged in providing daily prayer services, the education of children and adults in Quran and Islamic practices, bereavement/funeral arrangements, and an awareness of Islam in general.

We aim to ensure that the premises are safe, well equipped, and secure for public use, such as heating, ventilation, and safety equipment.

Our bereavement arrangement include social and moral support for families including help in liaising with the hospital, the local council, funeral services, and in the Islamic burial rites.

Our vision also includes giving a positive and correct portrayal of Islam to the general public. This includes arranging school visits to the Mosque and positive, cohesive inter-community relations and understanding. We also have a close relationship with the Swindon Borough Council.

Our aims is to expand our services and support to the people of Swindon and Thamesdown to include the following;

- i. diversity and inclusion , meaning to accommodate Muslims of different cultures and backgrounds both male and female
- ii. equal opportunities employer
- iii. marriage services
- iv. counselling and addressing religious issues
- v. working with other Muslims and Interfaith organisations within the country and surrounding area for harmony
- vi. raising funds for our projects
- vii. interaction with local community (neighbours)
- viii. helping families with their difficulties
- ix. assisting new comers to Swindon. Mainly Muslims but also including others that request and approach for help
- x. communication and publication of relevant information such as deaths, Eid, prayer timetables, and other important events.
- xi. management of social media and web publications
- xii. working with the legal framework of the Charity Commission
- xiii. renewing our mission and enhancing the constitution for improvement

We have paid due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the years ending 31 March 2023, we were faced with tremendous challenges and impact of the pandemic in a big way. Running our main functions with strict adherence to the wealth department directives and government legislations was a major task and we must applaud the untiring efforts of our members, volunteers and supporters in maintaining the smooth functions of the charity.

To maintain the social distancing in offering mosque prayer space, we successfully introduced multiple sessions for Friday prayers and followed trace-and-track for each attendee. With the increasing Swindon population, this was never easy to accommodate attendees for Friday's prayers even during the pre-pandemic times and we always struggled with the limited space of mosque space demand.

Maintaining the healthy finance to the pre-pandemic levels was another major challenge due mostly to the reduced donation / collection driven by reduced foot-fall, but somehow we managed.

With the objective of consistent improvement we have successfully brought some more improvements in the space of ceremonies in addition to increasing the number of children.

Financial review

The trustees consider it necessary to maintain unrestricted cash reserves of not less than £4,000 to ensure that it can meet its financial obligations from month to month.

At the 31 March 2023 the charity's unrestricted cash reserves amounted to £128,705. This amount has accumulated due to donations exceeding expenditure for a number of years.

The charity's financial position at the 31 March 2023 is more than adequate to ensure it can function for the foreseeable future.

Declaration

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

This report was approved by the board on 23rd February 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Mr F T Amawi
Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thamesdown Islamic Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Thamesdown Islamic Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- i. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- ii. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

I can confirm there are no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mustafa Asmat of
Asmat Accountancy Services
Independent Examiner

84 High Street
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23rd February 2024

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts			
Donations	111,004	111,004	92,503
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-
Rents from land and buildings	28,090	28,090	31,659
Government grants	-	-	8,206
Other income	18	18	-
Total Receipts	139,112	139,112	132,368
Payments			
Donations to other charities	4,862	4,862	9,225
Rental property refurbishment	97,041	97,041	18,165
Wages and salaries	67,212	67,212	49,507
Employer's pension	1,135	1,135	1,074
Rates and water	4,217	4,217	5,921
Light and heat	10,431	10,431	4,561
Service charges	480	480	280
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	1,439
Software	15	15	173
Telephone	880	880	451
General expenses	817	817	386
Advertising	-	-	487
Legal & professional fee	2,195	2,195	2,795
Independent examiners fee	2,160	2,160	2,160
Total Payments	191,445	191,445	96,624
Net movement in funds	(52,333)	(52,333)	35,744
Cash funds brought forward	181,038	181,038	145,294
Cash funds carried forward	128,705	128,705	181,038

These financial statements, including the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 6, were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr F T Amawi
Trustee

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Cash funds			
Barclays	145,658	145,658	203,513
Lloyds	11,549	11,549	2,029
Cash	3,699	3,699	3,844
Total cash funds	160,906	160,906	209,386
Investments assets			
132 Broad Street	190,000	190,000	190,000
133 Broad Street	205,000	205,000	205,000
124-126 Broad Street	350,000	350,000	350,000
Total Investment assets	745,000	745,000	745,000
Liabilities			
Taxes due but not yet paid	12,258	12,258	8,407
Independent examiner fee not yet paid	2,160	2,160	2,160
Total Liabilities	14,418	14,418	10,567