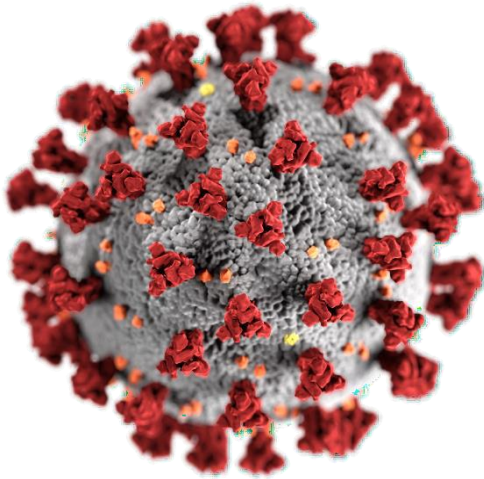




AL MUNTADA AL ISLAMI TRUST

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2020



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Forward

The Board trustees are pleased to present this Annual Report and financial statements for Al Muntada Al Islami Trust for the period from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

This year has been very challenging year since the outbreak of the new virus Covid-19 which apparently originated in China and unfortunately continued to spread around the world causing a pandemic. The impact that this has been unimaginable. Living in these strange and uncertain times that we are all experiencing has made everyday life more difficult for most people.

This has had a tremendous impact on charitable organisations and in particularly those of faith who have centres and places of worship. The implementation of lockdown has severely affected our services and activities that we normally offer the community.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson recognises the difficulties which many of our communities and institutions have continued to face during the imposed lockdowns. At the start, the very limited supplies of PPE's and lack of hand sanitisers became a serious issue for personal protection.

However, like most organisations Brexit and the ongoing uncertainties that comes with it continues to loom and could have a detrimental impact on our plans. Hence, the Trust has developed a contingency plan and will shift focus to support local projects that aims at improving life conditions of local people, particularly for young people and the hard to reach disadvantaged groups in the community. We will continue to support our sister organisations i.e. Muntada Aid and West London Cultural Centre to help maintain the services they offer to the community.



Chairman's Report

I am very pleased to present the Annual Report for Al Muntada Al Islami Trust for the period 1st January to 31 December 2020. This year has been particularly difficult due to lack of funding and the uncertainties that accompanied the outbreak of Covid-19 which even overshadowed Brexit. However, despite those major challenges, the Trust has been able to achieve some improvements in provision of most needed services to our communities locally and worldwide directly or through empowering local partner agencies.

Following government lockdown advice, we closed our centre back in March. Unfortunately, we had to remain closed throughout this very difficult period which included the month of Ramadan that followed during the major lockdown. Ramadan this year, which fell between April and May, is a major event in the Islamic Calendar. As with all Muslim centres, Ramadan is the centre's busiest period of the year. Normally there is a significant increase in the number of worshippers attending our centre to gain spiritual inspiration and reward in religious worship. This year was no exception, unusually Ramadan prayers and activities had to be performed by families at home. As this would have an unwieldy sombre effect on the community rapid measures were taken to try and develop a virtual contact for those who are fortunate have access to social media platforms. To help facilitate this a number of lectures and talks were recorded and then put out on Facebook so that members of the community could have some form of contact with our centre for their spiritual connection and enlightenment. Unlike that of past years there was no congregational prayers on Eid Al-Fitr, which is a celebration marking the end of Ramadan. However, we did receive a lovely message from the Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham, Cllr. Daryl Brown, wishing the community a very happy Eid at this difficult time during the lockdown.

In June 2020, the Board of Trustee had its AGM in which all existing projects were reviewed and evaluated. The Board decided to carry on with the same objects but for alternative sources of funding and develop effective fundraising strategy. On the light of above challenges, the Trust intends to use the limited funds available carefully and remain focused on its objectives of delivering the vital services to those in need.

It had been some 4 months since we closed and reopened on 20th July for congregational prayers with some normality, but under very strict provisions. We quickly started work on how we could safely re-open in line with Government guidelines, ensuring that any changes would keep both our staff, visitors and worshippers safe. We've made a lot of changes to our premises and how we serve our worshippers, introducing social distancing measures and enhancing our hygiene procedures. Worshippers are confidently telling us that they feel safe when visiting and are delighted that we're open.

On a positive side progress is has been made to improve safety, quality and sustainability of those services provided by the Trust through our partners. The Trust will continue to work closely with our local partners in the local authority, third sector, Police, Fire and Rescue and others to ensure that we play an active part in the discussions that affect our local community. All of this has been made possible due to the professionalism and sheer commitment of our staff and volunteers.

Hence, I would like to record my thanks to them all. I also wish to express my sincere thanks to our Trustees both past and present, for their commitment and continued support to help develop the Trust's future priorities and shape our services across the communities that the Trust serves.

Dr. Saeed Al-Ghadi
29th September 2021

Vision Statement

to be a leading Islamic Centre and a role model charity in delivering and supporting educational and Da'wah activities.

Mission Statement

promoting excellence in providing educational and Da'wah activities

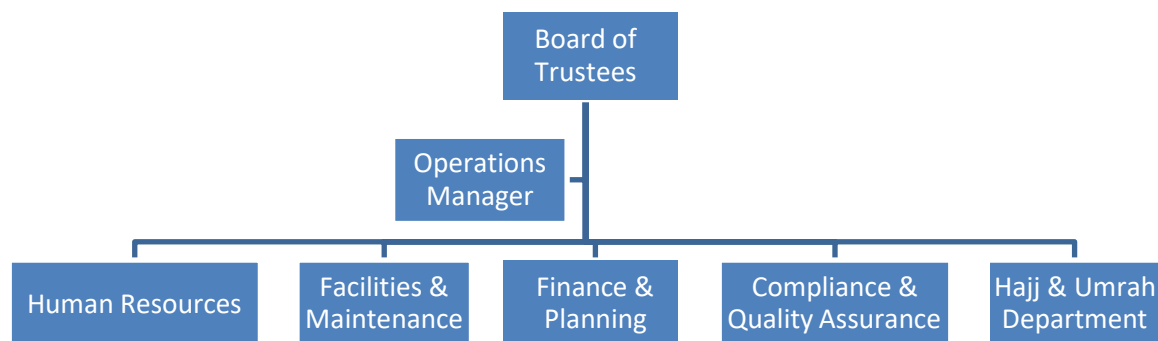
Objectives

1. The advancement of the Islamic religion in accordance with the Quran and the Sunnah
2. To relieve poverty within the Muslim community;
3. To advance religious education of Muslims;
4. To provide, or assist in the provision of, facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation activities, in the interest of social welfare.
5. To provide the necessary services for other charities such as HR, IT and Financial Services.
6. To provide Hajj and Umrah services for the Muslim community in the UK.

Background

Al-Muntada Al-Islami Trust was established in 1986 as an independent organisation catering for the UK Muslim Community. During the last 34 years the Trust has expanded its work on a global level with the aim of running educational programmes, alleviating poverty-both its causes and symptoms, clarifying misconceptions about Islam and Muslims and generally to facilitate the needs of different communities through local initiatives.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT



Al Muntada Al Islami Trust is a registered charity under the Laws of England & Wales regulated by the Charity Commission. The Trust was founded in 1985 and became formally registered with the Charity Commission in 1986.

All members of the board are appointed and are committed to serving the Trust by fulfilling their roles as Trustees in keeping with its Trust Deed.

Currently serving trustees are:

1. Dr Saeed Al-Ghadi (Chairman)
2. Mr Salah Taifoor
3. Mr Abdullah Al-Bagieh
4. Mr Abdul Hakeem Montague

Induction of trustees

All of our trustees are volunteers. They are chosen because they have the diverse range of skills, knowledge and experience that Al Muntada Al Islami Trust needs to respond to key challenges. Stakeholders and partners may nominate trustees, and sometimes we will make a personal approach to potential candidates.

To ensure that the charity benefits from a professional and dynamic board, trustees are provided with a comprehensive induction and on-going training in new or emerging areas of responsibility. New trustees receive a full overview of the strategic and operational functions, as well as a welcome pack which includes a copy of Trust's Constitution, financial statements, Board Meeting Minutes and Charity Commission guidance "The Essential Trustee." Trustees play a significant role in the running of the charity and are always expected to keep up to date in the charity world this also includes keep abreast of "Charity Commission News" and other updates as and when they appear on the commission's website. They are also encouraged to help identify any gaps in their training needs. The Director also keeps trustees up to date with changes in regulatory standards and training possibilities.

Organisation Management Committee

The organisation's management is under the supervision of the trustees through delegated authority. The Operations Manager leads on the management committees and reports to the board. The Board of Trustees meet at regular intervals to carry out reviews and take decisions and has the overall responsibility for all of Al Muntada Al Islami Trust's activities. In keeping with good practice the Board receives regular performance reports, annual financial reports, plans and budgets. It also approves relevant new policies and procedures.

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Al Muntada Al Islami Trust
Charity Number	Charity No: 293355
Registered address	7 Bridges Place London SW6 4HW
Accountant's name and address	KWSR & Co 136 Merton High Street London SW19 1BA
Solicitor's name and address	Khalid Sofi Lee Bolton Monier-Williams 1 The Sanctuary Westminster London SW1P 3JT
Banker's name and address	Al-Rayan Bank 77-79 Edgware Road London W2 2HZ

COVID-19 response

Faith-based organisations and communities play a core role in the spiritual and social care of individuals, a source of guidance and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Organisations and their leaders are often well recognised and trusted within communities and their networks, including those who are, or may be, vulnerable.

Faith-based organisations also play an important role in ensuring that those who seek spiritual support and worship are safeguarded from harm. During the pandemic, there have been significant changes to the ways that faith groups engage with their communities, and this poses additional challenges to adapt safeguarding practices to meet their needs.

Al Muntada Trust had restructured its operations for more effective working environment.

The Trust started the first phase of voluntary redundancy last October 2020 to reduce the workforce to a manageable level to reduce the tax liabilities the Trust has to pay to keep employees during the pandemic.

All employees were furloughed due to the restrictions from the government to close places of worship and depend on contractors and some volunteers to do works when needed.

No other support fund was given by the government during 2020 which affected our cash flow and slowed the payment of tax liabilities, we are planning by the end of year 2021 to clear all liabilities or at least the majority of it.

Our COVID-19 Strategy focuses on:

Reduce the risk of infection and the spread of the virus: The trust worked with other Muslims organisation and community Centres to raise awareness of the virus and follow the government guidance from day 1, as per appendix 1 (Mosques emergency plan on 18th March 2020).

Tackling and minimise the social impacts: Our volunteers worked non-stop to provide food, initiated shopping and delivery service for elderly and vulnerable.

Working together to go back to normal as quick as possible and provide the help and support to NHS service by offering a place to vaccinate the community and show the support to the amazing work done by NHS staff.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed to and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees actively review the major risk to which Al Muntada Al Islami Trust is exposed to on a regular basis, in particular those related to its operations and finances. There is a Risk Register system in place to review these risks and adequate steps are being taken to mitigate these risks.

Public benefit statement

It is estimated that there are around three million Muslims living in the United Kingdom, many of whom have been born and raised in the U.K. Al Muntada Al Islami Trust manages to help provide much needed essential services to the diverse community almost every day of the year. We have around 2500 people from all walks of life attending the centre each week to fulfil their religious obligation and find peace of heart and tranquillity which many of whom come from socially, emotionally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Trust understand and appreciate that some of the visitors to the centre have some form of disability, which could affect their access to services and facilities. The centre is a very old building, in part pre-war and with later 1960's additions, hence in the main disabled access were not really considered important. However, the Trust continues to consult with professionals to see where changes and adaptations could be made to improve accessibility for disabled users of the centre. We hope that significant headway can bring a proposal into a reality in the forthcoming year.

Security has been an added point of concern in the past few years due to increased reported incidents of hate crime and Islamophobia taking place in London. Unfortunately, as we hear more and more reports about terrorist attacks taking place and also Islamic centres becoming a target too for those extremists who wish to cause harm and divide communities wherever they strike. The Trustees and management have continually regularly reviewed the security measures to ensure our staff, volunteers' visitors and neighbours are protected and remain safe from harm as much as possible.

The centre's philosophy is to engage and enhance good community relations which stands as a good testament for being an open place of outreach where all can benefit and particularly those in need of support and reassurance. Excellent community relations continue to thrive with the local police and residents which resulted in developing a common understanding over the past 34 years much to the determination of the centre's management.

The Trusts' activities focuses on the following main areas:

Promoting education

To promote Islamic educational services, Islamic awareness and to address misconceptions while aiming to develop and preserve the Muslim identity.

- To raise the standard of Islamic education in the UK through supporting independent Muslim schools;
- To provide access to Islamic education for all ages in an Islamic environment through lectures, seminars and conferences and using on-line media;
- To instil Islamic values and principles in our children enabling them to attain the highest level of morality through organising youth awareness programmes, courses and activities.

Promoting faith (Dawah)

- To direct Muslims towards Islam and to invite non-Muslims to have a better understanding and appreciation of Islam and Muslims.
- To provide practical solutions to various problems and issues experienced by Muslims living in the UK through counselling and marriage and relationships and mediation.
- To develop and nurture Muslim youth to attain their full potential where possible through offering volunteering and training opportunities.

Local community

- Creating a strong Muslim community that engages cohesively with the wider society.
- Provide a full range of community services both locally and nationally.
- Engage in dialogue with government, Muslim and non-Muslim organisations in forwarding the Muslim perspective in all relevant issues in order to create a more just, respectful and tolerant society.

- Facilitate the needs and challenges of the less fortunate around the World.
- Deliver vital assistance, emergency aid and relief to communities affected by poverty, conflicts and natural disasters.
- Carry out long-term development & sustainability programmes advancing the living standards of people in need.
- Promote awareness towards the needs of Muslims in the developing worlds and to provide services and support to the Muslim community in the distribution of donations.

Compliance Department

The Al Muntada Al Islami Trust is committed to conducting its business ethically and in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, guidelines, and policies. In keeping with that commitment, the Charity is making headway to implement a comprehensive Compliance Programme which governs its entire business operations.

Based on this commitment to conduct its business activities lawfully and in a manner that will enhance its achievement of set goals in its Strategic Plan. The Trust established a **compliance department** that is responsible for implementing an effective programme for compliance to form a functional and integral part of its management process. The primary aim of this department is to focus on the identification, assessment and management of significant compliance areas and the potential risks of non-compliance.

The objectives of DCD is to:

1. Establish wide Compliance Culture across all Trust entities;
2. Ensure that all entities understand and commit themselves to their legal obligations, i.e. compliance with legislations, compliance with internal policies, procedures and guidelines in addition to its compliance with its legal and contractual commitments and obligations;
3. Maintain and raise the level of awareness of entities CEO's, managers and employees by the provisions of this Policy for an effective compliance management system,
4. Develop and deploy appropriate practices and processes to ensure compliance with regulatory obligations;
5. Monitor entities compliance with its regulatory obligations;
6. Take appropriate corrective action with a view to preventing recurrence of incidents of noncompliance, violations or breaches.

Hajj and Umrah Services (Pilgrimage)

Unfortunately, with the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic it has not been possible to facilitate this year's Hajj pilgrimage. We were notified by the Ministry of Hajj authorities that it is suspended for this year. This has caused a great deal of disappointment to those in our community who were expecting to perform the rites of Hajj. May Allah (swt) accept all the good intentions of carrying out this duty. We hope that come next year it will be possible for all those who missed this opportunity. We respect and accept that safety and well-being of pilgrims comes first and foremost.

Performing Hajj is an obligatory duty upon every Muslim adult, male and female, whose health and means permit. Al Muntada Al Islami Trust has for the last 2 decades through its Hajj Department been assisting UK Muslims an opportunity to fulfil their most fundamental religious obligation that constitutes one of the five pillars of Islam. The department offers value for money (Umrah) and Hajj package service that attracts more pilgrims every year. This is evident from the overwhelming positive response and feedbacks we have had from participants over the years who put their trust and confidence on us. We are fully conscious of the added responsibility that comes with that trust and are committed to do even better to improve the service.

Community Engagement

The Trust in its capacity as a locally respected organisation actively participates in supporting and improving the borough's initiative of community engagement. A significant amount of time is invested in this as the Trust is a fervent believer in participating and developing good community relations where it feels it can bring about positive changes to society at large. The Trust continues to strive in this since the emergence of the *Community Relationship Group* and even before that in the early pioneering days of community cohesion.



Members of the Trust regularly attend monthly council meetings with other local organisations discussing local issues and needs affecting communities, meeting agencies providing support, feeding responses to central government about community concerns, providing community updates, local initiatives and progress reports that take place at local community centres and Town Halls.

However due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this year has meant that all meetings were held virtually using the Microsoft Teams app.

H&F Faith Forum

Like most other communities many in our community have been affected by the outbreak of Corona virus in the UK in one way or other through family members, relatives, friends or colleagues being infected through close contact. It has made things very difficult indeed and taken life right out of the norm in how we need to conduct ourselves. The matter has been further complicated by the way it has led to peoples' mental health particularly with the young and old. There have been an increasing number of reports through academia and media highlighting the impact and risks the lockdowns continue to have. The major problem of people feeling isolated and out of close contact with family and friends. Even with the unnatural norms of life with restrictions through social distancing rules like going out to visit socially, shopping and work.

During this time the Trust has been working closely with the local authority to mitigate the risks, measures have been taken to overcome some of the difficulties experienced by communities.

The other issues are of peoples' perceptions which are also having an effect the mind sets of many through the insurgence of social media taking centre play. There are an abundant forms of messages being rolled out either distorting the facts or clarifying the truth. Much of this is confusing about what really is going on and may lead to people taking serious risks about their own health and that of others.

The Trust has continued to engage with the Hammersmith & Fulham Communities Faith Forum since the time it was first established. Helping to take the pulse of the local Muslim community, taking stock of concerns through regular discussions and updates and sharing information of good practice with other faith groups and council leaders.



Dr Nicola Lang (Director of Public Health Adult Social Care Hammersmith & Fulham Council), Imran Asif (Executive Operational Manager Al Muntada Al Islami Trust), An official from the Cabinet Office (Eugene Morgan), Pastor Mark (Fulham Baptist Church), and Aysha Eskaji (H&F)

On 16th September 2020 a meeting took place at Al Muntada Al Islami Trust with Mr. Eugene Morgan an official from the Cabinet Office, Dr Nicola Lang Director of Public Health Adult Social Care for Hammersmith & Fulham to discuss the

- Steps Al Muntada have taken to re-open safely

- Show them the video which Dr Al Ghadie made around diabetes and Covid.
- Mr Montague has spoken to the Councils Assistant Director for Environment around safely re-opening Al Muntada. He is happy to advise Al Muntada on their re-opening plans if required.
- The Mosque has been making announcements around recent increase in cases and how to keep safe.
- Mr Montague being part of the Covid WhatsApp group with the council where key important messages around Covid are shared for quick dissemination.

how Al Muntada are working with the council to keep the community safe and how they are promoting key messages to their community and congregation

The official from Cabinet Office (Eugene Morgan) found the visit to you very helpful indeed.

Kim Smith

Chief Executive

Hammersmith & Fulham Council

Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel

As a major community organisation, which represents the interests of the local Muslim population the Trust plays an important part in engaging with the local Town Ward Safer Neighbourhood team, which has been running for many years. The purpose is to monitor the level of crime in the ward, discuss issues about nuisance that affecting the local neighbourhood and local policing matters.

The Trust is also concerned about the general wellbeing of the community and the safety of its local worshippers. The centre promotes the local Town Safer neighbourhood team of officers that patrol the streets and regularly encourage the drop in touch base commitments that they provide. A fluid relationship has been developed over many years through events and contacts with senior and local serving officers.

Since the lockdown we receive regular updates from our local neighbourly contact Annabel Cottrell who endeavours to keep all members up to date with issues of concern. We also obtain news feeds from our local BCU Commander Chief Superintendent Helen Harper on any serious issues that may affect the community.

Zakaat

Zakat is one of the Five Pillars of Islam – one of the foundations on which the rest of the religion can grow, both collectively and individually. We believe that Zakat strengthens the faith and character of the individual and build up the collective commitment and contribution of those who believe. We believe it provides foundation to flourish as a real commitment to our creator that inspires us to strive for prosperity, harmony and justice for all.

We, at Al Muntada Trust, understand the sacred importance of Zakat and know who is eligible to receiving it according to the Quran and Sunnah. We also believe in the importance of looking after the needy in the wider community, irrespective of faith or origin.

Events / Achievements of the year

We were invited to attend the Mayor of London's launch of the Shared Endeavour Fund held at City Hall 14 January 2020.

Like all other centres in March we were informed to lockdown under government rules concerning Covid-19. This had a tremendous impact on our community as it was no longer possible to physically

access our services. All staff / volunteers were instructed to stay at home as the centre closed its doors for the duration of the lockdown measures enforce.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF ALMUNTADA TRUST DR SAEED AL GHADI

A message from the chairman of Al Muntada Trust Dr Saeed Al Ghadi

Al Muntada Trust A message from the chairman of Al Muntada Trust Dr Saeed Al Ghadi

بسم هلا الرحمن الرحيم

All praise be to Allah, we praise him, thank him, seek his guidance and forgiveness.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We all believe that the wisdom of Allah has encompassed and embraced everything; including tribulations and calamities, and one of the main wisdoms behind tribulations is for people to return back to their Lord and have a stronger connection with him.

This Ramadan is a golden opportunity, to turn this calamity into a great opportunity to establish a stronger connection with Allah SWT.

It is a chance for us to revive the Quran in our houses, to revive the salah in our houses, to have a stronger connection with the Quran, and to strengthen our bonds with our children and our family.

One of the main objectives of Islam is to save the lives of people, so as we move into Ramadan I urge you all to keep safe and to continue to observe the Government's advice on protecting yourself, your family, your friends and your neighbours from the spread of the coronavirus.

This means you should stay at home. Only go outside for food, medicines, exercise or work, but only if you can't work from home. When you are outside make sure you stay at least 2 metres away from other people at all times and wash your hands thoroughly as soon as you get home. Do not meet others, even family and friends, unless they live with you. This is for their interest and your own interest too and it is the guidance of our beloved Prophet to minimise inter-actions, so the pandemic remains confined.

Sadly, this Ramadan our masajids are closed therefore there will be no Tarawih prayers. However, I ask you all to continue this sunnah and perform Tarawih salah at home with your family. It is quite likely that restrictions on social gatherings might still be in place at Eid al-Fitr, which could restrict our celebrations with friends and family at the end of Ramadan. Please observe any ongoing Government guidance at that time.

West London Islamic Centre is offering many educational and counselling programs online, so feel free to visit our website WLICC.org for more information.

On the other hand, Hammersmith & Fulham Council has put in place a Community Aid Network to provide support and assistance to all of its residents during this difficult time. If you need urgent help with food, or you are lonely and need to talk to someone, there is Freephone number you can call from 9am to 7pm on weekdays and 9am to 2pm at weekends. The number is 0800 145 6095, that is 0800 145 6095. If you need help, then please call that number.

Please keep safe during Ramadan.



[Click to play video:](#)

Coronavirus (COVID 19)



During this time the centre came up with some local initiatives in helping to give some support to the elderly and infirm. This included shopping and some food support to those in need.

Emergency Response Plan

It was in July after consultation with the local authority that it was agreed to re-open the centre in a very limited capacity for private prayer taking into strict consideration of safety precautions and a risk managed assessment. Measures were put in place with the display of posters and banners of dos and don'ts, we ensured that PPE was made available to those who need it, sanitiser dispensers in entrances, disposable prayer mats, along with precautions of taking temperature readings of anyone wishing to attend. A thorough cleansing and redecoration of the prayer hall areas had to be carried out prior to opening for everyone's safety.

Plans for future periods

Due to the uncertainty that lies ahead we will continue to follow the Council's Emergency Response Plan in order to help keep our community safe. The Trust expects to revise its strategies in order to take into account of any forthcoming changes that may come into play through having continuous regular virtual meetings with staff, management and trustees.

In these difficult times, the centre will as a matter of course continue to work closely with other Muslim centres and organisations as it always has done, sharing experiences and to help manifest ideas in finding ways of solving the challenges that we are all faced with.

Financial review

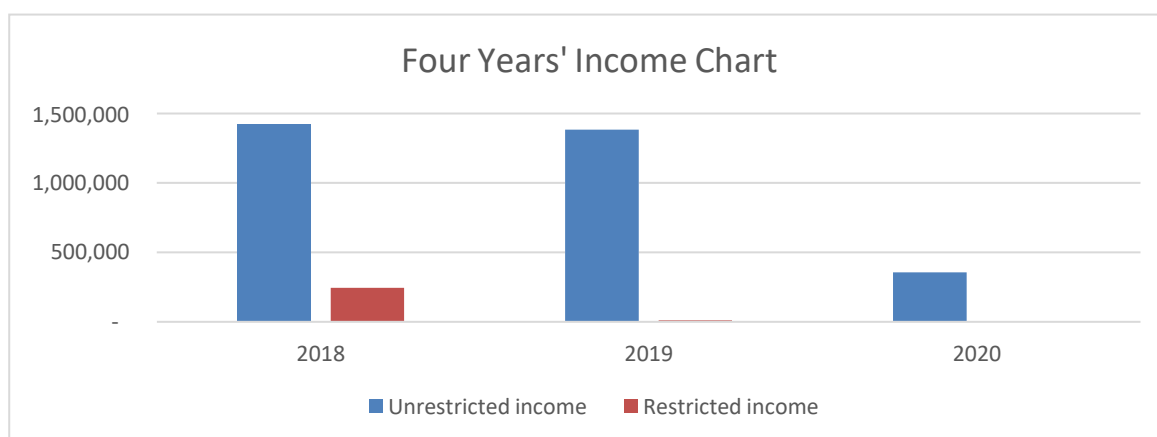
Income and expenditure overview

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on the financial statements part of the report and comply with applicable laws and requirements of the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' (Charities SORP (FRS102)) issued by the Charity Commission.

After a fall on income level by 19% in 2019 (£1.4 m) compared to 2018 (£1.7m), total income has decreased year 2020 by a record fall 75% to £106m, primarily due to a cancellation of Hajj and Umrah as result of COVID-19 pandemic, but also reflecting a continuing challenging with fundraising environment.

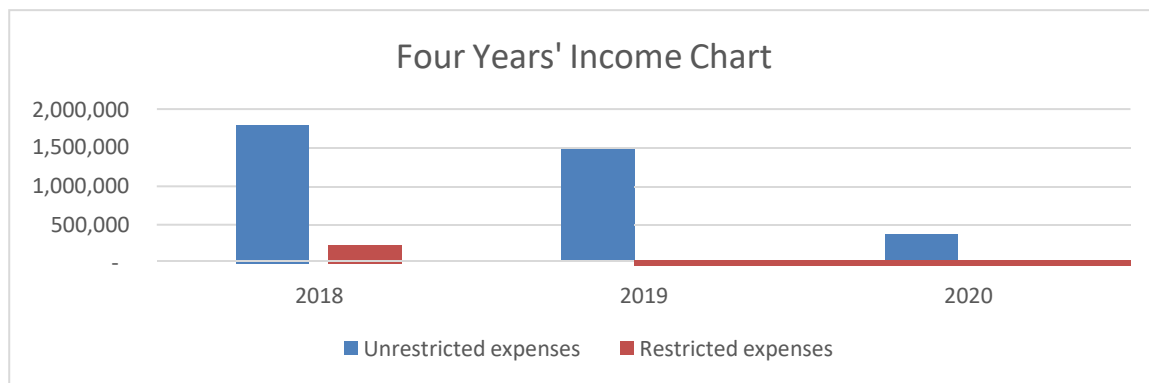
The reduction in donations from individuals is mainly due to a closure of the centre and suspended all activities following the government restrictions on all worship places.

	2018	2019	2020	Variances
Unrestricted income	1,419,668	1,382,878	354,543	-75%
Restricted income	244,692	8,470	-	-



The same circumstances affected the income had the same results on expenditures, Expenditures decreased by 72%, The majority of expenses due the closure of the centre were staff salaries and the running costs of the building.

	2018	2019	2020	
Unrestricted expenses	1,796,317	1,416,455	386,139	-72%
Restricted expenses	232,657	41,354	-	-



Balance sheet, reserves and cash

Our net asset position has declined by 3.5% to £0.88m, reflecting the overall deficit position for the year.

Operational reserves (unrestricted reserves less depreciating tangible and intangible fixed assets) have declined to £0.88m as a result of the unrestricted funds deficit.

The Trust has maintained a strong focus on cash management and so has limited the reduction of cash and cash equivalents, resulted on a net increase of £88k.

The trustees consider the cash remaining balance as sufficient to support the operational requirements of The Trust for the next twelve months.

Trustees assessment of Going Concern

The trustees had assisted the restrictions arising due to the pandemic which materially impacted the results for the financial year to 31 December 2020, primarily due to the closure of the centre and cancellation of Ramadan, Hajj and no support from the government.

The assessment indicate the existence of a uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about Muntada Trusts ability to continue as a going concern, therefore, The Trust will continue follow previous year plans to restructure the operations and reduce the workforce to the limit that will reverse all the deficits in the very near future.

External Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Al Muntada Al Islami Trust

We have audited the financial statements of Al Muntada Al Islami Trust for the period ended 31 December 2020 which comprise a Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

The trustees are responsible for preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements are in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standard for Auditors.

Scope of the Audit

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amount of disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have consistently applied adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs for the period ended 31 December 2020; 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Charities Act 2011

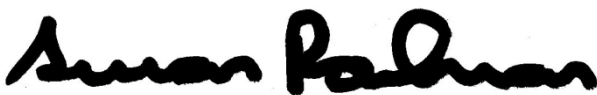
In our opinion the information given in the Trustees Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Matters on which we are required to Report by Exception

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

Adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

Certain disclosures of trustee's remuneration specified by law are not made; or We have not received all the information and explanations we require for audit; or The Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Small Companies regime and take advantage of the Small Companies Exemption in preparing the Report of the Trustees.



Susan Rahman
KWSR Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Charity Name Al Muntada Al Islami Trust		Charity No	293355		
		Company No			
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/01/2020	To	Period end date	31/12/2020	

Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Income (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	154,583	-	-	154,583	443,889
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	199,960	-	-	199,960	810,804
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	136,654
Total	354,543	-	-	354,543	1,391,348
Expenditure (Notes 4)				-	
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	1,640	-	-	1,640	2,698
Charitable activities	384,499	-	-	384,499	83,659
Trading Activities	-	-	-	-	1,371,451
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	386,139	-	-	386,139	1,457,809
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Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period	(31,596)	-	-	(31,596)	(66,461)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	(535,053)	510,898	937,466	913,311	979,772
Total funds carried forward	(566,649)	510,898	937,466	881,715	913,311

Section B Balance sheet as at 31-12-2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Tangible assets (Note 5)	3,677	-	937,466	941,143	942,368
Total fixed assets	3,677	-	937,466	941,143	942,368
Current assets					
Debtors (Note 6.2&6.3)	(192,966)	-	-	(192,966)	126,518
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 6.1)	132,525	-	-	132,525	44,012
Total current assets	(60,442)	-	-	(60,442)	170,529
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 7.1 & 7.2)	(9,765)	-	-	(9,765)	190,836
Net current assets/(liabilities)	(50,677)	-	-	(50,677)	(20,307)
Total assets less current liabilities	(47,001)	-	937,466	890,466	922,061
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 7.1)	8,750	-	-	8,750	
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	
Total net assets or liabilities	(55,751)	-	937,466	881,716	913,311
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds (Note 8)	-		937,466	937,466	937,466
Restricted income funds (Note 8)		113,147		113,147	510,898
Unrestricted funds	(168,898)		-	(168,898)	(535,053)
Total funds	(168,898)	113,147	937,466	881,715	913,311

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

Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
Dr. Saeed AlGhadie	26/10/2021

Statement of Cash Flows or the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period as per the statement of financial activities	(31,596)	(66,461)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation	1,226	1,634
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	319,484	(6,286)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(200,601)	75,034
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	88,513	3,921
Cash flow from financing activities		-
Loan received	-	8,750
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-	8,750
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of assets	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	88,513	12,671
Opening Cash and Cash equivalents	44,012	31,340
Closing Cash and Cash equivalents	132,525	44,012
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	88,513	12,671

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Charity, which is a public benefit entity under Financial Reporting Standard 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective 1 January 2015, the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011 and Companies Act 2006.

The Accounting Policies are consistent with the previous year. After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity, therefore, continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies. No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period. No material prior year error has been identified in the reporting period.

b) Going Concern

Al Muntada Al Islami Trust is currently going through a recovery process to strengthen its financial resilience to continue to meet its charitable objectives. At the same time the charity is putting in measures to improve all aspects of its operations including governance, financial management, human resources and compliance. The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's financial position, Since the year end, the overall income position of the Charity has continued to improve but the unrestricted funds remain in deficit. A financial recovery plan to commence in January 2020 is being put in place. This involves a significant review of all areas of the Charity particularly those that are making operating deficits, reducing charitable expenditure and costs at the centre. This will also enable the Charity to manage operational and financial risks successfully and to allow us to meet our strategic and operational goals over the next 12 months and the medium term.

The following assumptions are made in the financial projections.

The charity will be able to raise the voluntary income from donors and supporters which it has projected as there are an increasing number of supporters who are committed to continue supporting the charity. This was demonstrated during 2020 up to the report date. The organisation will focus on reviewing its cost base to ensure it is in line with its income projections.

Despite the financial recovery plan and the associated financial and cash flow forecasts the Trustees recognise that there is a material uncertainty relating to these assumptions. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about The Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees and CEO are proactively addressing the negative unrestricted funds and will continue to have day-to-day focus on income generation and cashflow forecasts and these will be reviewed on a monthly basis. As a result of these planned changes and the commitment to implement them the Trustees are of the view that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if Al Muntada Trust was unable to continue as a going concern.

The trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties which suggest the charity cannot continue as a going concern. The accounting policies have been consistently applied for all material items.

c) Incoming resources

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of

Financial Activities when Al Muntada Trust is entitled to the funds, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Gifts in Kind for which Al Muntada Trust accepts full responsibility for distribution are included in income at the value to the charity (in the case of medicines, at the lowest value of the generic equivalent as approved by the WHO) when the good are received and under the control of Al Muntada Trust. Amounts are recognised in inventory until distributed at which point the relevant cost is released to the statement of financial activities.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when Al Muntada Trust is entitled to the funds, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

The receipt in advance of a grant for expenditure that takes place in a future accounting period is accounted for as deferred income and recognised as a liability until the accounting period in which Al Muntada Trust will expend the resource.

d) Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised on an accrual's basis.

Fundraising 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 indirectly in support of expenditure on the programmes of the Charity. Allocation of support costs and staff costs have been proportionated to the total of programme costs and corresponding thematic programme area.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. They include legal advice for trustees, cost of trustees' meetings, audit fee and internal audit costs. These costs are allocated in the same way as other support costs.

e) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange at the time of the transaction.

Foreign currency balances are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date.

Foreign currency gains and losses are recognised through the Statement of Financial Activities for the period in which they are incurred.

f) Investment property

No investment property held.

g) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as Leasehold properties Straight line over the life of the lease,

Freehold properties 5% straight line, Computers and software 25% straight line, Fixtures and fittings 25% straight line, Office equipment 25% straight line, Motor vehicles 15% straight line

Assets that are subject to amortisation are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate.

h) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which include buildings and equipment necessary for the proper functioning of the Charity and other funds available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are subject to specific restrictions as imposed by the donor or nature of the appeal.

i) Taxation

As a registered charity, Al Muntada Trust is exempt from taxation of income and gains to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

j) Key judgements and estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. If in the future such estimates and assumptions, which are based on the Trustees' best judgment at the date of the financial statements, deviate from the actual circumstances, the original estimates and assumptions will be modified as appropriate in the year in which the circumstances change. The Trustees' do not believe that there are any significant areas of estimation uncertainty that need to be disclosed.

Note 3

Income

Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations received in the UK	51,386	-	51,386	231,821
Gift Aid	197	-	197	226
Donations from other charities	103,000	-	103,000	211,842
	154,583	-	154,583	443,889

Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Crisis relief projects	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Rental income	199,960	-	199,960	68,582
Pilgrimage	-	-	-	742,222
	199,960	-	199,960	810,804

Others

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Services provided to other charities	-	-	-	136,393
Bank Interest	-	-	-	261
	-	-	-	136,654
TOTAL INCOME	354,543	-	354,543	1,391,348

4 Resources expended

	Direct	Staff	Support	Total	Total
	Costs	Costs	Costs	2020	2019
	£	£	£	Costs	Costs
				£	£
Raising Funds	248	1,030	361	1,640	2,698
Charitable Activities and Trading activities					
Primary School	-	-	-	-	-
Pilgrimage	55,715	231,251	81,107	368,073	1,371,451
Culture & Social Affairs	1,623	6,738	2,363	10,724	32,262
Crisis relief projects	863	3,582	1,256	5,702	51,397
Total Charitable Activities and Trading activities	58,201	241,571	84,727	384,499	1,455,110
Total Expenditure	58,449	242,602	85,088	386,139	1,457,809

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Support Costs	2020	2019
	£	£

Office Costs	76,635	275,106
IT	2,875	24,042
Governance Costs	5,577	33,083
	85,088	332,231

	2020	2019
Governance Costs	£	£

Audit Fees	3,250	3,250
Meeting expenses	216	10,966
Membership & PR	-	-
Training	-	660
Legal fees	1,912	18,207
	5,577	33,083

Note 5

Tangible fixed assets

5 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Office Equipment	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	937,466	88,714	108,917	13,997	1,149,094
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	937,466	88,714	108,917	13,997	1,149,094

Depreciation and impairments

	**Basis	SL or RB	RB	RB	RB	Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance ("RB")
	** Rate		0.25	0.25	0.25	
At beginning of the year	-	88,322	107,178	11,226	206,726	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	
Depreciation	-	98	435	692.90	1,226	
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	
At end of the year	-	88,420	107,613	11,919	207,951	

Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	937,466	392	1,739	2,771	942,368
Net book value at the end of the year	937,466	294	1,304	2,079	941,143

Note 6.1 Cash at bank and in hand

	2020 £	2019 £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	132,525	44,012
Other	-	-
Total	132,525	44,012

Note 6.2 Debtors and Prepayments

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	(218,194)	99,535
Prepayments and accrued income	2,705	4,460
Other debtors	-	22,522
Total	(215,489)	126,518

Note 6.3 Disclosure of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	22,522	22,522
Total	22,522	22,522

Note 7 Creditors and accruals

7.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	54,737	33,201	-	-
VAT	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	106,698	-	-
Taxation and social security	38,672	50,937	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	8,750	8,750
Total	16,065	190,836	8,750	8,750

7.2 Deferred income

To account income to the correct period (accrual basis)

	Amounts falling due within one year	
	2020	2019
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	106,698	24,460
Amount added in current period	6,300	106,698
Amount released to income from previous periods	(106,698)	(24,460)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-
Total	6,300	106,698

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 8	Charity funds
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8.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted Funds	U		(535,053)	354,543	385,419	(397,031) -	-	(168,898)
Endowment Property	PE		937,466	-	-	-	-	937,466
Quran Translation Fund	R	Education	378	-	-	378 -	-	-
Drop of Life Fund	R	Water & Sanitation (Wash)	46,178	-	-	46,178 -	-	-
Iftaar Saa'em Africa Fund	R	Religious duties	(45)	-	-	(45) -	-	-
Zakaat-ulmaal Fund	R	Religious duties	869	-	720	-	-	149
Syria Crisis Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	434,649	-	-	321,649 -	-	113,000
Eritrean Refuges Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	9,615	-	-	9,615 -	-	-
Gaza Crisis Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	18,900	-	-	18,900 -	-	-
Nepal Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	356	-	-	356 -	-	-
Restricted Funds			510,898	-	720	- -	-	113,147
Total Funds			913,311	354,543	386,139	-	-	881,715

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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- (i) Restricted funds are held for application on affected programmes subsequent to receipt.
- (ii) Unrestricted General fund represents the amount that trustees are free to use in accordance with the charity’s objectives.

Prior years error disclosure:

Funds Transfer	Reason for transfer	Amount
Between restricted and unrestricted funds	The Salaries of restricted funds projects were deducted from unrestricted funds mistakenly since 2012, the trustees came to an agreement to transfer £397,031 back to unrestricted funds, the remaining restricted funds £113,147 will be used to cover projects in Syria were most needed.	

Note 8

Charity funds

8.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted Funds	U		(501,476)	1,382,878	1,416,455	-	-	(535,053)
Endowment Property	PE		937,466	-	-	-	-	937,466
			-	-	-	-	-	
Quran Translation Fund	R	Education	3,178	-	2,800	-	-	378
Drop of Life Fund	R	Water & Sanitation (Wash)	46,178	-	-	-	-	46,178
Iftaar Saa'em Africa Fund	R	Religious duties	537	8,470	11,240	(2,188)	-	(45)
Zakaat-ulmaal Fund	R	Religious duties	2,949	-	2,080	-	-	869
Syria Crisis Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	434,649	-	-	-	-	434,649
Eritrean Refugees Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	9,615	-	-	-	-	9,615
Gaza Crisis Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	18,900	-	-	-	-	18,900
Nepal Fund	R	Humanitarian/Emergency Response	738	-	-	382	-	356
Restricted Funds			543,782	8,470	41,354	0	-	510,898

Note 9 Details of certain types of expenditure

Note 9 Fees for Auditing of the accounts

	2020	2019
	£	£
Auditor's fees	3250	3,250

Note 10 Paid employees

10.1 Staff Costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	240,095	346,218
Social security costs	2,507	22,117
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	242,602	368,336

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

None

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

None

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity.

£38,000

10.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	1	1
Charitable Activities	1	3
Governance	2	2
Other	-	-
Total	4	6

11 Taxation: The Trust is a registered charity and is not therefore liable to income or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

12 Post balance sheet events: No Post balance sheet events

13 Related Parties : During financial year 2020, there were no Trustee or related party transactions recorded for the organisation

Note 14 Detailed income and expenses

	2020	2019	
<u>Income</u>		£	
Hajj - Sales	17,868	708,520	
Umrah - Sales		32,307	
Hajj Sales-Previous Years		790	
Hajj - Other incomes		605	
Standing Orders - MT	3,177	2,547	
Donations - General	24,384	13,121	
Donations Boxes	2,687	3,084	
Just Giving	3,229		
Support Charges - Utilities		136,393	
Other income	40	261	
Gift Aid Rebate	197	226	
Job Retention Scheme - Furlough	168,458		
Iftar Saa'em		8,470	
Donations from Overseas charities	103,000	211,842	
Designated Donations		201,100	
Rent Receivable	31,503	68,582	
International Aid Projects		-	
Admin fees		3,499	
		354,543	1,391,348
<u>Expenses</u>			
Bank Charges	203	451	
Web Hosting		322	
IT Maintenance & Support	116	676	
Stationery & Photocopier		21	
ATOL fees	1,728	1,971	
Salaries	48,613	43,153	
Hajj Staff Expenses		22,400	
Advertising & Printing	4,987	3,628	

Travelling		595
Hajj Packages		24,800
Accommodation - Madinah		86,488
Accommodation _ Mekkah		193,769
Ground Transportation		43,188
Accommodation (Mina)		57,641
Mutawef - Ahmed Zaki		25,000
Flight Tickets		164,948
Legalisation & Solicitor fees		1,811
Restaurant in Mekkah		19,819
Sundries & refreshment	68	9,194
Umrah Expenses		33,318
Cultural & Social Activities - Salaries	-	2,886
Building Maintenance		294
Media	1,083	-
Miscellaneous		27
Qur'aan Competitions		1,800
Conferences and Courses	540	1,000
Iftar Saeem		11,240
Media	143	-
Fundraising Cost		1,442
Miscellaneous		164
Mali Project		846
Udhia		25
Education Malaysia		20,735
Education - Turkey		1,000
Nahed Islamic Centre		2,627
Zakaat Distributed	720	2,080
Redundancy	18,965	
Employers N.I.	(56)	-
Employers Pensions	2,563	4,762
Salaries - Management	155,396	263,784
Salaries - Maintenance	65,733	77,766
SMP Recovered		(94)
Business Rate		16,361
Waste Management Services	5,260	7,738

Building Insurance	7,070	7,777
Electricity	11,187	20,906
Gas	11,334	15,086
Water rate	4,365	9,005
Telephone, Fax & Broadband	7,215	8,663
IT Maintenance, Support & Equipment	2,875	24,042
Meetings Expenses	216	10,966
Fundraising cost - MT	248	
Mailshot & acloud	6,107	3,508
Subsidy		22,500
Stationery & Photocopier	1,016	2,679
Legal and Professional fees	5,361	21,457
Building Maintenance, repairs & renewal	8,494	5,580
Pest Control		1,316
Cleaning	1,259	4,155
H&S & Fire Protection Services	1,313	1,166
Miscellaneous Expenses	245	3,339
Training		660
Hajj Bonuses	9,000	48,050
Hospitality	485	7,525
Donations To Other Org		92,900
Depreciation	1,226	1,634
Bad Debt Write Off	1,060	-
	386,139	-
	(31,595.84)	(66,461.08)

Covid-19 Muslim Collaborative Announcements:



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Mosques Emergency Plan of Action

Immediate Suspension of Activities and Congregation Prayers.

18 March 2020 AD / 1441 AH

The recently declared pandemic of COVID-19 has gripped the world in fear and hysteria; however, such a generational event presents a unique opportunity of spiritual introspection for a believer, rather than the emotion, which gives rise to frenzied, irrational conduct.

Pondering the Qur'an, we find that Allah *ta'ala* reassures us that life is ultimately dependent upon Him. When misfortune strikes, the fragile nature of life becomes ever apparent, and we tend to forget that it is Allah *ta'ala* who gives life and causes death; and that none, save Him, can do so. We find that Allah *ta'ala* emphasis that all that transpires in existence does so at His decree:

(قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا ۚ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ) التوبة: 51

"Say, 'Never will happen to us except what Allāh has decreed for us; He is our Protector.' And upon Allāh let the believers place their trust/reliance." [9:51]

In addition, we are ever reminded that in times of calamity and adversity, ultimate saviour lies in returning, repenting and humbling ourselves before His Majesty:

(فَلَوْلَا إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا تَضَرَّعُوا وَلَكِنْ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ) الأنعام: 43

"Then why, when Our punishment came to them, did they not humble themselves? But their hearts became hardened, and Satan made attractive to them that which they were doing." [6:43]

Following the latest rulings (fatwa's) from many reputable scholars, several Shari'ah Boards, as well as the latest UK governmental guidance and advice from medical organisations, the undersigned mosques have taken the unprecedented and difficult move to suspend all congregational services and activities. This is a decision that was not taken lightly and has been done to prevent the further spread of the virus in our mosques and the UK at large, with the foremost being the protection of the elderly and vulnerable amongst our communities.

All mosques and faith institutions have a duty of care towards their communities. A unanimously agreed upon legal maxim in the Shari'ah states that: **preservation of life takes precedence over the public commission of significant acts of worship**, as well as the principle: **Harm is to be removed**. For these

reasons, the undersigned are cancelling all major activities at their mosques, effective from the date of this statement, as a temporary measure. This includes:

- Jumu'ah prayers
- Daily congregational prayers
- Madrasah and educational classes, conferences and other regular lectures.

We ask everyone to pray salah at home, this includes Jumu'ah, which should be replaced with the normal dhuhr (mid-day prayer consisting of 4 raka'at) prayer. Our mosques and Islamic centres shall ensure that telephone and online consultations with imams are regularly available during this period. We heavily advise communities to resort to their local Mosques and established organisations for Islamic advice and rulings. We also urge them to heed governmental advice regarding social interactions and precautions, all with the aim of reducing and containing the spread of the virus- both of which are ethical and Islamic objectives and protecting the most vulnerable in our communities.

The onset of mass self-isolation gives the opportunity to reconnect with Allah *ta'ala* in moments of seclusion rarely gifted in today's world, allowing us to rediscover the Qur'an in preparation for Ramadan, praying Jema'ah with our family or performing additional acts of worship that have been largely ignored. We should also seek to serve our community and the creation in a safe manner, reducing risk to the vulnerable in our communities and observing the communal, collective obligation of assisting one another, with affection and compassion.

Coordination Council of Mosques 18/03/2020

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12. Muslim Welfare House
13. Quba Islamic Centre
14. The Wisdom Cultural Islamic Centre
15. Finsbury Park Mosque
16. Green Lane Mosque
17. Al Salaam Islamic Centre
18. Al Farooq Education and Community Centre Glasgow
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21. Mayfair Islamic Centre
22. West London Islamic Centre - Ealing





بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Eid'ul Fitr Announcement 2020 AD / 1441 AH

We are pleased to announce to the whole Muslim Community in the U.K that **Sunday 24 May 2020 is the day of Eid'ul Fitr**, the 1st of Shawwal 1441 Hijri. We congratulate all Muslims in the world and want to take this opportunity to ask Allah to accept all our deeds and wish everyone a blessed life full of happiness, peace and prosperity

يسرنا أن نعلن للجالية الإسلامية في المملكة المتحدة أن يوم الأحد الموافق 24 من شهر مايو/ أيار 2020 م هو أول أيام عيد الفطر المبارك، وهو الأول من شهر شوال 1441 هـ. ويسرنا بهذه المناسبة أن نرفق إلى الجاليات الإسلامية في بريطانيا، وإلى جميع المسلمين في أنحاء العالم أطيّب التهاني بعيد الفطر المبارك، سائلين الله تعالى أن يتقبل أعمالهم، وأن يعيده علينا وعلى الأمة الإسلامية، والعالم كله، بالخير واليمن والبركات والأمن والرخاء .

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Calls for the Government to provide clarity on congregational prayers

11 June 2020

Recent Government guidance is allowing places of worship to reopen for 'individual' worship from 15 June 2020. Whilst this may be appropriate for some faiths, it does not take in to account that congregational prayers are the main act of worship within a Mosque.

The Coordination Committee for Mosques and Islamic Centres in London is seeking for clear government guidance on the timing and conditions for the re-opening of mosques for collective worship, so that congregational prayers can be safely facilitated. In the meantime, our Mosques will continue to remain temporarily closed.

The transmission of Covid19 still remains a serious threat to the lives of everyone specially, vulnerable people in our communities. Evidence shows that the BAME (Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic) members are disproportionately affected by Covid19. Therefore, we consider the safety and well-being of our congregations as a paramount concern. This decision will be kept under constant review, as will requisite risk assessments and the preparation of adequate safety measures working with the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) in accordance with government guidelines.

We would like to thank our community for their support, patience and understanding during this difficult time. We will continue offering online educational and welfare services, as we have done for the duration of the lockdown and we are hopeful that the Mosques will reopen in the not so distant future, Insha'Allah.

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- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

7 June 2020

The Government announced the first stage of the relaxation of restrictions on activities in places of worship starting on 15th June. So far this only extends to individual prayer.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP TO REOPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

Places of worship across England will be permitted to reopen for individual prayer from Monday 15 June, the Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick confirmed today (Sunday 7 June).

This decision follows discussions between the Government and representatives of major faiths through the Places of Worship Taskforce.

This move recognises the spiritual and mental health benefits for people being able to pray in their place of worship, and that for some people this cannot be replicated by praying at home.

New guidance will be published shortly to ensure the limited re-opening of places of worship can be done safely and in line with social distancing guidelines. This will recommend the thorough cleaning of shared spaces, hand cleansing at entry and exit and asking worshippers to bring their own items such as a prayer mat or religious text instead of sharing or using communal ones.

Individual prayer will be permitted from 15 June, but communally led prayer, worship or devotion such as services, evensong, informal prayer meetings, Mass, Jummah or Kirtan will not be possible at this stage.

The Government will continue to work with the Taskforce towards the full reopening of places of worship as soon as the scientific advice allows.

Communities Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP said:

"Ensuring places of worship can open again, beginning with private prayer by individuals has been my priority. Their contribution to the common good of our country is clear, as places of solace, comfort, stability and dignity. And the need for them is all the greater as we weather the uncertainties of the pandemic.

"I'm pleased the Prime Minister has announced that this can happen from 15 June. As Communities Secretary I have worked with faith leaders and representatives to prepare guidance that ensures this can be done safely.

"People of all faiths have shown enormous patience and forbearance, unable to mark Easter, Passover, Ramadan or Vaisakhi with friends and family in the traditional way. As we control the virus, we are now able to move forwards with a limited, but important return to houses of worship."

Faith Minister Lord Greenhalgh said:

"Religious communities have shown enormous resilience and sacrifice in celebrating significant spiritual moments like Easter, Passover, Ramadan, Eid and Vaisakhi at home during these extraordinary times.

"The Government has determined that this the right time right time to begin re-opening places of worship for individual prayer.



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Reopening of Mosques

After months of closure, mosques are looking to reopen. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense hardship and suffering for many. Paramount importance is being given to the wellbeing and safety of returning worshippers and their families.

The government has announced that as of the 4th of July, places of worship may reopen for worship and other activities if deemed COVID-19 safe by their management. This is a welcome news, Alhamdulillah. May Allah make it easy to see off this Pandemic for good with minimum suffering and loss of lives.

But, as much as we welcome the opportunity to re-open our mosques, we take seriously our religious, legal and moral responsibilities for the safety of our worshippers, staff, volunteers, and neighbourhoods.

Data from the Office for National Statistics shows that the age-standardised mortality rate is highest amongst Muslims compared to other religious groups^[1], and that the mortality rate is highest amongst black and minority ethnic (BAME) groups than other ethnic groups^[2].

For us, it is a delicate balance between asking our worshippers to bear with us a little more being away from their beloved mosques and rushing to reopen and subject our community to the risk, albeit small and limited, of COVID-19 infection and potential increase in Islamophobic sentiments.

As people rush to take advantage of the lockdown easing measures going in effect on 4th July, we hope and pray that the COVID-19 transmission rate declines. **For now, our mosques will remain closed, but hopefully not one day longer than necessary.** We are constantly reviewing our position in light of Government updates and advice from relevant bodies

If the COVID-19 transmission rate remains stable post 4 July, we envisage Mosques may start reopening hopefully very soon.

The Coordination Council of Mosques (and many other Mosques) will reconvene on the evening of Tuesday 7th July 2020 to reassess the date of reopening in light of the recent resurgence of the virus.



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Eid ul-Adha 2020 Announcement

We are pleased to announce to the whole Muslim Community in the U.K that **Wednesday 22nd July 2020** is the first day of **Dhul-Hijjah 1441 Hijri**.

That means The Day of Arafah will be Thursday 30th July 2020 and **Eid ul-Adhha will be Friday 31st July 2020**.

We congratulate all Muslims in the world and want to take this opportunity to ask Allah to accept all our deeds and wish everyone a blessed life full of happiness, peace and prosperity

يسرنا أن نعلن للجالية الإسلامية في المملكة المتحدة أن يوم الأربعاء الموافق 22 من شهر يوليو 2020 م هو أول يوم من شهر ذي الحجة لهذا العام 1441 هـ ، وعليه يكون يوم الوقوف بعرفة هو يوم الخميس 30 من يوليو 2020 م ويوم عيد الأضحى المبارك هو يوم الجمعة 31 من يوليو 2020 م .

يسر هذه المناسبة أن نرف إلى الجاليات الإسلامية في بريطانيا و جميع المسلمين في أنحاء العالم أطيب التهاني بعيد الأضحى المبارك سائلين الله تعالى أن يتقبل أعمالهم، وأن عيده علينا وعلى الأمة الإسلامية والعالم كله بلخير واليمن والبركات والأمن والرخاء.

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