

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 517456

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 1986-04-29

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST ARE TO PROMOTE THE DOCUMENT OF THE RELIGION OF ISLAM AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE MUSLIM CHILDREN AND ADULTS AND THE TEACHING OF ARABIC AND OTHER LANGUAGES AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT.

Activities: Provide Islamic Education to meet the modern needs of Muslims. Enrich society through community service and grassroots initiatives. Empower individuals and groups to serve the needs of their own communities. Provide Islamic services to the British Muslims that enhance their lives as British Citizens.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£394,571	£339,797	-	-
2024-03-31	£355,837	£398,335	-	-
2023-03-31	£581,795	£603,511	£2,645,183	1
2022-03-31	£562,502	£490,623	£2,666,897	2
2021-03-31	£436,221	£343,640	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Jalil Ahmed		2019-02-20
Dr Mohammed Mohbeen		2022-04-13
Dr SAFWAN TAYYAB MBCHB		2016-12-04
FAIZUL AQTAB SIDDIQI		
FARIED CHEDIE		2016-12-04
FARJANA HANNAN		2016-12-04
Hassan Ali Shah		2015-07-04
IMRAN KHAN		2015-07-04
MR MUJIB AWAN		
Najeeha Al Azkah Siddiqi		2022-04-13

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Accounts

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TRUST Charity No. 517456

Company No.

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2025

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 .

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No.

Charity No. 517456

Registered Office

Hijaz College
Watling Street
Nuneaton
CV116BE

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.
The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

Dr Mohammed Mohbeen
Najeeha Al Azkah Siddiqi
Dr Jalil Ahmed
Farjana Hannan
Faried Chedie
Dr Safwan Tayyab
Hassan Ali Shah
Imran Khan
Mujib Awan
Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi
Noorul Aqtab Siddiqi

Accountants

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS
Electric Wharf
1 Generator Hall
CV1 4JL

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 Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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 above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Trustees Annual Report

Signed on behalf of the board

M.AWAN

Trustee

31st March 2025

M. Awan

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of.

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

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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

Farhan Nagda

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Electric Wharf

1 Generator Hall

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31 January 2025

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

TRUST Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	286,196.38		286,196.38	243,785.00
Charitable activities	5	-		-	-
Other trading activities	6	83,185.78		83,185.78	86,023.54
Investments	7	25,188.81		25,188.81	26,027.90
Total		394,570.97		394,570.97	355,837.00
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	-		-	-
Charitable activities	9	-		-	-
Other	10	339,797.16		339,797.16	398,334.00
Total		54,773.81		54,773.81	42,498.00
Net gains on investments:					
Net income		54,773.81		54,773.81	42,498.00
Transfers between funds		-		-	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		54,773.81		54,773.81	42,498.00
Net movement in funds		-		-	-
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,572,685.00	30,000.00	2,602,685.00	2,645,185.00
Total funds carried forward		2,627,458.81	30,000.00	2,657,458.81	2,602,685.00

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TRUST Summary Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income	369,382	329,809
Investment Income	25,189	26,028
Gross income for the year	394,571	355,837
Expenditure	329,265	388,120
Interest Payable	10,533	10,215
Total expenditure for the year	339,797	398,335
Net income before tax for the year	54,774	-42,498
Net income for the year	54,774	-42,498

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

TRUST Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,115,000	3,115,000
		<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>3,115,000</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		30,272	10,931
		<u>30,272</u>	<u>10,931</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	-750	-750
Net current assets		29,522	10,181
Total assets less current liabilities		3,144,522	3,125,181
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	-487,063	-522,496
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,657,459</u>	<u>2,602,685</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,657,459</u>	<u>2,602,685</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	15		
Restricted income funds		30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds	15		
General funds		1,502,660	1,545,157
Designated funds		54,774	-42,497
		<u>1,557,434</u>	<u>1,502,660</u>
Reserves	15		
Revaluation reserve		1,100,025	1,100,025
Total funds		<u>2,657,459</u>	<u>2,602,685</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 31 March 2025

And signed on its behalf by:

M.AWAN
Trustee
31 March 2025

M. Awan

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Accounting Policies- Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Notes to the Accounts

Income:

Recognition of Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity income becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability

Income with related expenditure

Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the legacies SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help investment income

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts. This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets

This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure:

Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds

These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities

These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Notes to the Accounts

Grants payable

All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance Cost

These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure

These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognized at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognized at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognized where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognized at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Notes to the Accounts

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognized as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognized immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalized in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognized as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognized as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognized as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognized within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

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Notes to the Accounts

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
286,196.38	286,196.38	243,785
286,196.38	286,196.38	243,785

4 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
-	-	-
-	-	-

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Notes to the Accounts

5 Income from other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
83,186	83,186	86,024
83,186	<u>83,186</u>	<u>86,024</u>

6 Income from investments

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2025	2024
£	£	£
25,189	25,189	26,028
25,189	<u>25,189</u>	<u>26,028</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2024	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>

8 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	750	750
	750	750

9 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	122,162	159,643
Other loans	361,284	361,284
Other creditors	3,617	1,569
	<u>487,063</u>	<u>522,496</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

10 Movement in funds

	1 April 2024 £	31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds:		
Restricted income funds	30,000	30,000
Total	30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds:		
General funds	1,545,157	1,502,659
Designated funds	-42,498	54,774
Total	1,502,659	1,557,434
Revaluation reserves:		
Revaluation fund	1,100,025	1,100,025
Total	1,100,025	1,100,025

11 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus, no single party controls the company.

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st March 2025

During the year, the Trust continued to advance its charitable aims in education, spirituality, and community service through a wide range of programmes and initiatives. Core educational activities flourished, including the Medina Youth Programme, which maintained strong participation through online classes, monthly gatherings, and assessments. Regular dhikr assemblies, Friday Jumu'ah prayers, and weekly online teachings provided opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection. The Garden of Blessings continued to serve as a sacred resting place and a valued source of income, with growing demand for burial spaces and ongoing improvements to the grounds and facilities.

A key highlight of the year was the Blessed Summit 2024, marking the 30th anniversary of the passing of His Eminence *Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)*. The event brought together scholars, students, and community members for a weekend of learning, remembrance, and spiritual renewal. The keynote address by *His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi Hijazi* offered profound personal insights into his father's legacy, inspiring attendees to uphold his mission of service, unity, and spiritual elevation. The Summit attracted approximately 5,000 participants both onsite and online, reaffirming its status as Hijaz's flagship annual gathering.

This milestone year also created new opportunities to share His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA) legacy with academic and research communities. At the Muslims in Britain Research Network (MBRN) conference at Westminster University, Hijaz representatives presented on the history and development of the Hijazi Naqshbandi community in Britain, enabling His Eminence's spiritual and educational impact to be explored within a national scholarly forum. Additionally, our growing engagement with Cardiff University's Centre for the Study of Islam allowed for meaningful discussions on the contemporary needs of Muslims in the UK and opened the door to potential collaboration on hosting future Hijaz exhibitions on campus. These academic interactions further strengthened the recognition of His Eminence's contributions and deepened institutional links that will support Hijaz Expo's educational mission in the years ahead.

The Trust also expanded its Hijaz Expo initiative, designed to open the Hijaz grounds to the wider public through heritage, education, and interfaith engagement. Throughout the year, the team delivered several successful outreach programmes in collaboration with local and regional partners. These included participation in the Return of the King Exhibition and the Rose Laying Ceremony at Bosworth Battlefield, where Hijaz representatives joined civic and interfaith leaders to commemorate the fallen and pray for peace. Additionally, at the Bosworth Medieval Festival, Hijaz Expo hosted creative workshops such as geometric tile design and prayer bead making, introducing visitors of all backgrounds to Islamic art and spirituality in a friendly, accessible setting. These events strengthened community ties and positioned Hijaz as an active contributor to the region's cultural and educational landscape.

Operationally, the Trust continued its extensive site renovation programme, including upgrades to the mosque, main building, ablution facility, and visitor facilities. Property maintenance across residential units was sustained through rental income, while volunteer professionals provided invaluable support in project management, architecture, and accounting—saving the charity significant expenditure.

Notes to the Accounts

The trustees express deep gratitude to the volunteers, mentors, and staff whose dedication underpins every aspect of the Trust's work. Looking ahead, priorities include the launch of Hijaz Expo, completion of the Hijaz Museum and ablution area, and continued investment in youth and adult education. The Trust remains committed to providing an environment of learning, reflection, and spiritual enrichment for all who visit Hijaz.

Secretary's Report



Mujib Awan
Secretary

Our purposes and activities

Jamia Islamia (Islamic Studies Centre) Trust, known as “Hijaz College”, has been serving the community for over three decades and has built unique partnerships within the British Muslim community. Its core values have always been centred on Education, Society and Spirituality.

Mission Statement

Offering Islamic spiritual and academic education and mentoring for Muslims in the U.K., and strengthening their ethical religious and social values and citizenship.

The key purposes of the Trust are:

- to promote advancement of the religion of Islam
- the advancement of education of the Muslim children and adults
- the teaching of Arabic and other languages
- such other charitable means as the Trustees shall see fit.

The trustees have developed a Business Plan to implement its objectives by:

- Providing Islamic Education to meet the modern needs of Muslims
- Enriching society through community service and grassroots initiatives
- Empowering individuals and groups to serve the needs of their own communities
- Providing Islamic services to the British Muslims that enhance their lives as British Citizens.
- Promoting Islamic Spirituality, Dynamic Thinking and Personal Development through all projects and initiatives
- Contributing to social harmony in the United Kingdom through implementation of the universal principles of Islam

The following projects are being utilised to achieve the Trust’s aims and objectives:

Hijaz College

Medina Youth Programme

The Medina Youth Programme is a comprehensive introduction to essential Islamic subjects. The educational programme continues to be a popular course for young Muslim children within Hijaz Trust. Classes continue to be held 4 times a week on zoom, and accumulate in regular quizzes to assess their progress.

The online teaching allows for the children of both local Hijaz Trust members and afar to benefit from the distance learning provided.

- Combined class one and two study aqeedah (core Islamic beliefs), seerah and tafsir of the Noble Quran.
- Class three, made up of children as young as 6 years old, learnt about prayer, aqeedah, seerah and tafsir of the Noble Quran.

Throughout the last year there have been approximately 50 regular attendees who thoroughly enjoy the lessons. The Trust hopes to continue to inspire young minds so that they are instilled with a full understanding of the Islamic way of life and develop the

characteristics of ideal Muslim citizens as they grow up.

To celebrate their achievements and progress throughout the year, a summer party was organised. Participating children, their families and local Hijaz Trust volunteers came together to enjoy a barbeque, lunch, inflatables and a movie in the Marquee.

Educational events

Education continues to be delivered through monthly gatherings to allow more people to benefit from a deeper understanding of Islam and its teachings.

1. The weekly online teaching of Islamic texts continued in the following areas:
 - i. Studying the text **“The Perfect Man”** by Asim Awan.
This concise yet profound work explores the noble character, virtues, and exemplary life of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ — the model of perfection for all humanity. Through accessible commentary and reflection, students are guided to appreciate how his compassion, justice, and devotion to Allah serve as a timeless framework for personal and spiritual growth in the modern world.
 - ii. Studying the text **‘The legacy of Sayyidina Abu Bakr As-Siddiq,’** delving into the life, leadership, and enduring influence of Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA), the first Caliph of Islam and one of the closest companions of the Prophet ﷺ. It examines his unwavering faith, humility, and courage in upholding the message of Islam after the Prophet’s passing, offering valuable lessons on trust, service, and moral integrity.

The above lessons are taught online, which people can access on Audio Mack and YouTube. These have 133 online followers and nearly 9000 plays.

2. Weekly Dhikr (Remembrance of God)

Weekly spiritual gatherings of congregational dhikr have continued in the Mosque. This gathering of Dhikr is an opportunity for intellectual stimulation and education as well as nourishment for the soul.

3. Community gatherings

We were happy to host regular monthly gatherings in which the community is invited for an evening of education, worship and dinner. Such events included the celebration of Mawlid-un-Nabi (celebration of the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ). Whilst we were happy to host communal gatherings, we continued live-streaming for those unable to travel or be present in Hijaz.

The Hijaz Trust enjoyed the privilege and honour of a custodian of the blessed hair of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the blessed hair of Hazrat Abdul Qadr Jilani (RA) brought to Hijaz, the Mausoleum and Hijaz Mosque, during Fajr time of the 12th Rabbi ul Awwal shareef. This allowed our congregation to commemorate the advent of Holy Prophet ﷺ at the exact time and date of his blessed birth. The opportunity was welcomed by the Trust and beneficiaries, whom were truly grateful and fortunate to have been able to host such a holy relic during a commemorative and celebratory time of the Islamic calendar.

Both Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha were celebrated in Hijaz and Eid lunch was enjoyed outdoors with an opportunity for children to enjoy the grounds and play in the playground area.

The wider community was invited to join in with other solemn and auspicious dates in the Islamic calendar, including the Night of Ascension and the Night of Forgiveness, which took place in the Mosque and Mausoleum. These included the recommended visit of the graveyard to make special prayer for those buried there along with the late relatives of the congregation.

4. Friday Jummah Sermons

- i. The Hijaz Mosque continues its weekly 30-minute speeches, which include short lessons on a range of topics, including:
 1. The importance of sincerity (ikhlas) in worship
 2. Managing anger and nurturing patience
 3. The dangers of pride and the virtue of humility
 4. Gratitude as a way of life
 5. The purification of the heart through Divine remembrance
 6. Historical events marked throughout the Islamic calendar
- ii. Hijaz Trust is the only mosque in the UK which schedules a late afternoon congregational Jummah in the summer months (when a later Dhuhr prayer is permitted). This has been in practice in the last five years and was implemented for the sake of allowing young children and their parents to attend at a suitable time. Holding Jummah at 5.30pm on Fridays allows for children and working professionals to attend prayer after the school and working day, and is an opportune time at the end of the week for families to come together and worship. The Friday worship is always coupled with food after prayer, which is a blessing that the community has expressed to be greatly beneficial.

Community Outreach

In continuation of our outreach efforts to support our neighbours and the wider community, we delivered several hundred food packages across Nuneaton and Hinckley. Volunteers worked together to cook, pack, and distribute the meals in celebration of Eid. Packages were shared with local market traders and businesses on Castle Street in the historic market town of Hinckley, as well as with nearby residents on Coventry Road and Watling Street.

Hijaz Expo

1. In recent years, the Trust has been considering how best to showcase the grounds within its idyllic setting and unique offerings. The grounds have been known and visited by a growing community of beneficiaries for over a decade. Much of this audience has been by those of Muslim faith, seeking to build upon their spiritual creation or to seek blessings from the Mausoleum. The centre of education, personal development and spiritual enrichment has had far-reaching effects nationally and beyond. The Trust has focussed its new Business Plan on establishing a 'visit day' on the sacred grounds and opening this up to the wider public, in which members of the general public can experience and learn about Islam.

2. As this Visit Day involves an outing and exhibits, showcasing aspects of Islam, including Islamic music and architecture, as well as the in-person experiential activities of visiting a Mausoleum and observing Muslim worship, the Hijaz Expo became the perfect name to encapsulate the day.
3. With this in mind, the Trust has spent time and thought in developing the grounds, making improvements for better accessibility and facilities as well as enhancing the existing natural beauty of the landscape.
4. The Trust is aiming to launch the Hijaz Expo to local organisations in December 2025 and looks forward to hosting away days for schools, colleges, universities, councils, unions, scouts, media organisations for profit and non-profit associations, interfaith, and individuals.

Return of the King Exhibition

In the previous year, we launched "**A Tale of Two Re-Interments**," a unique temporary exhibition that explores the parallels between two influential figures: King Richard III and the Saint His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA). Both men, who died young, were later re-interred in sacred places in the local area, making their stories emblematic of the region's historical tapestry.

The exhibition told the life, works, and contributions of His Eminence since the 1970s through an immersive experience, featuring photographs, videos, and eye-witness accounts. The exhibit highlights how much shared history exists between different communities and demonstrates how the lives of these prominent individuals intersect with broader historical narratives.

On 22 March 2025, Hijaz Expo was featured at the "Return of the King" event held at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre & Country Park, Leicestershire. Our exhibition, which had originally formed part of the permanent Bosworth exhibition, was brought back and displayed temporarily for the weekend as part of this special programme.

This one-off return gave visitors the chance to re-engage with our materials, placing Islamic heritage and spirituality within the wider story of history and culture presented at Bosworth. The display served both as a heritage collaboration and as a public preview of Hijaz Expo's wider vision, ahead of our scheduled launch in Hijaz.

Feedback from attendees was positive, with many noting the value of seeing the Hijaz narrative integrated into a mainstream heritage context. This event also reaffirmed our commitment to presenting our heritage in ways that resonate with diverse audiences and create opportunities for intercultural dialogue.

Commemoration at Bosworth – Rose Laying Ceremony

On 22nd August 2024, Hijaz Expo members participated in the rose laying ceremony commemorating those who lost their lives in the Battle of Bosworth on the anniversary of the battle. A poignant ceremony led by the Dean of Leicester Cathedral, Very Revd Karen Rooms, that also remembered conflicts around the world and prayed for peace and unity among all.

It gave us a chance to see the newly acquired Richard III coins, the newly installed sculpture, 'Piecing Together the Past', and the temporary exhibition on Sikh women throughout history with the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, Councillor Joe Orson and the Deputy Mayor of Hinckley and Bosworth, Scott Gibbens. The event underscored the importance of continued dialogue and collaboration across faith, heritage, and civic spheres.

Bosworth Medieval Festival at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre

Our Hijaz Expo volunteers took part in the Bosworth Medieval Festival at the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, enjoying the chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new visitors over the weekend.

Throughout the festival we hosted a dedicated space at the Eagle Cabin, where the public could engage in hands-on activities including Arabic percussion workshops, geometric tile design, and prayer bead making. These interactive sessions were well received by families and visitors of all ages, offering a creative and accessible introduction to aspects of Islamic art, craft, and spirituality.

The festival gave Hijaz Expo a valuable opportunity to strengthen community links, share our heritage in a welcoming and practical way, and reinforce our commitment to intercultural dialogue within a broader historical and cultural celebration.

Conference at Westminster University, London – MBRN: Muslims in Britain Research Network

Hijaz was also represented at an academic level during the Muslims in Britain Research Network (MBRN) conference, held at Westminster University. The conference theme, "Muslims in Britain, 1800–1970, and Beyond: Historical Approaches and Why," explored the rich and evolving history of Muslim presence in Britain.

Imran Khan and Farzana Hannan presented a research paper titled:
"A Very British Islam: The Hijazi Naqshbandi Sufi Community in Warwickshire."

Their presentation traced the historical roots and development of the Hijazi Sufi tradition in Britain, highlighting the community's contribution to spiritual life, social cohesion, and the evolving narrative of Islam in the UK. Drawing on archival material, testimonies, and community history, the presentation provided a valuable academic perspective on the role of Hijaz in shaping a uniquely British expression of Islamic spirituality.

This engagement continues to strengthen Hijaz Expo's relationship with researchers, universities, and academic networks. It also underscored the significance of documenting, preserving, and sharing our community's heritage with wider scholarship, and further encourages us to develop our

Engagement with Cardiff University – Centre for the Study of Islam

We were pleased to welcome Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray, founder and Head of the Centre for the Study of Islam at Cardiff University, along with members of her management team, for an official visit to Hijaz. The delegation was given a guided tour of our exhibition at Bosworth, followed by an evening of dinner and thoughtful discussion with our Chair, members of Global Civility, and Hijaz Expo scholars.

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The conversations were wide-ranging and fruitful, touching on the contemporary needs of Muslims in the UK, the importance of high-quality academic research, and the evolving relationship between Islamic scholarship and public understanding. Chair, His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi, expressed his appreciation to Professor Gilliat-Ray for her long-standing contribution to Muslim communities and commended the academic rigour, integrity, and insight demonstrated in the Centre's research.

A key topic of discussion was the potential to host the Hijaz exhibition at Cardiff University. In response, the Centre extended a warm invitation to Hijaz Expo and Global Civility representatives to visit the university and explore possible exhibition spaces. Nadeem Kazmi attended on behalf of the Trust, receiving a hearty Welsh welcome—complete with baked goods—and an in-depth tour of the Centre for the Study of Islam. They also enjoyed meeting a number of faculty members and discussing areas for future collaboration.

Talks remain ongoing, with particular interest in presenting the exhibition within the prestigious Viriamu Jones Gallery, located beside the Vice-Chancellor's museum. This potential partnership represents an important opportunity to bring Hijaz's heritage, history, and educational work into a significant academic setting and further strengthen our engagement with the university sector.

Continued Engagement with Culture Leicestershire

The Trust maintained an active relationship with Culture Leicestershire, building on previous collaborations and exploring new opportunities for partnership. Hijaz Expo representatives continued to participate in Community Connectors engagement events, which brought together local groups, cultural organisations, and public-sector partners.

Through these sessions, our team advised on a range of Culture Leicestershire initiatives—including the 'Culture To You' programme—and provided feedback to museums and libraries across the county, including in Loughborough, Harborough, Melton, Charnwood, and Coalville. We offered insight into culturally sensitive programming, inclusive exhibition design, and practical ways these institutions can better engage and support Muslim communities.

This ongoing collaboration is strengthening mutual understanding and helping to build community-wide engagement across the county. It also continues to lay the groundwork for meaningful future partnerships between Hijaz Expo and Culture Leicestershire.

Spiritual Surgery and Mentoring

Surgery time with His Eminence, Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi, continues to be offered to members of Hijaz Trust and the wider public on a regular basis. This allows the public to ask questions about the Islamic faith, spirituality, and their personal affairs. Where necessary, bespoke guidance has been provided to assist with marital or family disputes, business disagreements to offer advice and resolutions. It is a true asset to the Trust that His Eminence Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi is a qualified Islamic scholar and commercial barrister, and therefore able to offer a holistic and informed perspective on matters pertaining to both Islamic law and also the English legal system.

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In keeping with centralising our inimitable services to our main site, spiritual surgeries have been held in Hijaz. We continue to hold surgery prior to the national events usually held in the evening. This way we have still been able to offer the general and bespoke mentoring by members of Hijaz Trust.

Bespoke guidance continues to be provided by His Eminence Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi in the form of surgery on an appointment basis throughout the year. Visitors benefitted from His Eminence Murshid Siddiqi's methodical guidance as well as the spiritual benefits of spending time on-site for reflection, worship and spiritual blessings.

Blessed Summit

Blessed Summit is Hijaz's annual flagship gathering, bringing together scholars, thinkers, and community members for spiritual renewal, teaching, dialogue, and practical workshops. In July 2024, the Blessed Summit followed the usual format of lectures, devotional sessions, workshops, and reflection. The thematic focus for 2024 included **The Visionary and Rejuvenator: The Life and Teachings of Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)**. It marked the 30th anniversary of the passing of His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)—a poignant milestone inviting reflection on his enduring legacy and the journey that established this annual commemoration. We explored His Eminence's vision to bring Islam to Europe and his lifelong mission to guide modern Muslims through both revealed and natural sciences. Attendees heard first-hand accounts from those inspired by his teachings, celebrating his message of self-improvement, unity, and service to Allah Almighty.

The highlight of the Blessed Summit the keynote address delivered by His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi Hijazi, the son and spiritual successor of His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA). In a deeply moving and intimate speech, he offered rare insights into the personal and spiritual journey of his revered father—shedding light on the challenges, sacrifices, and divine inspiration that shaped his mission. His Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi spoke with profound sincerity and wisdom, connecting past and present by reminding attendees of the timeless relevance of His Eminence Murshid Mujaddid Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)'s teachings in today's world. His words resonated deeply with the audience, evoking reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment to continue the legacy of service, unity, and spiritual elevation that his father so passionately embodied.

The Summit attracted a diverse group of attendees (youth, families, scholars) eager to deepen their knowledge, engage in spiritual practices, and connect with the mission of Hijaz and Hijaz Expo. People were able to watch the livestream. In total, the number of people who participated, including the numbers on the grounds and those watching from home was approximately 5,000.

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT)

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT) has not been operational and therefore was officially closed.

Garden of Blessings

Nestled within the peaceful grounds of Hijaz Manor, the Garden of Blessings continues to serve as a sacred and dignified resting place for members of the Muslim community. Designed with serenity and reflection in mind, it offers families a private space to honour

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their loved ones in an environment rooted in Islamic values. The garden also provides an important and sustainable source of income for the Trust.

The outdoor PA system has further enhanced the experience for visitors. It allows those gathered in the surrounding areas—especially during Friday prayers and special commemorations at the Mausoleum—to participate in collective worship, fostering a sense of unity and spiritual connection across the grounds.

Over the past year (2024–25), demand for burial spaces has continued to rise, particularly among Muslim communities from Birmingham, Coventry, and neighbouring regions.

Sadly, this year the Trust experienced the first passing of a temporary resident on the grounds, Qasim Ali. He was a beloved and devoted member of our community, having served the Trust with commitment and sincerity for over twenty years. His passing at a young age, due to medical complications, brought deep sorrow to all who knew him. Pastoral care and emotional support continue to be offered to those who were affected by his departure. Mr Ali is remembered with immense affection, not only for his character and dedication but also for the many individuals he introduced to Hijaz and its charitable work. His positive influence will be felt for years to come. Many continue to visit his resting place in the tranquil Garden of Blessings, where prayers are offered regularly in his memory. He remains in the hearts of the community, and his contributions to the Trust will not be forgotten.

The Garden of Blessings remains a place of reflection and gathering during significant Islamic occasions such as Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Jumu'ah, and Laylat al-Mi'raj, when families visit to offer prayers and remembrance.

Funeral arrangements continue to be delivered with professionalism and compassion, supported by two long-standing funeral directors in Birmingham, along with dedicated individuals and community organisations providing pastoral care. These partnerships ensure that every burial is carried out swiftly, respectfully, and in full accordance with Islamic tradition. The Trust also remains deeply grateful to its volunteers, whose commitment and empathy provide invaluable comfort and assistance to bereaved families.

Jamia Islamia Property Estate & Renovation

As planned, extensive renovation and improvements of the Hijaz grounds are continuing. A full breakdown of expenditure on renovation, maintenance and repairs are shown below:

COST CENTRE	totals
01. MASJID	£ 6,905.09
02. WUZU KHANA	£ 36,178.13
03. MAINBUILDING OFFICES	£ 501.49
05. RESIDENCE BLOCK OLD B	£ 570.91
06. RESIDENCE BLOCK C	£ 2,434.96
07. CLASS ROOMS BLOCK D	£ 1,388.77
08. RESIDENCE MAINBUILDING	£ 142.48
09. RESIDENCE HOUSES	£ 109.86
11. SITE ROADS/LANDSCAPING	£ 7,074.12
12. GOB	£ 29,618.43
14. GENERAL COSTS	£ 623.64
15. EVENTS	£ 488.40
40. BIOMASS	£ 680.00
42. GARDENING	£ 9,003.14
44. ARCHWAY	£ 11,729.65
46. SOUND STUDIOS	£ 294.40
47. MAINBUILDING FLATS	£ 1,804.00
48. MAINBUILDING KITCHEN	£ 400.00
51. EXPO	£ 88.21
54. MAINBUILDING	£ 2,559.94
53. ATRIUM	£ 6,344.07
55. SITE SECURITY	£ 889.46
56. MB EXHIBITION ROOM	£ 2,195.63

Masjid Improvements:

- New external decking has been installed at the men’s entrance, enhancing accessibility and safety.
- Custom-designed shoe racks have been added at both mosque entrances to improve organisation and convenience.
- External wall rendering at the damp course level has been completed around the entire mosque, strengthening protection against moisture and improving appearance.

Main Building Upgrades:

- Repointing and repairs carried out on the external walls of the main building to preserve structure and integrity.
- Internal walls have been relined with plasterboard and finished with a smooth skim coat for a refreshed interior.
- First-fix electrical wiring has been completed in preparation for final installations.
- A new structural support frame has been installed for the upcoming glass partitioning feature.
- In the kitchen area, the old heating system and associated wiring have been safely removed to make way for future upgrades.

Other works:

- Significant upgrades to the Wudu Khana facilities.
- D Block staircase fully redecorated.
- Archway rendered, painted, and fitted with new decorative panels/signage.
- Directional signage installed throughout the site to improve navigation.
- A new children's play frame constructed to enhance community and family facilities.
- Driveway potholes repaired for smoother and safer access.
- B Block biomass heating system repaired, including works on boilers and piping.

These continued upgrades demonstrate our dedication to nurturing the Hijaz site as a welcoming, well-maintained, and spiritually enriching environment for all who visit. The Masjid remains at the heart of the community—hosting gatherings of remembrance, educational lectures, mentoring sessions, and moments of reflection that bring people together in faith and unity.

The Trust continues to receive a healthy rental income from residents living on the grounds, and therefore has continued to invest in maintenance and improvements of the flats and houses.

As with many of the works, the Trust is very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers whom have provided professional services overseeing the works on site free of charge, thus saving the charity a significant sum.

Provision of Accommodation facilities for Trainers of Volunteers

The Hijaz grounds continues to attract more volunteers and devotees, whom wish to raise their families around an Islamic environment. The resident voluntary trainers and Mentors continue to play a key role in ensuring the quality and full coordination of the execution of these projects. Resident volunteers have been providing regular training – e.g. zikr, bespoke mentoring, assistance with the youth programmes and academic on the subjects of Islamic Law and Spirituality. The Trust is looking at existing spaces where further accommodation can be developed for volunteers to reside on site.

The contributions being made by the resident volunteers equate to almost £70,000.00 and this aspect of the Trust has become a key asset. The Trust will continue to develop and expand this to facilitate more volunteers to come and also to provide even better facilities.

Our Volunteers

All the projects of the Trust rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers.

A vast proportion of the operational costs of our projects are met by volunteer contributions from those living on site, not only financially but through donating their time and, when required, their expertise.

Whilst the Trust has not formally accounted individually, the following examples give volunteer's Equivalent Monetary Voluntary Contribution, a brief insight into the sheer quality and value of the contributions made by the on-site volunteers.

- The Site Manager continues to contribute his time and skills to the value of £60-80k in architect consultancy fees during the upgrades that took place to improve the renovations and building developments to the site. Further to this, the Site Manager provides endless assistance with maintenance and the oversight of renovations in

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the whole Site. Essentially devoting all his spare time towards the Trust's site management. This separate role and tradesman level expertise would have cost the Trust a further £25-30k in total per annum.

- The Trust continues to benefit from the voluntary expertise of a professional accountant and bookkeeper who have established a well-functioning system for financial reporting, providing the Trust with absolute and up-to-date oversight. The financial and accounting services in kind have the equivalent monetary value of more than £15,000 per year.
- Various volunteers work tirelessly providing co-ordination, administration and physical labour in the varying projects, which the Trust is keen to quantify, in order to encourage a recognition of their contributions towards the Charity and its activities.

Financial review

The charity's incoming resources for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 totalled £394,570 (£355,836 for YE 2024). This consisted of donations, the charity's investment income, contribution from volunteers, utilities and biomass subsidiary income. It is important to acknowledge the huge contribution of time and commitment from our volunteers who have helped to manage the Trust at a minimal cost.

The charity expenditure for the same period was £339,797 leaving a profit and loss balance loss for YE 31 March 2025 as £54,733. The charity's bank balance position at the end of this period shows £30,272.

Reserve policy and going concern

Reserves are required to ensure the stable operations of The Trust. The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as sudden increase in expenses, on-time unplanned expenses, or unanticipated loss in funding. The Reserve may also be used for one-time, nonrecurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as research and development or investment in infrastructure.

Operating reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of Jamia Islamia for Operating Reserves to be used and replenished within a short period of time.

The trustees decided there was no need to increase the level of reserves and, as at 31 March 2025, kept it at £9,000.

Our balance sheet remains strong due to the ownership of the site. The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Jamia Islamia and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the Trust for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the Trust is a going concern.

Plans for future periods

- The Trust has embarked upon building three to four new homes at the bottom of the Hijaz driveway to sell and aim to generate a profit of £1.4 million for the Charity. There is scope for building further houses along the driveway, which may also be sold on the open market, or may potentially be used for accommodation for potential assisting living or care facilities.
- The Trust hopes to add further pathways in the Garden of Blessings graveyard to make for easier burials and further funeral prayers to take place in the dedicated burial grounds area, rather than the courtyard near the WC.

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- The Trust looks forward to launching Hijaz Expo and hopes to create a dedicated professional kitchen and recruiting a new chef to accommodate regular lunches (langar shareef) for the new visitors who will be welcomed by Hijaz Trust in the near future.
- The Trust hopes to create a small sanctuary where overnight visitors can stay in spiritual seclusion near the woodland area to the left of the Main Building.

Planned Site Works:

- Completion of Ablution Area works
- Completion of the Hijaz Museum.
- Resurfacing and installing drainage by the archway.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 517456

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

TRUST Charity No. 517456

Company No.

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2024

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No.

Charity No. 517456

Registered Office

Hijaz College
Watling Street
Nuneaton
CV116BE

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

Dr Mohammed Mohbeen

Najeeha Al Azkah Siddiqi

Dr Jalil Ahmed

Farjana Hannan

Faried Chedie

Dr Safwan Tayyab

Hassan Ali Shah

Imran Khan

Mujib Awan

Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi

Noorul Aqtab Siddiqi

Accountants

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ACCOUNTANTS
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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 Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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 above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

Signed on behalf of the board

M.AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2024

M. Awan

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of JAMIA ISLAMIA {ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across 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.

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EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Electric Wharf

1 Generator Hall

CVI 4JL

31 January 2024

**TRUST Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	243,785		243,785	435,872
Charitable activities	5	0		0	0
Other trading activities	6	86,024		86,023.54	126,919
Investments	7	26,028		26,027.90	19,005
				0	
Total		355,837		355,837	581,795
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	0		0	0
Charitable activities	9	0		0	0
Other	10	398,334		398,33	603,511
Total		-42,498		-42,498	-21,715
Net gains on investments:					
Net income		-42,498		-42,498	-21,715
Transfers between funds		0		0	0
Net income before other gains/(losses)		-42,498		-42,498	-21,715
Net movement in funds		0		0	-21,715
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,615,181	30,000	2,645,183	2,666,897
Total funds carried forward		2,572,683	30,000	2,602,683	2,645,183

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

**JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)
TRUST Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income	329,809	562,791
Investment Income	26,028	19,005
Gross income for the year	355,837	581,796
Expenditure	388,120	597,196
Interest Payable	10,215	6,314
Total expenditure for the year	398,335	603,510
Net income before tax for the year	-42,498	-21,715
Net income for the year	-42,498	-21,715

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)**TRUST Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024**

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,115,000	3,115,000
		<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>3,115,000</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		10,931	85,780
		<u>10,931</u>	<u>85,780</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	- 750	- 750
Net current assets		10,181	85,030
Total assets less current liabilities		3,125,181	3,200,030
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	- 522,496	- 554,847
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,602,685</u>	<u>2,645,183</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,602,685</u>	<u>2,645,183</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	15		
Restricted income funds		30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds	15		
General funds		1,545,157	1,566,872
Designated funds		- 42,497	- 21,715
		<u>1,502,659</u>	<u>1,545,157</u>
Reserves	15		
Revaluation reserve		1,100,025	1,100,025
Total funds		<u>2,602,684</u>	<u>2,645,182</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the board on 31 March 2024

And signed on its behalf by:

M.AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Awan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal blue line.

[M. Awan \(Jan 27, 2025 15:10 GMT\)](#)

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Accounting Policies- Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Income:

Recognition of Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity income becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability

Income with related expenditure

Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the legacies SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help investment income

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts. This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets

This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluating investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment assets

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure:

Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds

These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities

These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

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Grants payable

All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance Cost

These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure

These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at

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the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases. Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

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2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2024	2023
£	£	£
243,785	243,785	435,872
243,785	243,785	435,872

4 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2024	2023
£	£	£
-	-	-
-	-	-

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5 Income from other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2024	2023
£	£	£
86,024	86,024	126,919
86,024	<u>86,024</u>	<u>126,919</u>

6 Income from investments

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2024	2023
£	£	£
26,028	26,028	19,005
26,028	<u>26,028</u>	<u>19,005</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2023	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,115,000</u>	-	<u>3,115,000</u>

8 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	750	750
	750	750

9 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than
one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	159,643	191,612
Other loans	361,284	361,284
Other creditors	<u>1,569</u>	<u>1,951</u>
	<u>522,496</u>	<u>554,847</u>

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10 Movement in funds

	1 April 2023	31 March 2024
	£	£
Restricted funds:		
Restricted income funds	30,000	30,000
Total	30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds:		
General funds	1,566,872	1,545,157
Designated funds	-21,715	-42,498
Total	1,545,157	1,502,659
Revaluation reserves:		
Revaluation fund	1,100,025	1,100,025
Total	1,100,025	1,100,025

11 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus, no single party controls the company.

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st March 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present the Annual Report alongside the financial statements for the Trust for the year ending 31st March 2024. This year has been marked by impactful outreach, enriching educational initiatives, and strengthened community bonds.

The Trust's involvement in the **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre & Country Park's Medieval Festival** in Leicestershire, UK, showcased its commitment to cultural exchange. Hijaz Expo volunteers engaged attendees with interactive workshops, including daff drumming and traditional mosaic tile-making, fostering inclusivity and bridging cultural gaps. This collaboration extended to co-curating the exhibition ***A Tale of Two Re-Interments***, which explored the shared histories of **King Richard III** and **His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA)**. The exhibition featured rare footage, interactive displays, and eyewitness accounts.

The preparation for this exhibition required significant effort, with a dedicated team of Hijaz Expo volunteers investing over 1,000 hours collectively. Their work included researching historical data, gathering cultural insights, and sourcing relevant artefacts to ensure the exhibition's success. This collaboration underscored the importance of community involvement in preserving and sharing history.

The Hijaz Expo members had a fantastic day at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre & Country Park, Leicestershire, UK with Culture Leicestershire at the **launch** of a unique co-curated exhibition. In this year's report, we reflect on this meaningful partnership and the dedication of the volunteers who made it possible.

We were honoured to invite the **Mayor of Hinckley, Cllr Scott Gibbens** and other esteemed guests to the **emotional Farewell Viewing** of 'A Tale of Two Re-Interments'.

We also had the pleasure of hosting the Police Beat team in Hinckley and Bosworth for a successful day focused on community engagement and public service.

Hijaz remains dedicated to fostering spiritual well-being through regular gatherings, many of which are live-streamed to reach wider audiences. Spiritual surgeries and mentoring programmes continue to offer bespoke guidance and support, extending to youth and individuals from diverse backgrounds. These efforts highlight Hijaz's commitment to holistic education and spiritual growth.

For this year's Blessed Summit, we selected the theme "Knowledge into Action" to address a pressing challenge faced by many in today's information-saturated world. With so much data available through Google, AI, and social media, it's increasingly difficult for individuals to discern what is credible, authentic, and beneficial—especially when seeking Islamic knowledge. We wanted to explore how Muslims can navigate the overwhelming maze of conflicting information and cognitive overload, to ultimately find true knowledge that deepens their relationship with the Creator.

This theme was chosen to encourage participants not only to seek out credible and reliable sources of knowledge but to go a step further: to transform that knowledge into practical action. We aimed to provide a structured, holistic, and relevant approach to education, where attendees could understand how mainstream learning and Islamic teachings align to support personal growth. The summit emphasised the importance of making education meaningful, not just intellectually but also spiritually, offering tools for self-discovery and fostering the

inspiration to live with intention and purpose.

By focusing on "Knowledge into Action," we sought to remind participants that true education doesn't stop at information gathering—it must be applied in a way that enhances both one's daily life and their relationship with the Creator. To ensure widespread access, the summit was made available online for the convenience of those unable to attend in person. The summit's accessibility was enhanced through live-streaming, ensuring broader participation.

Hijaz's grounds continue to attract a diverse range of beneficiaries, with regular visits to the Garden of Blessings providing opportunities for personal, spiritual, and educational enrichment. Outreach programmes and nearly two decades of mentorship initiatives have enabled participants to engage with a vibrant Islamic lifestyle. Events such as the Blessed Summit, away days, and monthly spiritual gatherings consistently inspire attendees to return with friends and colleagues, broadening the Trust's reach.

Hijaz stands as a unique public site in Europe, providing a sanctuary for worship, education, and reflection. Visitors are immersed in an atmosphere enriched by the continuous recitation of the noble Qur'an, creating a tranquil and transformative experience. The Trust's Business Plan continues to focus on leveraging Hijaz's distinct features—including Europe's first Muslim Mausoleum, a modernised Mosque, and a private Muslim graveyard—to welcome a wider demographic and promote understanding of Islam.

The Medina Youth Programme's annual summer celebration was a joyful highlight, bringing together 80 students and over 150 attendees. Activities such as bouncy castles, a BBQ, and a movie screening in the Marquee created a memorable day for students, parents, and the community. This event exemplified the programme's dedication to blending education with community engagement, fostering lasting connections.

The Trust is devoted to providing enriching educational experiences through taster days and guided tours, dispelling myths about Islam and fostering dialogue. The combination of Europe's first Muslim Mausoleum, reflective spaces, and educational programmes offers visitors an immersive introduction to Islamic spirituality.

The Trustees extend heartfelt gratitude to donors, volunteers, and beneficiaries whose unwavering support drives the Trust's mission. Through their contributions, Hijaz continues to serve as a beacon of education, spirituality, and community enrichment, fostering deeper understanding of Islam and strengthening societal bonds.

Looking ahead, the Trust is committed to furthering its outreach efforts, expanding its educational programmes, and nurturing its unique role in the community.

Secretary's Report



Mujib Awan
Secretary

Our purposes and activities

Jamia Islamia (Islamic Studies Centre) Trust, known as “Hijaz College”, has been serving the community for over three decades and has built unique partnerships within the British Muslim community. Its core values have always been centred on Education, Society and Spirituality.

Mission Statement

Offering Islamic spiritual and academic education and mentoring for Muslims in the U.K., and strengthening their ethical religious and social values and citizenship.

The key purposes of the Trust are:

- to promote advancement of the religion of Islam
- the advancement of education of the Muslim children and adults
- the teaching of Arabic and other languages
- such other charitable means as the Trustees shall see fit.

The trustees have developed a Business Plan to implement its objectives by:

- Providing Islamic Education to meet the modern needs of Muslims
- Enriching society through community service and grassroots initiatives
- Empowering individuals and groups to serve the needs of their own communities
- Providing Islamic services to the British Muslims that enhance their lives as British Citizens.
- Promoting Islamic Spirituality, Dynamic Thinking and Personal Development through all projects and initiatives
- Contributing to social harmony in the United Kingdom through implementation of the universal principles of Islam

The following projects are being utilised to achieve the Trust’s aims and objectives:

Hijaz College

Medina Youth Programme

The Medina Youth Programme is a comprehensive introduction to essential Islamic subjects. The educational programme continues to be a popular course for young Muslim children within Hijaz Trust. Classes continue to be held 4 times a week on zoom, and accumulate in regular quizzes to assess their progress.

Medina Youth

The online teaching allows for the children of both local Hijaz Trust members and afar to benefit from the distance learning provided.

- Combined class one and two study aqeedah (core Islamic beliefs), seerah and tafsir of the Noble Quran.
- Class three, made up of children as young as 6 years old, learnt about prayer, aqeedah, seerah and tafsir of the Noble Quran.

Throughout the last year there have been approximately 50 regular attendees who thoroughly enjoy the lessons. The Trust hopes to continue to inspire young minds so that they are instilled

with a full understanding of the Islamic way of life and develop the characteristics of ideal Muslim citizens as they grow up.

To celebrate their achievements and progress throughout the year, a summer party was organised. Participating children, their families and local Hijaz Trust volunteers came together to enjoy a barbeque, lunch, inflatables and a movie in the Marquee.

Educational events

Education continues to be delivered through monthly gatherings to allow more people to benefit from a deeper understanding of Islam and its teachings.

1. The weekly online teaching of Islamic texts continued in the following areas:
 - i. Studying the text **"Instructions of the Student: The Method of Learning"** by Maulana Asim Awan.
This is a concise book with some practical advice for those seeking to study knowledge and touches upon topics such as the nature and merit of knowledge, the purpose of the study, the choices in learning, relying on God, the Time for the attainment of knowledge, abstinence during the pursuit of knowledge and memory and forgetfulness.
 - ii. Studying the text **'40 Hadith on mercy and those who show mercy'**, focusing on the benefits for people when they are merciful to each other.

The above lessons are taught online, which people can access on Audio Mack and YouTube. These have 133 online followers and over 8000 plays.

2. Weekly Dhikr (Remembrance of God)

Weekly spiritual gatherings of congregational dhikr have continued in the Mosque. This gathering of Dhikr is an opportunity for intellectual stimulation and education as well as nourishment for the soul.

3. Community gatherings

We were happy to host regular monthly gatherings in which the community is invited for an evening of education, worship and dinner. Such events included the celebration of Mawlid-un-Nabi (celebration of the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ). Whilst we were happy to host communal gatherings, we continued live-streaming for those unable to travel or be present in Hijaz.

The Hijaz Trust enjoyed the privilege and honour of a custodian of the blessed hair of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the blessed hair of Hazrat Abdul Qadr Jilani (RA) brought to Hijaz, the Mausoleum and Hijaz Mosque, during Fajr time of the 12th Rabbi ul Awwal shareef. This allowed our congregation to commemorate the advent of Holy Prophet ﷺ at the exact time and date of his blessed birth. The opportunity was welcomed by the Trust and beneficiaries, whom were truly grateful and fortunate to have been able to host such a holy relic during a commemorative and celebratory time of the Islamic calendar.

Both Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha were celebrated in Hijaz and Eid lunch was enjoyed outdoors with an opportunity for children to enjoy the grounds and play in the playground area.

The wider community was invited to join in with other solemn and auspicious dates in

the Islamic calendar, including the Night of Ascension and the Night of Forgiveness, which took place in the Mosque and Mausoleum. These included the recommended visit of the graveyard to make special prayer for those buried there along with the late relatives of the congregation.

4. Friday Jummah Sermons

- i. The Hijaz Mosque continues its weekly 30-minute speeches, which include short lessons on a range of topics, including:
 1. The role of women in Islamic history
 2. The role of justice in Islam
 3. The impact of good manners in building relationships
 4. Forgiving others and seeking Allah Almighty's forgiveness
 5. Important Islamic personalities, including prophets and saints of Islam
 6. Historical events marked throughout the Islamic calendar
- ii. Hijaz Trust is the only mosque in the UK which schedules a late afternoon congregational Jummah in the summer months (when a later Dhuhr prayer is permitted). This has been in practice in the last five years and was implemented for the sake of allowing young children and their parents to attend at a suitable time. Holding Jummah at 5.30pm on Fridays allows for children and working professionals to attend prayer after the school and working day, and is an opportune time at the end of the week for families to come together and worship. The Friday worship is always coupled with blessed food after prayer, which is a blessing that the community has expressed to be greatly beneficial.

Community Outreach

In continuation of our outreach efforts of providing food to our neighbours and the community we delivered several 100s of food packages in Nuneaton and Hinckley. The volunteers rallied together to organise the cooking, packing and distribution of lamb curry packages.

Hijaz Expo

1. In recent years, the Trust has been considering how best to showcase the grounds within its idyllic setting and unique offerings. The grounds have been known and visited by a growing community of beneficiaries for over a decade. Much of this audience has been by those of Muslim faith, seeking to build upon their spiritual creation or to seek blessings from the Mausoleum. The centre of education, personal development and spiritual enrichment has had far-reaching effects nationally and beyond. The Trust has focussed its new Business Plan on establishing a 'visit day' on the blessed grounds and opening this up to the wider public, in which members of the general public can experience and learn about Islam.
2. As this Visit Day involves an outing and exhibits, showcasing aspects of Islam, including Islamic music and architecture, as well as the in-person experiential activities of visiting a Mausoleum and observing Muslim worship, the Hijaz Expo became the perfect name to encapsulate the day.
3. With this in mind, the Trust has spent time and thought in developing the grounds, making improvements for better accessibility and facilities as well as enhancing the existing natural beauty of the landscape.

4. The Trust is aiming to launch the Hijaz Expo to local organisations in April 2025 and looks forward to hosting away days for schools, colleges, universities, councils, unions, scouts, media organisations for profit and non-profit associations, interfaith, and individuals.

Co-curating a new Community-led Exhibition at a local Heritage Site

Last year, we detailed our plans for a community-led exhibition at the Battle of Bosworth Heritage Centre (BBHC), centred on the theme "History Changing Lives." This theme aimed to emphasise the transformative power of historical narratives, with a particular focus on the re-interment story of His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA). Our dedicated team of volunteers worked tirelessly to collect, digitise, and organise personal accounts, photographs, and historical footage to bring this vision to life.

This year, we were proud to announce the successful launch of "**A Tale of Two Re-Interments**," a unique temporary exhibition that explores the parallels between two influential figures: King Richard III and the Saint His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi (RA). Both men, who died young, were later re-interred in sacred places in the local area, making their stories emblematic of the region's historical tapestry.

The exhibition tells the life, works, and contributions of His Eminence since the 1970s through an immersive experience, featuring photographs, videos, and eye-witness accounts. The exhibit highlights how much shared history exists between different communities and demonstrates how the lives of these prominent individuals intersect with broader historical narratives.

The launch event received an enthusiastic response, with **Mr. Kevin Feltham**, Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, remarking: "*The County is delighted to host this unique exhibition which brings together two parallel but different histories. It shows how much there is in common even 500 years apart.*" His words captured the essence of our efforts to celebrate shared heritage while acknowledging the richness brought by diversity.

Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi, Chairman of Hijaz Trust, also shared during the launch: "*Our Saint was entwined into the fabric of British life and embraced our shared values. When we look closely, we find that most of humanity has a lot in common, whatever our backgrounds. Our differences are few and where they exist, they add a richness and diversity to be celebrated. Muslims are part and parcel of Britain's heritage and legacy; I find it entirely appropriate to celebrate our saint's life in the UK with King Richard's at Bosworth Battlefield and Heritage Centre.*"

The exhibition was also praised by **Najeeha Siddiqi**, Trustee of Hijaz Trust, who commented: "*This exhibition is a celebration of the homogenisation of Islam into British heritage and history.*"

Frane Wills, Head of Communities and Wellbeing at Leicestershire County Council, emphasized the collaborative spirit of the project: "*Our museums, libraries, collections and learning resources are part of the glue that binds communities together and contributes to making them stronger. Strength comes in collaborating with communities to ensure that they make decisions on what heritage and culture is enjoyed and shared and in what way.*"

The exhibition's success is a testament to the tireless efforts of our volunteers, who devoted over 1,000 hours to bring this vision to life. Their work in researching, digitising

materials, and incorporating multimedia and sensory elements resulted in a truly engaging and educational experience for visitors.

"A Tale of Two Re-Interments" not only highlighted the similarities between two influential figures from different eras but also underscored the deep connections between diverse communities in the UK. Through this exhibit, we celebrated our shared values, history, and heritage, ultimately strengthening our community bonds. We are thrilled by the positive feedback and the opportunity to continue working towards making history accessible, meaningful, and inclusive for all.

Spiritual Surgery and Mentoring

Surgery time with Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi continues to be offered to members of Hijaz Trust and the wider public on a regular basis. This allows the public to ask questions about the Islamic faith, spirituality, and their personal affairs. Where necessary, bespoke guidance has been provided to assist with marital or family disputes, business disagreements to offer advice and resolutions. It is a true asset to the trust that the Shaykh is a qualified Islamic scholar and commercial barrister, and therefore able to offer a holistic and informed perspective on matters pertaining to both Islamic law and also the English legal system.

In keeping with centralising our inimitable services to our main site, spiritual surgeries have been held in Hijaz. We continue to hold surgery prior to the national events usually held in the evening. This way we have still been able to offer the general and bespoke mentoring by members of Hijaz Trust.

Bespoke guidance continues to be provided by His Eminence Shaykh Siddiqi in the form of surgery on an appointment basis throughout the year. Visitors benefitted from both the Shaykh's and Hijaz Trust mentors' methodical guidance as well as the spiritual benefits of spending time on-site for reflection, worship and spiritual blessings.

Blessed Summit

The Blessed Summit is an annual national weekend programme that takes place in Hijaz in Nuneaton every summer. It is a free event, which several hundreds of people attend including local volunteers, friends, family and people who have experienced or engaged with the Trust's projects. The Blessed Summit continues to be a popular event which allows volunteers from around the country and locally to gather and attend collective worship as well as reflect on relevant issues, usually relating to the theme of the event.

The Blessed Summit was held for a selective audience and a livestreamed online event for the wider audience to join. The theme of this year's Blessed Summit was entitled '**Knowledge into Action: The Muslim Role Model**', showcasing a wide ranging 30 speeches over the course of the 3 days. Some of these speeches helped Muslims navigate a world with an intensifying rise in Islamophobia and advice on how to tackle Islamophobia and promoting social harmony.

Notable speakers included:

- **Conor Murphy**
Strategy and Finance Advisor, Founder, Board Executive, Angel investor, Intl., Trade Advisor, Exploration Mining, Edtech.

Speech title: Knowledge Before Action

- **Professor Shahid Ali**
BSc, PhD, MBChB, FICR, FRCP, GP & Director

Speech title: Generations Lost: The Impact of Lack of Role Models in Society

- **Sister Najeeha Al Azkah Siddiqi**

BSc, PGDL: Medical Student, University College London

Najeeha is going into her fourth year of medical school at the University College London and is the eldest child of His Eminence Murshid Faiz Ul Aqtab Siddiqi.

Speech Title: How Cultural Practices Influence Islamophobia

- Whist our dynamic Islamic scholars, **Maulana Arif, Maulana Asim, Maulana Shabaz and Maulana Teyyub** explored the topic of 'Knowledge into Action' in detail and from various perspectives.
- In the keynote address by His **Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi**, emphasised the importance of transforming acquired knowledge into practical deeds that benefit both individuals and society. His Eminence highlighted that true understanding in Islam goes beyond theoretical learning; it necessitates the embodiment of teachings through actions that reflect moral and ethical principles. He underscored the role of Muslims as role models, encouraging them to apply their knowledge in ways that promote compassion, justice, and community well-being.

The stimulation of the mind and the spirit was provided in the physical and online event, and all the collective worship, including the ceremonial inauguration of the weekend and cumulative Dhikr and final prayer at the end were livestreamed as they occurred, allowing people to participate and reap the spiritual benefits from the comfort of their homes. In total, the number of people who participated, including the numbers on the grounds and those watching from home was approximately 5,000.

Participants praised the summit for providing fresh insights into addressing long-standing societal challenges. They appreciated the diverse perspectives offered, which deepened their understanding of the Islamic approach to implementing knowledge into action and fostering positive change.

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT)

Due to the unavailability of staff, the Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT) has not been operational. While MAT has historically provided a vital legal service offering alternative dispute resolution based on Islamic Sacred Law, including cases related to family disputes and forced marriages, the current staffing constraints have prevented it from functioning as intended. As a result, the Trust has been unable to offer arbitration services during this period.

Garden of Blessings

The Garden of Blessings is an exclusive Muslim burial ground located in Hijaz Manor. It provides a private burial site for Muslims who wish to visit their relatives in a place connected and devoted to promoting the core values of Islam. The Garden of Blessings also provides income for the Trust.

- The outdoor PA system has been useful for larger crowds (visitors of the graveyard) attending the Friday prayer and allows for collective prayers that take place at the Mausoleum to be heard throughout the nearby graves and pathways. This gives the larger congregation ample space outside to listen in and join at a safe distance.
- The popularity of graves continues to grow amongst Muslim communities in the Birmingham and Coventry area leading to a greater number of burials and graves

reserved in recent years. This year from 2023-24 the number of burials has been, taking the total occupancy of the graves to over 147.

- The graveyard continued to serve as a central focal point for visitation during the auspicious occasions of Eid ul Fitr, Eid ul Adha, Eid ul Jummah and the Night of Meraaj worship and remembrance programme.

Garden of Blessings continues to offer funeral services and works with other Muslim places of worships and funeral services to facilitate Muslim families in burying their loved ones quickly and with dignity. The Trust continues to undertake the professional services of two funeral directors in Birmingham and individuals as well as not-for-profit community organisations who offer pastoral care and assist in the running of burials fulfilling the delicate needs of a Muslim burial and faith-related bereavement support. The Trust also benefited from the support of volunteers who offered practical and emotional support to bereaved families.

Jamia Islamia Property Estate & Renovation

As planned, extensive renovation and improvements of the Hijaz grounds are continuing. A full breakdown of expenditure on renovation, maintenance and repairs are shown below:

COST CENTRE	
COST CENTRE	totals
01. MASJID	£ 62,848.10
02. WUZU KHANA	£ 11,037.64
03. MAINBUILDING OFFICES	£ 7,139.86
04. RESIDENCE BLOCK NEW B	£ 733.98
06. RESIDENCE BLOCK C	£ 3,612.08
07. CLASS ROOMS BLOCK D	£ 1,897.97
08. RESIDENCE MAINBUILDING	£ 2,808.28
11. SITE ROADS/LANDSCAPING	£ 8,454.04
12. GOB	£ 57,270.01
13. JI STONEY STANTON RD	£ 3,458.35
14. GENERAL COSTS	£ 1,260.48
15. EVENTS	£ 686.89
39. UNALLOCATED	£ 6,516.20
40. BIOMASS	£ 4,776.62
42. GARDENING	£ 6,120.17
43. HIJAZ STUDIOS	£ 1,500.84
44. ARCHWAY	£ 14,883.27
46. MAINBUILDING FLATS	£ 1,065.00
46. SOUND STUDIOS	£ 184.99
50. EXPO	£ 16.99
51. MAZAAR SHAREEF	£ 2,616.00
52. ATRIUM	£ 1,433.62
53. MAINBUILDING	£ 8,678.82

Masjid Improvements:

- The masjid underwent extensive upgrades, including new painting, new carpets fitted, beautiful tile installations, and enhanced lighting.
- The small kitchen refurbishment was completed, along with renovations in the entrance area.
- The new Mimbar area was completed.

- Upgrades were made to the speaker system and cameras to improve the overall experience for worshippers.
- Air conditioning was installed to regulate the temperature in the server space of the masjid.
- TV screens installed.
- New chairs provided for the comfort of worshippers.
- New outer doors were installed by the Mihrab.
- External balustrades were repainted to enhance the visual appeal.
- Extractor fans were installed to complete the Masjid bathroom renovations.
- Several new doors were fitted in the masjid, along with the installation of digilocks to improve security.
- Excavation and ducting work were carried out from the masjid to the driveway plaque, allowing for future installations.
- The external drainage system of the Masjid was replaced, improving the walkway.
- New external decking for the Masjid entrance was ordered.

Ablution facilities:

- HVAC system was installed in the ablution area to improve air quality and comfort.
- Repairs and installation of new lintels were carried out in the ablution areas.
- Drainage system was re-aligned for better functionality.
- Renovations are still in progress.

Main Building Upgrades:

- The conservatory of the main building was repaired.
- Portions of the main building's brickwork were repainted.
- A new door was fitted.
- Guttering was repaired or replaced.
- A new atrium was constructed on the main building roof, providing a welcoming new feature to the site.

Other works:

- Automatic light timers were installed across the site
 - Electrical wiring was embedded in the archway walls.
 - Inside of the archway was plastered.
 - Turkish tiles installed inside of the archway.
 - The archway ceiling was completed, and ceiling cladding was added.
 - Archway was rendered both inside and outside of the archway pillars.
 - A tiled bench was installed in the archway.
 - A new sign was added to the old B block to provide information about Hijaz.
 - The D block ground floor underwent refurbishment, including damp wall repairs, full redecoration, bathroom tile repairs, and plumbing fixes.
 - The mausoleum doors and windows were repaired
 - The mausoleum dome was repaired and repainted.
- Potholes were mended, ensuring smoother and safer travel throughout the site.

These extensive efforts reflect our commitment to enhancing the Hijaz site, creating a comfortable and beautiful space for the community to gather and practice their faith. We are proud that the mosque continues to serve as a central hub for key projects and charitable activity on site, including spiritual gatherings, a place for lectures, mentoring and reflection in an uplifting environment.

The Trust continues to receive a healthy rental income from residents living on the grounds,

and therefore has continued to invest in maintenance and improvements of the flats and houses.

As with many of the works, the Trust is very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers whom have provided professional services overseeing the works on site free of charge, thus saving the charity a significant sum.

Provision of Accommodation facilities for Trainers of Volunteers

The Hijaz grounds continues to attract more volunteers and devotees, whom wish to raise their families around an Islamic environment. The resident voluntary trainers and Mentors continue to play a key role in ensuring the quality and full coordination of the execution of these projects. Resident volunteers have been providing regular training – e.g. zikr, bespoke mentoring, assistance with the youth programmes and academic on the subjects of Islamic Law and Spirituality. The Trust is looking at existing spaces where further accommodation can be developed for volunteers to reside on site.

The contributions being made by the resident volunteers equate to almost £70,000 and this aspect of the Trust has become a key asset. The Trust will continue to develop and expand this to facilitate more volunteers to come and also to provide even better facilities.

Our Volunteers

All the projects of the Trust rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers.

A vast proportion of the operational costs of our projects are met by volunteer contributions from those living on site, not only financially but through donating their time and, when required, their expertise.

Whilst the Trust has not formally accounted individually, the following examples give volunteer's Equivalent Monetary Voluntary Contribution, a brief insight into the sheer quality and value of the contributions made by the on-site volunteers.

- The Site Manager continues to contribute his time and skills to the value of £60-80k in architect consultancy fees during the upgrades that took place to improve the renovations and building developments to the site. Further to this, the Site Manager provides endless assistance with maintenance and the oversight of renovations in the whole Site. Essentially devoting all his spare time towards the Trust's site management. This separate role and tradesman level expertise would have cost the Trust a further £25-30k in total per annum.
- The Trust continues to benefit from the voluntary expertise of a professional accountant and bookkeeper who have established a well-functioning system for financial reporting, providing the Trust with absolute and up-to-date oversight. The financial and accounting services in kind have the equivalent monetary value of more than £15,000 per year.
- Various volunteers work tirelessly providing co-ordination, administration and physical labour in the varying projects, which the Trust is keen to quantify, in order to encourage a recognition of their contributions towards the Charity and its activities.

Financial review

The charity's incoming resources for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 totalled £355,836 (£581,795 for YE 2023). This consisted of donations, the charity's investment income, contribution from volunteers, utilities and biomass subsidiary income. It is important to acknowledge the huge contribution of time and commitment from our volunteers who have helped to manage the Trust at a minimal cost.

The charity expenditure for the same period was £398,344 leaving a profit and loss balance loss for YE 31 March 2024 as £42,498. The charity's bank balance position at the end of this period shows £10,931.

Reserve policy and going concern

Reserves are required to ensure the stable operations of The Trust. The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as sudden increase in expenses, on-time unplanned expenses, or unanticipated loss in funding. The Reserve may also be used for one-time, nonrecurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as research and development or investment in infrastructure.

Operating reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of Jamia Islamia for Operating Reserves to be used and replenished within a short period of time.

The trustees decided there was no need to increase the level of reserves and, as at 31 March 2024, kept it at £9,000.

Our balance sheet remains strong due to the ownership of the site. The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Jamia Islamia and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the Trust for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the Trust is a going concern.

Plans for future periods

- The Trust has embarked upon building three to four new homes at the bottom of the Hijaz driveway to sell and aim to generate a profit of £1.4 million for the Charity. There is scope for building further houses along the driveway, which may also be sold on the open market, or may potentially be used for accommodation for potential assisting living or care facilities.
- The Trust hopes to add further pathways in the Garden of Blessings graveyard to make for easier burials and further funeral prayers to take place in the dedicated burial grounds area, rather than the courtyard near the WC.
- The Trust looks forward to launching Hijaz Expo and hopes to create a dedicated professional kitchen and recruiting a new chef to accommodate regular lunches (langar shareef) for the new visitors who will be welcomed by Hijaz Trust in the near future.
- The Trust hopes to create a small sanctuary where overnight visitors can stay in spiritual seclusion near the woodland area to the left of the Main Building.

Planned Site Works:

- Completion of Ablution Area works.
- Complete refurbishment on the ground floor of D block.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 517456

Accounts

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

TRUST Charity No. 517456

Company No.

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2023

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No.

Charity No. 517456

Registered Office

Hijaz College
Watling Street
Nuneaton
CV116BE

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

Dr Mohammed Mohbeen

Najeeha Al Azkah Siddiqi

Dr Jalil Ahmed

Farjana Hannan

Fariad Chedie

Dr Safwan Tayyab

Hassan Ali Shah

Imran Khan

Mujib Awan

Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi

Noorul Aqtab Siddiqi

Accountants

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS
Electric Wharf
1 Generator Hall
CVI 4JL

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 Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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 above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

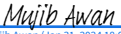
Trustees Annual Report

Signed on behalf of the board

M.AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2023


Mujib Awan (Jan 31, 2024 18:05 GMT)

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across 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.

F. Nagda

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED **ACCOUNTANTS**

Electric Wharf

1 Generator Hall

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31 January 2024

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

TRUST Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricte d funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
from:					
Donations and legacies	4	435,872		435,872	411,661
Charitable activities	5	0.00		0.00	24,271
Other trading activities	6	126,919		126,919	105,159
Investments	7	19,005		19,005	21,411
Total		581,795		581,795	562,502
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8				0.00
Charitable activities	9				0.00
Other	10	603,511		603,511	490,623
Total		603,511		603,511	490,623
Net gains on investments					
Net income		(21,716)		(21,716)	71,879
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income before other		(21,716)			71,879
gains/(losses)				(21,716)	
Other gains and losses					
Other (Losses)					
Net movement in funds		(21,716)	-	(21,716)	71,879
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,636,897	30,000	2,666,897	2,565,018
Total funds carried forward		2,615,181	30,000	2,645,181	2,666,897

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)
TRUST Summary Income and Expenditure
Account

for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income	562,791	541,091
Interest and investment income	19,005	21,411
	<u>581,795</u>	<u>562,502</u>
Gross income for the year	597,196	320,551
Expenditure	6,314	4,136
Interest payable	<u>603,510</u>	<u>490,623</u>
Total expenditure for the year	(21,715)	71,879
Net income before tax for the year	<u>(21,715)</u>	<u>71,879</u>
Net income for the year	<u>(21,715)</u>	<u>71,879</u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)**TRUST Balance Sheet**

at 31 March 2023

Company No.	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,115,000 <u>3,115,000</u>	3,115,000 <u>3,115,000</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		85,780 <u>85,780</u>	141,100 <u>141,100</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(750) <u>(750)</u>	(750) <u>(750)</u>
Net current assets		85,030	140,350
Total assets less current liabilities		3,200,030	3,255,350
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(554,847) <u>(554,847)</u>	(588,453) <u>(588,453)</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		2,645,183	2,666,897
Total net assets		<u>2,645,183</u>	<u>2,666,897</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	15	30,000 <u>30,000</u>	30,000 <u>30,000</u> -
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	15	1,566,872	1,494,993
Designated funds		(21,715) <u>1,545,157</u>	71,879 <u>1,566,872</u>
Reserves			
Revaluation reserve	15	1,100,025 <u>1,100,025</u>	1,100,025 <u>1,100,025</u>
Total funds		<u>2,645,183</u>	<u>2,666,897</u> -

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)
TRUST Balance Sheet

Approved by the board on 31 March 2023

And signed on its behalf by:

M.AWAN
Trustee
31 March 2023

Mujib Awan
Mujib Awan (Jan 31, 2024 18:05 GMT)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Accounting Policies- Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Notes to the Accounts

Income

Recognition of Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity income becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in related the SoFA.

expenditure

Donations and Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the legacies SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation donations and to which it relates.

gifts

Donated These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where services and the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

facilities

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment This is included in the accounts when receivable.

income

Gains/(losses) This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at on revaluation the end of the year.

of fixed assets

Gains/(losses) This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

on investment

assets

Expenditure

Recognition of Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which expenditure cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising raising funds trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and charitable services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and activities governance costs.

Grants payable All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory costs requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

expenditure

Notes to the Accounts

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred. All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Notes to the Accounts

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2023	2022
£	£	£
435,872	435,872	411,661
<u>435,872</u>	<u>435,872</u>	<u>411,161</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2023	2022
£	£	£
-	-	24,271
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,271</u>

Notes to the Accounts

5 Income from other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
£	£	£
126,919	126,919	105,159
<u>126,919</u>	<u>126,919</u>	<u>105,159</u>

6 Income from investments

Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
£	£	£
19,005	19,005	21,411
<u>19,005</u>	<u>19,005</u>	<u>21,411</u>

7 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2022	3,115,000	-	3,115,000
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,115,000</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2022	3,115,000	-	3,115,000
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,115,000</u>

8 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	750	5,587
	<u>750</u>	<u>5,587</u>

9 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	191,612	223,620
Other loans	361,284	364,117
Other creditors	1,951	716
	<u>554,847</u>	<u>588,453</u>

10 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2022	(including other gains/losses)			2023
		£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:	30,000			-	-
<i>Total</i>	<u>30,000</u>			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	1,402,413	490,623	(490,623)		1,402,413
Designated funds:	62,580			(21,715)	(21,715)
<i>Total</i>	<u>62,580</u>			<u>(21,715)</u>	<u>(21,715)</u>
Revaluation Reserves:					
Revaluation fund	1,100,025				1,100,025
<i>Total revaluation</i>					<u>1,100,025</u>

11 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st March 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ending 31st March 2023.

Hijaz is distinct as a public site in Europe offering not only a place of worship, education and reflection, but it also enriches visitors with the first-hand experience of being amongst Muslims who wish to better both themselves and society in their day to day lives. The audio of the recitation of the noble Quran 24 hours a day, 7 days a week continues to transform the atmosphere on the grounds, making it a true sanctuary.

More beneficiaries have begun enjoying the benefits of visiting the grounds at Hijaz on a regular basis, with a widening audience of visitors for the Garden of Blessings. Many beneficiaries continue to visit Hijaz for personal, spiritual and educational reasons.

For nearly two decades, visitors from out-reach projects and mentees have been inspired and educated by the platform to witness and engage with a living, breathing Islamic lifestyle that exists in Hijaz. Children and adults of various backgrounds have witnessed the daily practices of Muslim life in a truly first-hand, experiential way and benefited from this insight. Attendees of the annual Blessed Summit, away days, monthly spiritual gatherings have all given resounding feedback of feeling enriched and inspired by Hijaz Trust's volunteers, who are ambassadors of this unique site. Visitors of the Blessed Summit, monthly gatherings and Jummah attendees continue to share similar positive experiences. Beneficiaries and visitors continue to return to Hijaz with friends, colleagues and peers to allow people to experience true Islam. The Trust is pleased by the direction its Business Plan is taking and looks forward to implementing away days for people of all ages and backgrounds to have an inspiring and educational experience in Hijaz.

The Trust looks forward to maximising on the attractive, unique qualities offered in the grounds at Hijaz: Europe's first Mausoleum; a modernised, multi-use Mosque; a private Muslim graveyard; and a place for reflection. In keeping with its evolving New Business Plan, the Trust is looking forward to welcoming a wider demographic than it has done in the past and provide taster days to all who wish to learn about Islam. The charity is excited about the opportunity that widening our demographic will offer: to educate people about the fundamentals of an Islamic spiritual way of life and the chance to dispel myths and miseducation about the religion.

Hijaz has continued to hold regular spiritual gatherings which are in person, but continue to be livestreamed, allowing for a wider reach and to local and national volunteers of the Trust and the wider public. Bespoke guidance and counsel and advice continue to be held through spiritual surgeries and the forums of arbitration. Mentoring has expanded to the youth programme of the older children of many volunteers, as well as continued with people of a various backgrounds from the wider public.

The Trust garnered positive responses for its recent annual Blessed Summit, which focused on the pressing issue of 'Islamophobia in Society.' The choice of this theme

was prompted by the surge in Islamophobic incidents witnessed in everyday life and the extensive reach of such occurrences across various social media platforms, fostering hatred and fear. The event featured insightful speeches delving into the complexities of Islamophobia and proposing strategies to address this issue. To ensure widespread access, the summit was made available online for the convenience of those unable to attend in person.

Hijaz Community generously provided more than 400 curry meal boxes as a token of appreciation to the frontline teams in Watford, the Police force, and the dedicated members of Watford Council's Community Protection Team for their commendable efforts throughout the pandemic.

Our volunteers demonstrated their commitment to local charity by donating 30 beds to a third-party organisation called 'Work Link Project'. This organisation provides support to adults with mental health difficulties and learning disabilities, offering purposeful work opportunities. The beds were intended for sheltered housing for individuals in the local area, including those seeking refuge from domestic abuse. This act of charity exemplified the community's dedication to making a meaningful impact on their local community.

Our volunteers collected bags of clothes donated by families within the community to Islamic Relief UK. This charitable initiative coincided with Ramadan and the spring holidays. Members of the community encouraged others to give away their gently used clothes to help those less fortunate. Children actively participated in this effort, contributing their clothes and assisting in loading the donation van. This campaign demonstrated the community's commitment to assisting the needy.

Hijaz hosted a vibrant Qawwali function that drew a substantial crowd of approximately 400 people. This cultural and musical celebration showcased the rich traditions and diversity within our community. The Qawwali event was a mesmerising evening of soulful music and spiritual devotion. Attendees were treated to enchanting performances by talented Qawwali artists, creating an atmosphere of unity and reverence. Traditional and delectable cuisines were lovingly prepared and served, offering a taste of the rich culinary traditions associated with the Qawwali music heritage.

Hijaz was pleased to host members of the Leicestershire Police as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain positive and constructive relations. In the spirit of hospitality, Hijaz warmly welcomed our guests with tea and snacks, creating an atmosphere conducive to open conversation and collaboration. The visit was instrumental in fostering productive communication between our community and the police, about various community initiatives and projects aimed at enhancing the well-being and safety of our community members. Both parties engaged in meaningful dialogues about strategies for ensuring a secure and welcoming environment, emphasising the importance of a harmonious coexistence between the community and law enforcement.

It is with great pride that we can showcase the recognition received by some of our dedicated Hijaz volunteers. These outstanding individuals were honoured at the **Making A Difference Awards**, an event attended by the Mayor of Hinckley, Dawn

Glenville, and the MP for Hinckley, Dr. Luke Evans. A shining example of a young volunteer, Ulfa, was awarded the title of Young Volunteer of the Year. She has been a proactive and unwavering supporter of numerous community events, setting a remarkable example for her peers and serving as an inspirational role model. Ahmed, another exceptional volunteer, was named Inspirational Volunteer of the Year. He undertook a monumental project involving the installation of a new Internet line, a labour-intensive endeavour spanning six weeks. Ahmed's dedication extended to digging up a driveway that extended over half a mile and installing CCTV to enhance the security of our community grounds.

These remarkable individuals have selflessly dedicated themselves to improving our community, and their efforts have been recognised alongside others in the Borough who contribute to the betterment of our society. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the HBBC Council for organising the Making A Difference event, and we hope that all our volunteers will continue to be granted further opportunities to serve and uplift their communities.

Our Hijaz Expo volunteers actively engaged with the wider community by participating in the **Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre & Country Park's Medieval Festival** in Leicestershire, UK. This event provided a unique opportunity to connect with the public and showcase our commitment to cultural exchange and community well-being. During the festival, we welcomed visitors to our booth, encouraging them to come and say hello to Hijaz Expo volunteers. Our aim was to foster a sense of inclusivity and togetherness among festival attendees. We offered a relaxing and enriching Music Healing session for those in attendance. This session provided a peaceful and therapeutic experience for festival-goers, promoting mental and emotional well-being.

In alignment with our commitment to sharing knowledge and traditions, we also conducted a session where participants could learn about traditional Islamic herbs and medicine. This educational component aimed to bridge cultural gaps and promote a deeper understanding of Islamic practices. The participation of Hijaz in the Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre & Country Park's Medieval Festival was another example of our commitment to community engagement, cultural exchange, and promoting well-being.

Hijaz Expo coordinators and Trustees were hosted by **Bosworth Battlefield and Heritage Centre** and were treated to a unique personal tour of the exhibitions, which was facilitated by Leicestershire County Council. The team had the opportunity to explore the battlefield's rich history and learned about the famous Battle of Bosworth, which marked the conclusion of the historic War of the Roses. This experience highlighted the community's connection to English history.

In the same visit, a space for community collaborators was shown to Hijaz Expo team, and we were invited to use the space to co-curate our own exhibition in partnership with Culture Leicestershire, Leicestershire County Council and Bosworth Battlefield and Heritage Centre.

The collaboration and exhibition preparation required a substantial amount of effort and time to ensure its success, by a dedicated group of volunteers from the Hijaz

Expo team. Given the scope and importance of the exhibition, volunteers invested over 1000 hours of their time collectively. Their involvement included researching and gathering information about historical data, cultural insights, and relevant artifacts. The volunteers were also responsible for sourcing and preparing the items for display by working with the exhibition curators.

Hijaz hosted an on-site event that played a significant role in strengthening our community bonds. This event was the annual summer party for the 80 students of the Medina Youth Programme, which took place at our premises. The event was a resounding success, with a total of 150 people in attendance when including parents and guardians. It was a joyful celebration that brought together students, families, and the community.

The festivities included a range of activities to ensure a memorable day for all. Bouncy castles provided hours of fun and entertainment for the children, adding an element of excitement to the occasion. A BBQ was held, where attendees could savour delicious food and enjoy the camaraderie of shared meals. One of the highlights of the event was a movie showing in the Mosque, creating a unique and cozy atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. This thoughtful touch allowed both children and parents to relax while watching a film together.

The enthusiasm and happiness of the children were palpable, making it clear that they truly loved the experience. The annual summer party served as a testament to the commitment of the Medina Youth Programme students to their learning journey and, importantly, their ability to have fun while doing so. The event encapsulated the spirit of Hijaz, emphasizing the importance of education, community engagement, and the joy that comes from celebrating together. It was a heartwarming occasion that brought our community even closer, highlighting our dedication to nurturing the well-being and development of our youth.

On behalf of the Trust, I would like to express gratitude and appreciation to our donors, volunteers and beneficiaries who continue to support our projects and the development of our service to all of society.

Secretary's Report



Mujib Awan
Secretary

Our purposes and activities

Jamia Islamia (Islamic Studies Centre) Trust, known as “Hijaz College”, has been serving the community for over three decades and has built unique partnerships within the British Muslim community. Its core values have always been centred on Education, Society and Spirituality.

Mission Statement

Offering Islamic spiritual and academic education and mentoring for Muslims in the U.K., and strengthening their ethical religious and social values and citizenship.

The key purposes of the Trust are:

- to promote advancement of the religion of Islam
- the advancement of education of the Muslim children and adults
- the teaching of Arabic and other languages
- such other charitable means as the Trustees shall see fit.

The trustees have developed a Business Plan to implement its objectives by:

- Providing Islamic Education to meet the modern needs of Muslims
- Enriching society through community service and grassroots initiatives
- Empowering individuals and groups to serve the needs of their own communities
- Providing Islamic services to the British Muslims that enhance their lives as British Citizens.
- Promoting Islamic Spirituality, Dynamic Thinking and Personal Development through all projects and initiatives
- Contributing to social harmony in the United Kingdom through implementation of the universal principles of Islam

The following projects are being utilized to achieve the Trust’s aims and objectives:

Hijaz College

Medina Youth Programme

The Medina Youth Programme is a comprehensive introduction to essential Islamic subjects. The educational programme continues to be a popular course for young Muslim children within Hijaz Trust. Classes continue to be held 4 times a week on zoom, and accumulate in regular quizzes to assess their progress.

Medina Youth

The online teaching allows for the children of both local Hijaz Trust members and afar to benefit from the distance learning provided.

- Classes one and two were merged to allow the students to collectively study aqeedah (core Islamic beliefs) and tafsir of the Noble Quran. This merge

happened after they had studied Seerah (history of the last and final Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) and Fiqh (Islamic Law)

- Class three, made up of children as young as 6 years old, completed the study of 40 Hadith (Prophetic examples and sayings) and learnt how to apply these in their lives. These children also learnt about prayer, aqeedah and made some progress in learning about the seerah.

Throughout the last year there have been approximately 50 regular attendees who thoroughly enjoy the lessons. The Trust hopes to continue to flourish young minds so that they are instilled with a full understanding of the Islamic way of life and develop the characteristics of ideal Muslim citizens as they grow up.

To celebrate their achievements and progress throughout the year, a summer party was organised. Participating children, their families and local Hijaz Trust volunteers came together to enjoy lunch, inflatables and a movie in the Mosque.

Educational events

Education continues to be delivered through monthly gatherings to allow more people to benefit from a deeper understanding of Islam and its teachings.

1. The weekly online teaching of Islamic texts continued in the following areas:

- i. Studying the text “**Instructions of the Student: The Method of Learning**” by Maulana Asim Awan.

This is a concise book with some practical advice for those seeking to study knowledge and touches upon topics such as the nature and merit of knowledge, the purpose of the study, the choices in learning, relying on God, the Time for the attainment of knowledge, abstinence during the pursuit of knowledge and memory and forgetfulness.

- ii. Studying the text ‘**Book of Assistance**’, focusing on regular devotion, reciting the Noble Quran, meditation and reflection, cleanliness, adopting prophetic practices, understanding character improvement techniques and many other aspects of Islam.

The above lessons are taught online, which people can access on Audio Mack and YouTube. These have 133 online followers and nearly 8000 plays.

2. Weekly Dhikr (Remembrance of God)

Weekly spiritual gatherings of congregational dhikr have continued in the Mosque. This gathering of Dhikr is an opportunity for intellectual stimulation and education as well as nourishment for the soul.

3. Community gatherings

We were happy to host regular monthly gatherings in which the community is invited for an evening of education, worship and dinner. Such events included the celebration of Mawlid-un-Nabi (celebration of the birth of holy Prophet

Muhammad ﷺ). Whilst we were happy to host communal gatherings, we continued live-streaming for those unable to travel or be present in Hijaz.

The Hijaz Trust enjoyed the privilege and honour of a custodian of the blessed hair of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the blessed hair of Hazrat Abdul Qadr Jilani (RA) brought to Hijaz, the Mausoleum and Hijaz Mosque, during Fajr time of the 12th Rabbi ul Awwal shareef. This allowed our congregation to commemorate the advent of Holy Prophet ﷺ at the exact time and date of his blessed birth. The opportunity was welcomed by the Trust and beneficiaries, whom were truly grateful and fortunate to have been able to host such a holy relic during a commemorative and celebratory time of the Islamic calendar.

Both Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha were celebrated in Hijaz and Eid lunch was enjoyed outdoors with an opportunity for children to enjoy the grounds and play in the playground area.

The wider community was invited to join in with other solemn and auspicious dates in the Islamic calendar, including the Night of Ascension and the Night of Forgiveness, which took place in the Mosque and Mausoleum. These included the recommended visit of the graveyard to make special prayer for those buried there along with the late relatives of the congregation.

4. Friday Jummah Sermons

- i. The Hijaz Mosque continues its weekly 30 minute speeches, which include short lessons on a range of topics, including:
 1. Duties towards others, including spouses, parents, children, friends and neighbours
 2. Important Islamic personalities, including prophets and saints of Islam
 3. Historical events marked throughout the Islamic calendar
 4. Islamic philosophy and ethics
 5. Character development lessons, e.g. the Importance of Consistency in worship
- ii. Hijaz Trust is the only mosque in the UK which schedules a late afternoon congregational Jummah in the summer months (when a later Dhuhr prayer is permitted). This has been in practice in the last four years and was implemented for the sake of allowing young children and their parents to attend at a suitable time. Holding Jummah at 5.30pm on Fridays allows for children and working professionals to attend prayer after the school and working day, and is an opportune time at the end of the week for families to come together and worship. The Friday worship is always coupled with blessed food after prayer, which is a blessing that the community has expressed to be greatly beneficial.

Community Outreach

In continuation of our outreach efforts of providing food to covid pandemic front line and keyworkers as a gesture of gratitude and appreciation for their resilience and service of the community, we delivered 400 food packages in Watford.

The volunteers rallied together to organise the cooking, packing and distribution of lamb curry packages to the Watford Police force and dedicated members of Watford Council's Community Protection team.

Hijaz Expo

1. In recent years, the Trust has been considering how best to showcase the grounds within its idyllic setting and unique offerings. The grounds have been known and visited by a growing community of beneficiaries for over a decade. Much of this audience has been by those of Muslim faith, seeking to build upon their spiritual creation or to seek blessings from the Mausoleum. The centre of education, personal development and spiritual enrichment has had far-reaching effects nationally and beyond. The Trust has focussed its new Business Plan on establishing a 'visit day' on the blessed grounds and opening this up to the wider public, in which members of the general public can experience and learn about Islam.
2. As this Visit Day involves an outing and exhibits, showcasing aspects of Islam, including Islamic music and architecture, as well as the in-person experiential activities of visiting a Mausoleum and observing Muslim worship, the Hijaz Expo became the perfect name to encapsulate the day.
3. With this in mind, the Trust has spent time and thought in developing the grounds, making improvements for better accessibility and facilities as well as enhancing the existing natural beauty of the landscape.
4. The Trust is aiming to launch the Hijaz Expo to local organisations in September 2024 and looks forward to hosting away days for schools, colleges, universities, councils, unions, scouts, media organisations for profit and non-profit associations, interfaith, and individuals.

Co-curating a new Community-led Exhibition at a local Heritage Site

Introduction:

We are pleased detail the collaborative efforts and vision that have shaped the upcoming exhibition at Battle of Bosworth Heritage Centre. The focal point of the exhibition will aim to encapsulate the transformative power of history, particularly in the context of life-changing experiences.

Exhibition Theme: History Changing Lives

Richard Knox, the Access and Interpretation Manager that heads the BBHC in Leicestershire passionately advocates that the exhibition's core theme should be "History Changing Lives." This overarching concept is the backbone of our

exploration of significant stories that have left an indelible impact on individuals and communities.

Highlighting the Re-internment Story of His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi:

The Hijaz Expo volunteers suggested a poignant addition to the exhibition - the re-internment story and recent history surrounding the relocation of His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiqi's (RA) body from Coventry cemetery to Hijaz Mausoleum. This narrative serves as a powerful testament to the connection between history and the spiritual journey undertaken by pilgrims and visitors to the Muslim graveyard at Hijaz.

Story Collection and Organisation:

To bring these narratives to life, we are actively engaged in collating and organising eye-witness accounts, photographs, and video recordings, including vintage VHS footage. Esther Shaw of Culture Leicestershire generously offered her assistance in sourcing the necessary software to digitise original footage. This technological support is not limited to video; it extends to the conversion of recorded speech into written accounts, ensuring a comprehensive and accessible representation of the stories we aim to share.

Incorporating Multimedia Elements:

The exhibition is designed to incorporate a rich blend of multimedia elements. This includes both old and new video footage, offering a dynamic and immersive experience for visitors. The strategic use of technology aims to bridge the gap between the past and present, fostering a deeper understanding of the historical narratives being presented.

Collaboration with Leicestershire Council:

Recognising the significance of preserving these stories for future generations, we are collaborating with Leicestershire Council. Their expertise and guidance will play a crucial role in advising us on a system for recording and cataloguing our collections. This collaborative effort ensures that the materials collected during the exhibition are displayed locally, contributing to both historical preservation and potential future museum initiatives.

Throughout the process of developing the exhibition at BBHC, our dedicated team of volunteers has been actively engaged in a rich learning experience. Their insights and discoveries have contributed significantly to the overall vision and execution of the project. The knowledge gained covers various aspects:

- **Understanding Museum-Goers and Enhancing User Experience:** Our volunteers have gained valuable insights into the diverse preferences and expectations of museum-goers. This understanding of different audience types has played a crucial role in tailoring the exhibition to be inclusive and engaging for a broad spectrum of visitors. By recognising the unique needs of various demographics, we aim to provide an enriching and accessible user experience for all.

- **Creating an Interactive Exhibition:** Drawing inspiration from contemporary museum practices, our team has explored innovative ways to make the exhibition interactive. Embracing the philosophy that history is not just observed but experienced, we are incorporating sensory elements such as touch, smell, and sound. By engaging multiple senses, we aspire to create a more immersive and memorable experience, fostering a deeper connection between the audience and the historical narratives on display.
- **Research on Historical Connections:** To enhance the contextual understanding of the exhibition, our team embarked on a research journey. This included visits to the Richard III Centre and the BBHC Visitor Centre, allowing us to explore the historical linkages with Richard III. The insights gained from these visits have been invaluable, enriching our knowledge and contributing to a more comprehensive and interconnected narrative.

Acknowledgments:

We express our gratitude to the volunteers whose dedication and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the exhibition. Their newfound knowledge and experiences, coupled with the collaborative efforts of our team, further reinforce the dynamic and inclusive nature of the upcoming presentation at BBHC.

Conclusion:

As we finalise the preparations for the exhibition, we are confident that the fusion of historical narratives, multimedia elements, and the insights gained from our volunteer team will result in a truly transformative and engaging experience. The collective efforts of our community, volunteers, and collaborators underscore the profound impact that can be achieved when history is presented in a way that transcends traditional boundaries, making it accessible and meaningful to all. We look forward to sharing this enriching journey with the visitors of the local heritage site.

The collaborative efforts of our team, coupled with the support from BBHC, Culture Leicestershire, and Leicestershire Council reflect a shared commitment to preserving and sharing history for the benefit of our community and beyond. We eagerly anticipate the impact of this exhibition and the enduring legacy it will create.

Spiritual Surgery and Mentoring

Surgery time with Murshid Faiz ul Aqtab Siddiqi continues to be offered to members of Hijaz Trust and the wider public on a regular basis. This allows the public to ask questions about the Islamic faith, spirituality, and their personal affairs. Where necessary, bespoke guidance has been provided to assist with marital or family disputes, business disagreements to offer advice and resolutions. It is a true asset to the trust that the Shaykh is a qualified Islamic scholar and commercial barrister, and

therefore able to offers a holistic and informed perspective on matters pertaining to both Islamic law and also the English legal system.

In keeping with centralising our inimitable services to our main site, spiritual surgeries have been held in Hijaz. We continue to hold surgery prior to the national events usually held in the evening. This way we have still been able to offer the general and bespoke mentoring by members of Hijaz Trust.

Bespoke guidance continues to be provided by His Eminence Shaykh Siddiqi in the form of surgery on an appointment basis throughout the year. Visitors benefitted from both the Shaykh's and Hijaz Trust mentors' methodical guidance as well as the spiritual benefits of spending time on- site for reflection, worship and spiritual blessings.

Blessed Summit

The Blessed Summit is an annual national weekend programme that takes place in Hijaz in Nuneaton every summer. It is a free event, which several hundreds of people attend including local volunteers, friends, family and people who have experienced or engaged with the Trust's projects. The Blessed Summit continues to be a popular event which allows volunteers from around the country and locally to gather and attend collective worship as well as reflect on relevant issues, usually relating to the theme of the event.

The Blessed Summit was held for a selective audience and a livestreamed online event for the wider audience to join. The theme of this year's Blessed Summit was entitled '**Islamophobia in Society**', showcasing a wide ranging 30 speeches over the course of the 3 days. Some of these speeches helped Muslims navigate a world with an intensifying rise in Islamophobia and advice on how to tackle Islamophobia and promoting social harmony.

Notable speakers included:

- **Dr Audrey Kitagawa**

J.D. Chair, Anti-Racism Initiative
Co-Chair, Gender Equality Working Group
G20 Interfaith Forum

Audrey E. Kitagawa, J.D., is the former Advisor to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict at the United Nations. She is the Chair of the Anti-Racism Initiative, and Co-chair of the Gender Equality Working Group of the G20 Interfaith Forum. She is the President/ Founder of the International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation, and President of the Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family. She is the recipient of the Spirit of the UN Award which is given to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated the vision and spirit of the United Nations as expressed through the UN Charter, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A published writer and award-winning global thinker on inter-religious issues, she has been listed in Who's Who In The World.

Speech title

What Role is the UN Playing in Tackling Islamophobia?

- **Professor Tahir Abbas** FRSA FAcSS
Holds the Chair in Radicalisation Studies at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University in The Hague and is currently the Scientific Coordinator of the H2020 Research Action and Innovation grant, Drive (1 Jan 2021-31 Dec 2023), which explores the role of social exclusion in understanding the nature of far-right and Islamist extremism in northwest Europe.

Speech title: Transnational Islamophobia - An Academic View

- **Nigel Bromage**
CEO of Exit Hate UK and is a former far-right activist who spent 20 years engaged with a number of movements and organisations before leaving them behind. Empowered by departure from this world, he forged a pathway to help others follow suit.

Speech Title: Tackling the Far-Right: Examining Why Populist Groups Target Muslims and Overcoming the Challenges.

- **Dr Sunni Rumsey Amatullah**
Advocate for Human Rights, former UN Delegate
Dr Sunni Rumsey Amatullah has been a human, health, race and gender rights advocate for over 40 years, and has travelled extensively in the USA and internationally speaking on the complex social, educational, and health-related issues impacting Muslims in the 21st century.

Speech Title: Islamophobia and Racism in the USA - an African-American-Muslim Perspective.

- **Sayyed Nadeem Kazmi**
Director of Global Civility
Sayyed Nadeem Kazmi is an international attorney, humanitarian development adviser, former aid worker and British Red Cross volunteer, currently working as in-house counsel on human rights advocacy in South Asia.

Speech Title: Islamophobia - Learning Lessons from Antisemitism in the Fight Against Racism

- **Sister Najeeha Al Azkah Siddiqi**
BSc, PGDL: Medical Student, University College London
Najeeha is going into her fourth year of medical school at the University College London and is the eldest child of His Eminence Murshid Faiz Ul Aqtab Siddiqi.

Speech Title: How Cultural Practices Influence Islamophobia

- **Dr Mohammad Mashuq**

Ally Former Head of Equality, Birmingham City Council

Dr Mashuq Ally is currently Chair of Bordesley Green Girls School and Sixth Form; also, Director of Global Trading Enterprise (Turkiye) which supports humanitarian work for Syrian refugees; and he is also a member of the Shaikh Zayed Board for Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge.

Speech Title: Islamophobia and its Effect on British Muslims

- Whilst our dynamic Islamic scholars, **Maulana Arif, Maulana Asim, Maulana Shabaz and Maulana Teyyub** explored the topic of Islamophobia in detail and highlighted the example of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, who upheld equality for all of humanity in a deeply ignorant and racist time.
- In the keynote address by His **Eminence Murshid Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi**, the emphasis was on urging Muslims to adopt self-reflection to effectively combat what is commonly referred to as Islamophobia. Murshid Siddiqi highlighted the importance of Muslims prioritising their personal development and cultivating exemplary character, asserting that the term "Islamophobia" may not be accurate, but rather it is a manifestation of "Muslim phobia." He underscored the existence of negative perceptions towards Muslims stemming from a perceived deviation from Islamic values in behaviour and conduct.

The stimulation of the mind and the spirit was provided in the physical and online event, and all the collective worship, including the ceremonial inauguration of the weekend and cumulative Dhikr and final prayer at the end were livestreamed as they occurred, allowing people to participate and reap the spiritual benefits from the comfort of their homes. In total, the number of people who participated, including the numbers on the grounds and those watching from home was approximately 5,000.

Participants commented on how the whole programme offered fresh perspective on tackling a problem that has existed in society for centuries, and appreciated the various perspectives from which to learn about the Islamic stance on eradicating all forms of prejudices.

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT)

- The Muslim Arbitration Tribunal is a legal service providing a viable alternative to the Muslim Community for dispute resolution based on Islamic Sacred Law. The service mostly deals with family disputes and has a specialist service for forced marriages.
- MAT is able to offer a panel including both qualified lawyers and judges, and respected Islamic Scholars. The Trust's unique access to both the legal professional community and Islamic scholars and women solicitors allows this unique combination on our panels.

MAT has served to resolve disputes in various settings over the last year, including legal, commercial, and inter-personal.

MAT is pleased to be one of the few forums available to women, assisting them to dissolve their marriages where husbands have withheld divorce from them for a prolonged period. Hijaz has recognised for many years the cultural problem of forced marriages, and women in vulnerable and oppressive circumstances. MAT provides resolutions for such difficult disputes in an open, non-judgmental and safe environment.

The Trust is pleased to report that we have been able to directly assist 11 couples in finding resolutions to their disputes through our arbitration service, mainly marital resolutions. We continue to have enquiries to MAT for assistance with marriage disputes, which indicates the need to support Muslims at a greater scale.

Garden of Blessings

The Garden of Blessings is an exclusive Muslim burial ground located in Hijaz Manor. It provides a private burial site for Muslims who wish to visit their relatives in a place connected and devoted to promoting the core values of Islam. The Garden of Blessings also provides income for the Trust.

- The outdoor PA system has been useful for larger crowds (visitors of the graveyard) attending the Friday prayer and allows for collective prayers that take place at the Mausoleum to be heard throughout the nearby graves and pathways. This gives the larger congregation ample space outside to listen in and join at a safe distance.
- The popularity of graves continues to grow amongst Muslim communities in the Birmingham and Coventry area leading to a greater number of burials and graves reserved in recent years. This year from 2022-23 the number of burials has been 29, taking the total occupancy of the graves to over 129.
- The graveyard continued to serve as a central focal point for visitation during the auspicious occasions of Eid ul Fitr, Eid ul Adha, Eid ul Jummah and the Night of Meraaj worship and remembrance programme.

Garden of Blessings continues to offer funeral services and works with other Muslim places of worships and funeral services to facilitate Muslim families in burying their loved ones quickly and with dignity. The Trust continues to undertake the professional services of two funeral directors in Birmingham and individuals as well as not-for-profit community organisations who offer pastoral care and assist in the running of burials fulfilling the delicate needs of a Muslim burial and faith-related bereavement support. The Trust also benefited from the support of volunteers who offered practical and emotional support to bereaved families.

Jamia Islamia Property Estate & Renovation

As planned, extensive renovation and improvements of the Hijaz grounds are continuing. A full breakdown of expenditure on renovation, maintenance and repairs is shown below.

COST CENTRE	AMOUNT
01. MASJID	£ 87,690.00
02. WUZU KHANA	£ 35,534.80
03. MAINBUILDING OFFICES	£ 6,905.65
04. RESIDENCE BLOCK NEW B	£ 59.99
05. RESIDENCE BLOCK OLD B	£ 302.83
06. RESIDENCE BLOCK C	£ 4,421.00
07. CLASS ROOMS BLOCK D	£ 34.74
08. RESIDENCE MAINBUILDING	£ 160.37
10. SEWERAGE/SEPTIC TANK	£ 30,277.30
11. SITE ROADS/LANDSCAPING	£ 21,400.69
12. GOB	£ 126,845.42
13. JI STONEY STANTON RD	£ 40,622.26
15. EVENTS	£ 321.87
40. BIOMASS	£ 250.00
42. GARDENING	£ 11,718.78
43. HIJAZ STUDIOS	£ 496.76
45. PATHWAY MASJID	£ 4,600.00
46. SOUND STUDIOS	£ 114.85
46. MAINBUILDING FLATS	£ 5,233.20
51. MAZAAR SHAREEF	£ 100.08
53. MAINBUILDING	£ 35,409.89

A comprehensive array of on-site renovations and improvements has been diligently undertaken to enhance the overall functionality and aesthetics of the premises. Efforts were directed towards tidying up the back car park area to optimise both visual appeal and practical utility.

The land underwent a careful flattening process, creating a more even and visually pleasing landscape. Grass re-seeding initiatives were undertaken to revitalise the greenery, promoting a lush and vibrant environment. Addressing infrastructure concerns, particular attention was given to road conditions. Potholes were mended, ensuring smoother and safer travel throughout the site.

Trust was pleased to upgrade the driveway gate, a pivotal enhancement aimed at fortifying the security infrastructure of the site. This improvement not only contributes to bolstering the safety measures in place but also underscores the ongoing commitment to creating a secure and protected environment for all community members.

The demolition of the old mosque building was carried out. A new mosque layout was constructed, accompanied by rewiring and the installation of modern lighting. The creation of an open and interconnected space involved the demolition of partition walls, refurbishment of bathrooms and the kitchen, and the addition of a throughway between the main halls. Furthermore, a strategic re-piping of the heating system, along with boxing for heating units, was executed. Structural enhancements included the repair of floor beams and installation of flooring.

Aesthetic improvements comprised decking, painting, and the completion of a pathway project initiated in the previous year. Signposting was strategically added for improved navigation.

We are excited that the mosque will serve as a central hub for key projects and charitable activity on site, including spiritual gatherings, a place for lectures, mentoring and reflection in an uplifting environment.

The Wudu Khana area underwent completion of blockwork, partition installations, and plumbing work.

The Garden of Blessings had further improvements made, with pathway work featuring electrical installations, electric ducting, manhole installations, and water connections to facilitate ongoing maintenance.

Roofing concerns of the main building remain tenuous and are being addressed through a comprehensive approach. The Trust has made best efforts to concentrate on a targeted repair approach, only repairing sections of the roof that require a complete replacement. This has involved installing new tiles, lead, gullies, and ridge tiles. The re-slating of the entire roof is envisaged, in order to bring about a robust and enduring solution.

The donation of new chandelier lights is a welcome gift from our trustee, Imran Khan, is bound to bring a touch of elegance to the main building offices. It is hoped that the main building offices will serve as a focal point for receiving delegates and special guests.

Sewage management received a boost with the installation of a new large septic tank in the ground. This will improve the waste management system of the grounds, and hopefully future-proof the grounds for more visitors which continue to increase each year.

Refurbishment activities were applied to residence Block C focusing on ripping out ceilings and installing new ceiling boards within the corridors. Pipework was also boxed in along the corridors.

Furthermore, meticulous attention was given to the drainage systems of Residence Block C and D Block. Guttering installations were carried out for both blocks, ensuring effective water management and protection against potential water-related issues.

Several essential infrastructure upgrades were implemented. Underground pipework was strategically installed between the main building and the masjid, enhancing the efficiency and functionality of the plumbing system.

In summation, these on-site endeavours reflect a dedicated commitment to revitalising and optimising various facets of the premises. The collective impact of these renovations and constructions contributes significantly to an improved and sustainable environment. Much investment has gone into the public facing communal areas, both outdoors and indoors for the overall improved experience of beneficiaries. We believe such investments reflect a positive experience of Islam in Hijaz Manor and are dedicated to continuing such works with this objective.

The flats in the old Jamia Islamia building in Coventry continue to bring revenue through rental income. They remain under regular review and were placed on the market, but investors and potential buyers have indicated preferences for flats of a different layout. The Board remains open to selling some of this property to reduce the repayments on the bank loan, and in the meantime is looking to maximise the occupancy of current flats to generate further instalments on the bank loan and further income for the charity. In this regard, the Trust has continued to make repairs, maintenance and updating of fixtures after wear and tear on the flats. The Trust continues to receive a healthy rental income from residents living on the grounds, and therefore has continued to invest in maintenance and improvements of the flats and houses.

As with many of the works, the Trust is very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers whom have provided professional services of architectural planning, supervision and works that allowed for these developments free of charge, thus saving the charity a significant sum.

Provision of Accommodation facilities for Trainers of Volunteers

The Hijaz grounds continues to attract more volunteers and devotees, whom wish to raise their families around an Islamic environment. The resident voluntary trainers and Mentors continue to play a key role in ensuring the quality and full coordination of the execution of these projects. Resident volunteers have been providing regular training – e.g. zikr, bespoke mentoring, assistance with the youth programmes and academic on the subjects of Islamic Law and Spirituality. The Trust is looking at existing spaces where further accommodation can be developed for volunteers to reside on site.

The contributions being made by the resident volunteers equate to almost £105,000.00 and this aspect of the Trust has become a key asset. The Trust will continue to develop and expand this to facilitate more volunteers to come and also to provide even better facilities.

Our Volunteers

All the projects of the Trust rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers.

A vast proportion of the operational costs of our projects are met by volunteer contributions from those living on site, not only financially but through donating their time and, when required, their expertise.

Whilst the Trust has not formally accounted individually, the following examples give volunteer's Equivalent Monetary Voluntary Contribution, a brief insight into the sheer quality and value of the contributions made by the on-site volunteers.

- The Site Manager continues to contribute his time and skills to the value of £60-80k in architect consultancy fees during the upgrades that took place to improve the renovations and building developments to the site. Further to this, the Site Manager provides endless assistance with maintenance and the

oversight of renovations in the whole Site. Essentially devoting all his spare time towards the Trust's site management. This separate role and tradesman level expertise would have cost the Trust a further £25-30k in total per annum.

- The Trust continues to benefit from the voluntary expertise of a professional accountant and bookkeeper who have established a well-functioning system for financial reporting, providing the Trust with absolute and up-to-date oversight. The financial and accounting services in kind have the equivalent monetary value of more than £15,000 per year.
- Various volunteers work tirelessly providing co-ordination, administration and physical labour in the varying projects, which the Trust is keen to quantify, in order to encourage a recognition of their contributions towards the Charity and its activities.

Financial review

The charity's incoming resources for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 totalled £581,795 (£562,502 for YE 2022). This consisted of donations, the charity's investment income, contribution from volunteers, utilities and biomass subsidiary income. It is important to acknowledge the huge contribution of time and commitment from our volunteers who have helped to manage the Trust at a minimal cost.

The charity expenditure for the same period was £603,511 leaving a profit and loss balance loss for YE 31 March 2023 as £21,715. The charity's bank balance position at the end of this period shows £85,780.

Reserve policy and going concern

Reserves are required to ensure the stable operations of The Trust. The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as sudden increase in expenses, on-time unplanned expenses, or unanticipated loss in funding. The Reserve may also be used for one-time, nonrecurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as research and development or investment in infrastructure.

Operating reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of Jamia Islamia for Operating Reserves to be used and replenished within a short period of time.

The trustees decided there was no need to increase the level of reserves and, as at 31 March 2023, kept it at £9,000.

Our balance sheet remains strong due to the ownership of the site. The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Jamia Islamia and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the Trust for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the Trust is a going concern.

Plans for future periods

- The Trust has embarked upon building three to four new homes at the bottom of the Hijaz driveway to sell and aim to generate a profit of £1.4 million for the Charity. There is scope for building further houses along the driveway, which

may also be sold on the open market, or may potentially be used for accommodation for potential assisting living or care facilities.

- The Trust hopes to add further pathways in the Garden of Blessings graveyard to make for easier burials and further funeral prayers to take place in the dedicated burial grounds area, rather than the courtyard near the WC.
- The Trust looks forward to launching Hijaz Expo and hopes to create a dedicated professional kitchen and recruiting a new chef to accommodate regular lunches (langar shareef) for the new visitors who will be welcomed by Hijaz Trust in the near future.
- The Trust hopes to create a small sanctuary where overnight visitors can stay in spiritual seclusion near the woodland area to the left of the Main Building.

Finalising the Mosque works as follows:

- Fresh Painting of the walls and ceilings
- Installation of beautiful tiling to the mihrab area.
- New carpet installation.
- Enhancements to the lighting system throughout the premises.
- Kitchen refurbishment with a focus on finishing touches.
- Completion of the entrance area for a welcoming ambiance.
- Finalization of the new mimbar area.
- Implementation of a speaker system and camera installations.
- Installation of TV screens.
- Upgrading chairs for improved comfort.
- Completion of Mosque washrooms.

Planned Site Works:

- Repair and maintenance of the main building roof skylight.
- Completion of Wudu Khana.
- Archway renovations
- Commencement of refurbishment on the ground floor of D block.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 517456

Accounts

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Charity No. 517456

Company No.

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2022

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No.

Charity No. 517456

Registered Office

Hijaz College
Watling Street
Nuneaton
CV116BE

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

M.AWAN

A. Carrim

F. CHEDIE

F. HANNAN

T. ISHAQ

H. Kalla

I. KHAN

H.A. Shah

F.A. SIDDIQI

N.A.SIDDIQI

S. TAYYAB MBCHB

Accountants

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS
Electric Wharf
1 Generator Hall
CVI 4JL

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 Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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 above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

Signed on behalf of the board

M. Awan

M.AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2022

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across 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.

F. Nagda

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED **ACCOUNTANTS**

Electric Wharf

1 Generator Hall

CVI 4JL

31 March 2022

**JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)
TRUST**
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total funds
		funds	funds	2022	2021
	Notes	2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
from:			-		
Donations and legacies	4	411,661	-	411,661	320,494
Charitable activities	5	24,271	-	24,271	22,029
Other trading activities	6	105,159	-	105,159	79,607
Investments	7	21,411		21,411	14,091
Total		562,502		562,502	436,221
Expenditure on:			-		-
Raising funds	8		-		1,878
Charitable activities	9				18,343
Other	10	490,623		490,623	323,419
Total		490,623		490,623	343,640
Net gains on investments					
Net income		71,879		71,879	92,581
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	92,580
Net income before other gains/(losses)		71,879		71,879	185,161
Other gains and losses			-		
Other (Losses)					(92,581)
Net movement in funds		71,879	-	71,879	62,580
Reconciliation of funds:			-		
Total funds brought forward		2,565,018		2,565,018	2,502,438
Total funds carried forward		2,636,897	30,000	2,666,897	2,565,018

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Summary Income and Expenditure Account

for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income	541,091	422,130
Interest and investment income	21,411	23,089
Gross income for the year	<u>562,502</u>	<u>224,853</u>
Expenditure	486,487	320,551
Interest payable	4,136	23,089
Total expenditure for the year	<u>490,623</u>	<u>343,640</u>
Net income before tax for the year	71,879	92,581
Net income for the year	<u>71,879</u>	<u>92,581</u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST**Balance Sheet****at 31 March 2022**

Company No.	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,115,000	3,125,000
		3,115,000	3,125,000
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		141,100	121,421
		141,100	121,421
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(750)	(23,373)
Net current assets		140,350	98,048
Total assets less current liabilities		3,255,350	3,223,298
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(588,453)	(628,280)
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		2,666,897	2,595,018
Total net assets		<u>2,666,897</u>	<u>2,595,018</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	15	30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	15	1,464,993	1,402,413
Designated funds		71,879	62,580
		1,566,872	<u>1,464,993</u>
Reserves			
Revaluation reserve	15	1,100,025	1,100,025
		1,100,025	1,100,025
Total funds		<u>2,666,897</u>	<u>2,595,018</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Balance Sheet

Approved by the board on 31 March 2022

And signed on its behalf by:

M.AWAN
Trustee
31 March 2022

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

Income

Recognition of Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity income becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the legacies SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation donations and to which it relates.

gifts

Donated These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the services and benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

facilities

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment This is included in the accounts when receivable.

income

Gains/(losses) This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at on revaluation the end of the year.

of fixed assets

Gains/(losses) This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments. on

investment

assets

Expenditure

Recognition of Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which expenditure cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising raising funds trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and charitable services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and activities governance costs.

Grants payable All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory costs requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.
expenditure

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Notes to the Accounts

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

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Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Total funds 2021
	£	£
Income and endowments		
from:		
Donations and legacies	320,494	320,494
Total	<u>320,494</u>	<u>320,494</u>
Expenditure on:		
Other	323,419	323,419
Total	<u>(2,925)</u>	<u>(2,925)</u>
Net income	<u>32,945</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Transfers between funds	92,580	92,580
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>89,655</u>	<u>89,655</u>
Other gains and losses:		
Other Gains	(92,581)	(92,581)
Net movement in funds	<u>(2,925)</u>	<u>(2,925)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	2,502,438	2,502,438
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,499,512</u>	<u>2,499,512</u>

4 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£
411,661	411,661	320,494
<u>411,661</u>	<u>411,661</u>	<u>320,494</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
£	£	£
24,271	24,271	22,029
<u>24,271</u>	<u>24,271</u>	<u>22,029</u>

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6 Income from other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2022	2021
£	£	£
105,159	105,159	79,607
<u>105,159</u>	<u>105,159</u>	<u>79,607</u>
<u><u>105,159</u></u>	<u><u>105,159</u></u>	<u><u>79,607</u></u>

7 Income from investments

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2022	2021
£	£	£
21,411	21,411	14,091
<u>21,411</u>	<u>21,411</u>	<u>14,091</u>
<u><u>21,411</u></u>	<u><u>21,411</u></u>	<u><u>14,091</u></u>

8 Expenditure on raising funds

*Investment
management costs*

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2022	2021
£	£	£
-	-	1,878
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,878</u>
<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,878</u></u>

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

*Expenditure on charitable
activities*

Governance costs

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2022	2021
£	£	£
-	-	18,220
-	-	123
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,343</u>
<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>18,343</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2022	2021
	£	£	£
Bank Loan and Overdraft	298,869	298,869	196,022
Interest payable	4,135	4,135	23,089
Employee Costs	31,548	31,548	10,828
Motor and travel costs	90	90	576
Premises costs	70,137	70,137	67,604
General administrative cost	31,104	31,104	15,900
Legal and professional cost	54,740	54,740	9,400
	<u>490,623</u>	<u>490,623</u>	<u>191,908</u>

11 Staff costs

Salaries and wages	<u>31,548</u>	<u>10,828</u>
	<u>31,548</u>	<u>10,828</u>

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2021	3,115,000	10,250	3,125,250
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2021	3,115,000	10,250	3,125,250
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,587	23,373
	<u>5,587</u>	<u>23,373</u>

14 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	223,620	257,413
Other loans	364,117	370,117
Other creditors	716	750
	<u>588,453</u>	<u>628,280</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

15 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2021	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	Gross transfers £	At 31 March 2022 £
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:	30,000				30,000
				-	-
<i>Total</i>	<u>30,000</u>			<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	1,402,413	490,623	(490,623)		1,402,413
Designated funds:	62,580			71,879	71,879
<i>Total</i>	<u>62,580</u>			<u>71,879</u>	<u>71,879</u>
Revaluation Reserves:					
Revaluation fund	1,100,025				1,100,025
<i>Total revaluation reserves</i>	<u>1,100,025</u>				<u>1,100,025</u>
Total funds	<u>2,595,018</u>	<u>490,623</u>	<u>(490,623)</u>	<u>71,879</u>	<u>2,666,897</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Revaluation reserves Represent the amount by which investments exceed their historical cost.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	3,115,000		3,115,000
Net current assets	141,100		141,100
Creditors due in more than one year and provisions	(750) -	(588,453)	(589,203)
	<u>3,260,937</u>	<u>(583,453)</u>	<u>2,666,897</u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

18 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31. March 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ending 31. March 2022.

Hijaz is distinct as a public site in Europe offering not only a place of worship, education and reflection, but it also enriches visitors with the first-hand experience of being amongst Muslims who wish to better both themselves and society in their day to day lives. The introduction this year of the playing of the noble Quran 24 hours a day, 7 days a week has been a welcome transformation for the grounds, making it a true sanctuary.

Existing beneficiaries enjoy the benefits of visiting the grounds for many personal and educational reasons. Visitors from out-reach projects and mentees have been inspired and educated by the platform to witness and engage with a living, breathing Islamic lifestyle that exists in Hijaz. Both children and adults alike have enjoyed being able to witness the daily practices of Muslim life, not in a virtual or artificial manner, but in a truly first-hand, experiential way. Attendees of the annual Blessed Summit, away days, monthly spiritual gatherings have all given resounding feedback of the enrichment and inspiration the unique site offers. Visitors of the Garden of Blessings graveyard and Jummah attendees have also shared similar positive experiences. Many have shown enthusiasm about the prospect of returning with friends, colleagues and peers to allow people to experience true Islam. The Trust has is pleased by the direction its New Business Plan is taking and looks forward to implementing away days for people of all ages and backgrounds to have an inspiring and educational experience in Hijaz.

The Trust looks forward to maximising on the attractive, unique qualities offered in the grounds at Hijaz: Europe's first Mausoleum; a modernised, multi-use Mosque; a private Muslim graveyard; and reflection. In keeping with its evolving New Business Plan, the Trust is looking forward to welcoming a wider demographic than it has done in the past and provide taster days to all who wish to learn about Islam. The charity is excited about the opportunity that widening our demographic will offer: to educate people about the fundamentals of an Islamic spiritual way of life and the chance to dispel myths and miseducation about the religion.

Hijaz has continued to hold regular spiritual gatherings which have often taken an online forum during the national lockdown, and been enriching for both local and national volunteers of the Trust and the wider public. Bespoke guidance and counsel and advice continue to be held through spiritual surgeries and the forums of arbitration. Mentoring has expanded to the youth programme of the older children of many volunteers, as well as continued with people of a various backgrounds from the wider public.

The Trust is heartened by the resounding success of our annual Blessed Summit, which focussed on Mental Health and Islamic Solutions. The event explored important areas of mental health for all members of society and addressed the current crisis, whilst attempting to dispel the myths around mental health. The feedback from our diverse audience was extraordinary, as beneficiaries commented on the social and personal relevance of some of the themes explored, and how informative the presentations were. Practical tips and advice reinforced by Islamic literature and teachings were at the forefront of the expositions, as well as important organisations and helplines beneficiaries could use if they encounter mental health issues and needed to reach out.

The Trust continues to respond with solidarity to the unprecedented crisis of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Trust continues to put the interest and safety of the public first and has acted with great caution to ensure this. Throughout the months, during the national lockdown, activities were suspended or altered accordingly. Restricting access to the sanctuary of Hijaz during the peak of the spread of the Coronavirus sent an important message to beneficiaries and visitors alike to take serious measures for the protection of themselves, their families and the whole of society. The Trust is revisiting and adapting to the needs of social distancing requirements, and looks forward to preparing the grounds and re-welcoming people from all walks of life into Hijaz's spiritual sanctuary for much needed enrichment when it will be safe to do so.

The Trust welcomes opportunities to support local partners, including our cherished NHS hospitals and GPs during this crisis. The Charity looks forward to deepening ties with Leicestershire County Council and other national services to improve not only the health and safety of our fellow human beings but also their overall wellbeing. We continue to have similar positive communications with religious and community leaders in the local community and surrounding areas.

We are pleased to have continued our outreach within the local community of Leicestershire and Warwickshire. Our young volunteers received a welcoming response from our local Leicestershire community who received our gifts of food packages after spiritual gatherings.

On behalf of the Trust, I would like to express gratitude and appreciation to our donors, volunteers and beneficiaries who continue to support our projects and the development of our service to all of society.

Secretary's Report

M. Awan

Mujib Awan
Secretary

Our purposes and activities

Jamia Islamia (Islamic Studies Centre) Trust, known as "Hijaz College", has been serving the community for over three decades and has built unique partnerships within the British Muslim community. Its core values have always been centred on Education, Society and Spirituality.

Mission Statement

Offering Islamic spiritual and academic education and mentoring for Muslims in the U.K., and strengthening their ethical religious and social values and citizenship.

The key purposes of the Trust are:

- to promote advancement of the religion of Islam
- the advancement of education of the Muslim children and adults
- the teaching of Arabic and other languages
- such other charitable means as the Trustees shall see fit.

The trustees have developed a Business Plan to implement its objectives by:

- Providing Islamic Education to meet the modern needs of Muslims
- Enriching society through community service and grassroots initiatives
- Empowering individuals and groups to serve the needs of their own communities
- Providing Islamic services to the British Muslims that enhance their lives as British Citizens.
- Promoting Islamic Spirituality, Dynamic Thinking and Personal Development through all projects and initiatives
- Contributing to social harmony in the United Kingdom through implementation of the universal principles of Islam

The following projects are being utilized to achieve the Trust's aims and objectives:

Hijaz College

Medina Youth Programme

This year Hijaz has introduced a key arm to its education, and saw the inauguration of a formalised tutelage programme for young Muslim children. The Medina Youth Programme is a comprehensive introduction to essential Islamic subjects.

Background

The character building and learning from the Hijazi STARS and Fun Factory has proven to be popular, and it brought the community together for key events. In recent years, however, with the development and growth of young families amongst our patrons, there became a growing need arose to educate their children in the essentials of Islamic understanding. Since the winter of 2019, a qualified Alim and respected Islamic teacher within the community, and a former graduate of Hijaz College, began training the children of local volunteers and beneficiaries in reading Quranic Arabic. This evolved into lessons on broader and more academic subjects, which are taught comprehensively at a simplified and digestible elementary level.

Medina Youth

In the summer of 2020, the initial pilot group of 11 local children, or Class 1 of Medina Youth Group, began receiving lessons on Hadith. Due to the pandemic, the lessons were taught online, and this broadened the scope to be able to offer the tutelage to benefactors nationwide. The possibility of the wider reach and popularity that the course gleaned from children and parents meant that a second class of 17 slightly older, primary-aged children was formed in June 2020. A third class of approximately 20 children aged as young as 5 years old are looking to be introduced in the summer of 2022.

The subjects covered so far have been Hadith (Prophetic examples and sayings), and the summer of 2022 will include the study of Fiqh (Islamic Law) and Seerah (history of the last and final Prophet Muhammad ill). The classes are held 4 times a week on zoom, and accumulate in regular quizzes to assess their progress. The Trust saw the benefit of consolidating the resources for the studies and employing the volunteer who provides regular sessions to classes of almost 60 children, which continues to gain in popularity and expand the knowledge of its attendees.

It is the hope of the Trust that these young children will be empowered by a firm understanding of the cornerstones of Islam and widen their perception of the relevance of Islam in their daily lives.

Hijazi STARS

The '*Hijazi STARS*' is a youth club for over 12s to young adults with the additional opportunity for more bespoke education and training in various community projects. The Hijazi STARS often volunteer with events, helping them run smoothly and are usually involved with the planning and implementation of children's activities.

The older members of Hijazi STARS faced unprecedented challenges to their education at key moments, which affected their GCSE and A Level grades. The group had weekly online mentoring sessions served as a way in which to motivate and check in on our benefactors during the difficult time. The platform was used to address the challenges head on and to explore the science, as well as the social, physical and mental effects of the Coronavirus and looked at pandemics throughout history. Most importantly, they developed an understanding of the Islamic approach to dealing with pandemics and illnesses.

At times when social distancing rules and lockdown had eased, the youth group planned and organised some educational role play and activities aimed at the younger children in 'Fun Factory' teaching them about forming healthy relationships with family and friends.

The Hijazi STARS also continued with their exploration of Tarbiyya (character building) topics and social contemporary issues, and talked about ways in which to come together during times of crises and their appreciation of front-line workers. Other topics included the environment, climate change, gender, identity and the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad —

The children who attended the Fun Factory transitioned into the attendees of Medina Youth Programme. It is the hope that we can resume providing fun, Islamic based activities for younger children from the ages of three and above in the future.

Educational events

Education continues to be delivered through monthly gatherings to allow more people to benefit from a deeper understanding of Islam and its teachings. Due to the pandemic, many Friday Jummah sermons and monthly gatherings were hosted online via zoom. The following educational programmes were organised by Hijaz College organised:

1. Teaching of Islamic texts were moved onto an online teaching platform due to social distancing. In the last year, the subjects involved the following courses:

- i. ***Ash Shifa of Qadi 'Iyad (RA)***

(Healing by the Recognition of the Rights of the Chosen One) Guided reading of a famous, comprehensive overview of the life, characteristics and miracles of holy Prophet Muhammad - This was a weekly class, which commenced at the end of 2019 and finished in November 2020, taught via Zoom and had an average of 70 participants. The recordings were made available for anyone who missed a session and the number of listens was over 600.

- ii. **Surah Yasin**

(Translation and Tafseer) A short course going through the translation and wider meanings of the chapter known as the 'heart of the noble Quran', which began during Ramadan (May 2020) and concluded shortly after. This proved to be a very popular online course, also taught over Zoom, with almost 100 regular attendees. The recordings were made available for anyone who missed a session and these recorded audio lessons reached an audience of over 2,200. At a time when mosque attendance and Tarawih prayers were not permissible, during the national lockdown, a way to come together as a Muslim community and feed the mind and soul was provided through this avenue.

- iii. ***Muhammad the Perfect Man*** by Sayyid Muhammad Ibn Alawi Al-Maliki Al-Hasani

In January 2022, the guided reading and study of the Perfect Man was began via Zoom on a weekly basis. This was envisaged to continue until the winter of December 2022 and the recordings have had almost 400 listens to date.

2. Weekly Dhikr (Remembrance of God) with short Oars e Quran

Weekly spiritual gatherings of congregational dhikr used to be held every Friday in Hijaz and mosques at other localities, including Birmingham, Watford, Huddersfield, Northampton and Bradford. Since the need for social distanced online spiritual gatherings, the opportunity was taken to replace the separate dhikr gatherings to a unified online space to participate in spiritual worship together. This gathering of Dhikr became an opportunity to for intellectual stimulation and education as well as nourishment for the soul, and the traditional Oars e Quran with a qualified alim was introduced. During this short programme, the scholar goes through key verses and chapters in the noble Quran and gives short translations and explanations.

3. Community gatherings

The national lockdown and need for social distancing meant that the local community was not able to gather on a monthly basis for an evening of education, worship and dinner. Instead, key events were delivered online and livestreamed to all, including: the Mawlid-un-Nabi (Celebration of the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad)

The two Eids, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha, were celebrated in spirit and limited to only the household of residents on site during the first and second occasion. The same small gatherings of one household marked other solemn and auspicious dates in the Islamic calendar, including the Night of Ascension and the Night of Forgiveness. As both Eids took place during the summer of 2020, both Eid prayers took place outside in accordance with social distancing rules at the time.

On occasions, food was distributed to the local congregation during some evenings in Ramadan and on Eid in order to boost morale and share in the spirit of these religious occasions.

4. Friday Jummah Sermons

- i. At the start of the financial year, the nation was in full lockdown, and in order to maintain some social and religious normality, the Trust introduced livestreamed Zoom Jummah Sermons from April to June 2022. These online Jummah sermons were 30 minute to rejuvenate and bring hope to the local congregation, to understand the magnitude of the pandemic and provide piece of mind, reassurance and encouragement. Whilst online participants were not able to pray jummah prayer together, each sermon concluded with collective dua (spoken prayer).

- ii. After lockdown lifted, the Hijaz Mosque re-opened and weekly 30 minute speeches resumed and included short lessons on a range of topics, including:
 1. Importance of and Etiquette of the Mosque
 2. Society and relationships in Islam, including: Family, friendships, neighbours and the community
 3. Importance of Friends of God
 4. Significant dates of the Islamic calendar and their relevance, including:
 - significant events in the noble Prophet's lifetime including trials, joyous occasions and social change;
 - the stories of important Islamic personalities and saints;
 - the teachings of key Islamic figures;
 - Islamic philosophy and ethics
 - key events in Islamic history and their relevance today

Spiritual Surgery and Mentoring

Surgery time with Shaykh Faiz Siddiqi continues to be offered to members of Hijaz Community and the wider public on a regular basis. This allows the public to ask questions about the Islamic faith, spirituality, and their personal affairs. Where necessary, bespoke guidance has been provided to assist with marital or family disputes, business disagreements to offer advice and resolutions. It is a true asset to the trust that the Shaykh is a qualified Islamic scholar and commercial barrister, and therefore able to offer a holistic and informed perspective on matters pertaining to both Islamic law and also the English legal system.

In keeping with centralising our inimitable services to our main site, spiritual surgeries have been held in Hijaz. We continue to hold surgery prior to the national events usually held in the evening. This way we have still been able to offer the general and bespoke mentoring by members of Hijaz Community.

Occasionally, when government regulations and weather permitted, outdoor surgery sessions were held during the summer by Shaykh Siddiqi. Bespoke guidance was otherwise offered mainly via telephone and email since the beginning of the national lockdown.

Visitors benefitted from both the Shaykh's and Hijaz Community mentors' methodical guidance as well as the spiritual benefits of spending time on-site for reflection, worship and spiritual blessings.

Blessed Summit

The Blessed Summit is an annual national weekend programme that takes place in Hijaz in Nuneaton every summer. It is a free event, which several hundreds of people attend including local volunteers, friends, family and people who have experienced or engaged with the Trust's projects. The Blessed Summit continues to be a popular event which allows volunteers from around the country and locally to gather and attend collective worship as well as reflect on relevant issues, usually relating to the theme of the event.

For the first time in its 25 year history, the Blessed Summit was held as an entirely online event. The decision to live-stream the annual event over the course of the intended weekend was made by the Trust to ensure social distancing and government guidelines could be properly implemented in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Trust ensured the safety of our patrons whom would usually come together from across the United Kingdom and designed the online programme so that they could enjoy participating in all aspects of the event from the safety of their homes - with the exception of enjoying the blessed food!

The theme of this year's Blessed Summit was Mental Health, and the online event included 21 speeches over the course of the 3 days, which required more minute planning of both the content, delivery and technical aspects of the pre-recorded videos. Muslim communities suffer from a taboo of not confronting psychological struggles in a practical and constructive way. Too often, families (especially those from a Muslim background) trivialise serious mental health illnesses, or make up their own false diagnosis of the person who is suffering from a serious illness as being possessed by spirits or jinns. This can lead to extremely dangerous consequences for those suffering from specific conditions and prevents them from accessing the help they really need. The Trust felt it was important to tackle these issues and dismantle misconceptions within the community. Therefore, many topics were presented by Muslim volunteers from the community, whom are health professionals, including GPs, a dentist, a dietitian and nurse whom all have worked within the NHS and encountered many of these issues first-hand.

Some of the key topics addressed Men's Mental Health, Women's Mental Health, Addictions, Stress Anxiety and Depression, Relationship with food and eating disorders; other presentations looked at how Muslims can regulate their mental health through Islamic practices and spirituality. We also invited guest speakers to give insight into the issue of mental health nationally; these included:

- **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan MP**, Shadow Minister for Mental Health who is an A&E Doctor, she gave an interview on Mental Health in Communities and Building Bridges
- **Neil Carr OBE**, the Chief Executive of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, who gave an informative presentation on the Challenges in Providing Mental Health Care
- **Dr Rene Keet**, EUCOMS & Director Community, Chair of the European Community Mental Health Service Providers, who spoke on the wider frame of Mental Health in Europe

Hijaz emphasised the need to incorporate practices already existing within the Islamic tradition which bring stability and equilibrium to a person's mind and soul. The imperative to treat mental illness seriously, to remove the stigma attached to anyone who suffers bouts of mental illness, and to become more aware of the impact of mental illness within our communities was imparted.

The stimulation of the mind and the spirit was provided in the online event, and all the collective worship, including the ceremonial inauguration of the weekend and cumulative Dhikr and final prayer at the end were livestreamed as they occurred, allowing people to participate and reap the spiritual benefits from the safety of their homes. In total, the number of people who participated, including the limited numbers on the grounds and those watching from home was approximately 1,200.

Due to social distancing and to err on the side of caution with the global pandemic, some of the usual activities, including preparation of flower garlands and children's activities, were cancelled. However, families of all ages participated, and children participated in a Kahoot quiz, with its theme on mental health. This quiz was designed and hosted by members of the Hijaz STARS, and was a resounding success.

Participants commented on how the whole programme offered a fantastic opportunity for families to be involved at a variety of ages, and created a sense of togetherness and comradeship during these unusual and challenging times. The Trust has taken on board the learning and feedback from this year's programme and will endeavour to deliver improved community programmes through livestreaming.

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT)

- The Muslim Arbitration Tribunal is a legal service providing a viable alternative to the Muslim Community for dispute resolution based on Islamic Sacred Law. The service mostly deals with family disputes and has a specialist service for forced marriages.
- MAT is able to offer a panel including both qualified lawyers and judges, and respected Islamic Scholars. The Trust's unique access to both the legal professional community and Islamic scholars and women solicitors allows this unique combination on our panels.

MAT has served to resolve disputes in various settings over the last year, including legal, commercial, and inter-personal.

MAT is pleased to be one of the few forums available to women, assisting them to dissolve their marriages where husbands have withheld divorce from them for a prolonged period. Hijaz has recognised for many years the cultural problem of forced marriages, and women in vulnerable and oppressive circumstances. MAT provides resolutions for such difficult disputes in an open, non-judgmental and safe environment.

The Trust is pleased to report that we have been able to directly assist 13 couples in finding resolutions to their disputes through our arbitration service, mainly marital resolutions. We have had numerous enquiries to MAT for assistance with marriage disputes, which indicates the need to support Muslims at a greater scale.

Garden of Blessings

The Garden of Blessings is an exclusive Muslim burial ground located in Hijaz Manor. It provides a private burial site for Muslims who wish to visit their relatives in a place connected and devoted to promoting the core values of Islam. The Garden of Blessings also provides income for the Trust.

- In May, an outdoor PA system was installed within the Mausoleum with speakers in the graveyards, playing the Holy Quran 24 hours a day. There are six speakers in total placed around different parts of the Garden of Blessings area and Mausoleum. This has transformed the atmosphere within not only the graveyard area, but the wider Hijaz grounds, bringing serenity and spirituality to anyone who visits. The introduction of the outdoor PA system also allows for appropriate social distancing during collective prayers which are made at the Mausoleum, with only one or two members performing the prayers inside into the microphone, whilst the congregation has ample space outside to listen in and join at a safe distance.
- There has been a surge in the demand for graves amongst our Muslim communities in the Birmingham and Coventry area and this has led to a large increase in the number of burials and graves reserved this year. Over 50 burials and reservations for graves took place in 2019-2020, taking the total occupancy to almost 100.
- The graveyard continued to serve as a central focal point for visitation during the auspicious occasions of Eid ul Fitr, Eid ul Adha, Eid ul Jummah and the Night of Meraaj worship and remembrance programme.

Garden of Blessings offered funeral services at a time of great need at the beginning of the pandemic, and since then it has partnered with other Muslim places of worships and funeral services to facilitate Muslim families in burying their loved ones quickly and with dignity. The Trust undertook the service of professional funeral directors in Birmingham and individuals who could offer bespoke pastoral care and assist in the running of burials, particularly when they were close together. The professional fees were almost £12,000, and were a worthwhile investment to deliver a much needed support system to bereaved families and their loved ones. The Trust also benefited from the support of volunteers who offered practical and emotional support to bereaved families.

An increased number of burials per day and week (during particularly busy periods) also required an investment into upgraded equipment used by the Garden of Blessings. The Trust took the decision to purchase a metal hydraulic frame to assist with the lowering of coffins into their graves and a new digger to facilitate more expedient burials robust against all weather conditions. In total this year investment into the Garden of Blessings was a little over £33,000, which included external

services, new equipment and supplies: a small cost for the honour of serving the Muslim community throughout an unprecedented time.

Jamia Islamia Property Estate & Renovation

As planned, extensive renovation and improvements of the Hijaz grounds have begun. A full breakdown of expenditure on renovation, maintenance and repairs is shown below.

COST CENTRE	01.04.21 - 31.03.22
1. WUDHU KHANA	£ 61,924.79
2. MAIN BUILDING OFFICES	£ 14,081.79
3. RESIDENCE BLOCK NEW B	-
4. RESIDENCE BLOCK C	£ 21,165.36
5. RESIDENCE MB	£ 27,681.40
6. MASJID	£ 300.00
7. SEWERAGE/SEPTIC TANK	£ 24,817.12
8. SITE ROADS/LANDSCAPING	£ 11,630.92
9. GOB	£ 17,995.04
10. JI STONEY STANTON RD	£ 7,503.80
11. RESIDENCE BLOCK OLD B	£ 415.40
11. CLASS ROOMS BLOCK D	£ 583.49

12. GENERAL COSTS	£ 5,474.88
13. UNALLOCATED FUND	£ 8,164.81
14. BIOMASS	£ 1,935
15. GARDENING	£ 2,220.65
16. HIJAZ STUDIOS	£ 10,354.59
17. ARCHWAY	£ 7,096.77
18. PATHWAY MASJID	£ 27,880.64
19. SOUND STUDIOS	£ 4,583.66
20. MAINBUILDING FLATS	£ 27,460.83
21. MAINBUILDING KITCHEN	£ 575.33
22. GAMES ROOM	£ 252.31

23. MIZAR SHAREEG	£ 94.50
Total	£ 284,192.40

There has been renovation of the main building to convert the former classrooms into offices. The roof of the 18th century building has required thorough repairs after several years of patchwork repairs from leaks of previous years. Much effort has gone into restoring the architrave panelling in the main hall and reception area, which we hope will both preserve the character of the building and provide a beautiful setting when we host visitors from all backgrounds to explore and learn about Islam.

The Trust ensured a much needed upgrade to the sewerage system in Hijaz, which had a cost of over £60,000, with the lion's share of this investment going towards a new septic tank. Great savings were made in the installation of this new system, as a team of volunteers that are members of the Charity offered their professional services as architects and engineers at no cost.

A full-time groundsman was employed in the winter of 2020 in order to undertake the landscaping and maintenance of the gardens, including the tidying of the graveyard and other public areas. This has done much to improve the aesthetic appeal of the green space outside. Many visitors have commented on the streamlined appearance of the gardens outside the Mausoleum; the cleared pathways and the well maintained grass area in the Garden of Blessings graveyard. Investment has been made on both the purchase and maintenance of machinery and equipment to assist in tidying the public areas. The plan is to improve the orchard area next year to make it more accessible and family-friendly, as brambles and uneven grounds make it difficult to reach at present.

An investment of almost £6,000 has gone into obtaining the planning permission to further the Trust's aspirations for making Hijaz a comfortable retreat for spiritual and religious contemplation. Further spending is forecasted in the next financial years when aspects of these plans are implemented and built.

A new flat was built in the second floor of the block of flats assigned to accommodation for families of volunteers and staff dedicated to the Trust's objectives. This was necessary to house the growing families of members whose families were making sacrifices by living in small quarters; the Trust recognised that the expansion of their families necessarily meant providing expanded living quarters. The rental income and utility payments continue to bring a healthy income for the Charity and continue to help cover the costs of public and communal amenities on the grounds.

The flats in the old Jamia Islamia building in Coventry continue to bring revenue through rental income. They remain under regular review and were placed on the market, but investors and potential buyers have indicated preferences for flats of a different layout. The Board remains open to selling some of this property to reduce the repayments on the bank loan, and in the meantime is looking to maximise the occupancy of current flats to generate further instalments on the bank loan and further income for the charity. In this regard, the Trust has continued to make repairs, maintenance and updating of fixtures after wear and tear on the flats. The Trust continues to receive a healthy rental income from residents living on the grounds, and therefore has continued to invest in maintenance and improvements of the flats and houses.

As with many of the works, the Trust is very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers whom have provided professional services of architectural planning, supervision and works that allowed for these developments free of charge, thus saving the charity a significant sum.

Mosque

Whilst the Trust envisaged the completion of the final phases of the new modernised Mosque this year, shortages in the building industry and a reduced number of visits meant that the Charity's efforts and investment went into other structural and

We are excited that the mosque will serve as a central hub for key projects and charitable activity on site, including spiritual gatherings, a place for lectures, mentoring and reflection in an uplifting environment. The Trust is heartened by the willingness of key volunteers to help to raise funds to assist with the development of the Hijaz, so that it may be a centre of contemplation, comfort and education.

A second phase introducing a professional PA system and increased capacity of 500 worshippers by the Trust has been deferred with priority given to the development of the large modern ablution facility, which will take a more central location. Some funds have been spent on the preliminary works of the new toilet and ablution area. It is envisaged that both the Wudhu and Mosque area should be developed extensively and completed by next year.

The Trust is looking to improve the walkways between the Mausoleum, Mosque and Wudhu area for easy access for visitors. As we anticipate an increased volume of visitors nationwide, when we open up to the general public, these pathways should make clear the public spaces for visitors at the front of the grounds, leaving the behind area for residential access, which may eventually be cordoned off with security gates.

Security

The Trust is pleased to have purchased 16 HO cameras, which will be strategically installed to give good coverage of high traffic areas of the Hijaz grounds. The cameras will include video and audio recording, which will provide much-needed security and peace of mind to visitors, volunteers and residents. These will be installed once a fully powered internet line is in operation. The Trust welcomes the beneficence of volunteers who are professionals in telecommunications, and have advised in the planning and have offered to heavily subsidise for the charity the cost of its physical installation.

The Trust has reviewed the security measures in place and has been exploring ways in which to ensure the safety of both volunteers and visitors at all times.

Provision of Accommodation facilities for Trainers of Volunteers

The Hijaz grounds continues to attract more volunteers and devotees, whom wish to raise their families around an Islamic environment. The resident voluntary trainers

and Mentors continue to play a key role in ensuring the quality and full coordination of the execution of these projects. Resident volunteers have been providing regular training - e.g. zikr, bespoke mentoring, assistance with the youth programmes and academic on the Islamic Law and Spirituality. The Trust is looking at existing spaces where further accommodation can be developed for volunteers to reside on site.

The contributions being made by the resident volunteers have now reached almost £80,000.00 and this aspect of the Trust has become a key Asset. The Trust will continue to develop and expand this to facilitate more volunteers to come and also to provide even better facilities.

Our Volunteers

All the projects of the Trust rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers.

A vast proportion of the operational costs of our projects are met by volunteer contributions from those living on site, not only financially but through donating their time and, when required, their expertise.

Whilst the Trust has not formally accounted individually, the following examples give volunteer's Equivalent Monetary Voluntary Contribution, a brief insight into the sheer quality and value of the contributions made by the on-site volunteers.

- The Site Manager continues to contribute his time and skills to the value of £60-80k in architect consultancy fees during the upgrades that took place to improve the renovations and building developments to the site. Further to this, the Site Manager provides endless assistance with maintenance and the oversight of renovations in the whole Site. Essentially devoting all his spare time towards the Trust's site management. This separate role and tradesman level expertise would have cost the Trust a further £25-30k in total per annum.
- The Trust continues to benefit from the voluntary expertise of a professional accountant and bookkeeper who have established a well-functioning system for financial reporting, providing the Trust with absolute and up-to-date oversight. The financial and accounting services in kind have the equivalent monetary value of more than £15,000 per year.
- Various volunteers work tirelessly providing co-ordination, administration and physical labour in the varying projects, which the Trust is keen to quantify, in order to encourage a recognition of their contributions towards the Charity and its activities.

Coronavirus Pandemic

As with last year, the Trust has been quick to respond to the needs of the public and congregation with the outbreak of Covid 19, and regularly reviews the policies in place with medically qualified members of the Trust (doctors in health care) to ensure appropriate measures are being implemented swiftly. The Trust has taken a conservative approach by keeping a close eye on local and national infection rates and has not always waited for government guidance to implement restrictions for the safety of the community. At times

of emergency, the Trust provided urgent pastoral

and practical care, including food packages being safely dropped off local congregation members who were isolating or affected by the virus.

While the world grapples with the challenges presented by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Trust has adapted to online platforms for physically distanced out-reach and educational projects. The Trust is enthused by volunteers' creativity and efforts to continue bringing people together digitally, at a time where spiritual and mental wellbeing are more pertinent than ever.

Financial review

The charity's incoming resources for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 totalled £562,502 (£436,221 for YE 2021). This consisted of donations, the charity's investment income, contribution from volunteers, utilities and biomass subsidiary income. It is important to acknowledge the huge contribution of time and commitment from our volunteers who have helped to manage the trust at a minimal cost.

The charity expenditure for the same period was £490,623 leaving a profit and loss balance surplus for YE 31 March 2022 as £71,879. The charity's bank balance position at the end of this period shows £141,100.

Reserve policy and going concern

Reserves are required to ensure the stable operations of The Trust. The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as sudden increase in expenses, on-time unplanned expenses, or unanticipated loss in funding. The Reserve may also be used for one-time, nonrecurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as research and development or investment in infrastructure.


Operating reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of Jamia Islamia for Operating Reserves to be used and replenished within a short period of time.

The trustees decided there was no need to increase the level of reserves and, as at 31 March 2022ss, kept it at £9,000.

Our balance sheet remains strong due to the ownership of the site. The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Jamia Islamia and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the Trust for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the Trust is a going concern.

Plans for future periods

- The Trust wishes to further develop its new direction towards making Hijaz a centre for newcomers to experience and learn about Islam by hosting 'Away Days' to a wide demographic, primarily: school children, professionals and the elderly.
- The Trust is hoping to coordinate with the local authority in Leicestershire and Warwickshire and outreach to vulnerable groups, for example the elderly and lonely people in the area, to host activities, with the intention of dispelling stereotypes about Islam, educating newcomers and bridge-building within the wider community.
- Installing improved security measures, including CCTV and an upgraded gate where ANPR cameras recognise known vehicles entering the site.
- Fibre optic internet to support security measures on site, for office and residents' use, and future use by an increased volume of visitors in future. This will require digging and cabling which has been quoted to cost tens of thousands of pounds, which we hope can be undertaken by volunteers with a telecommunications background.
- The Trust is pledging to gift food packages to front-line workers as a gesture of appreciation and solidarity, including doctors, nurses, refuse workers, emergency services and teaching staff who continue to work tirelessly throughout the pandemic.
- The Trust has embarked upon building three to four new homes at the bottom of the Hijaz driveway to sell and aim to generate a profit of £1.4 million for the Charity. There is scope for building further houses along the driveway, which may also be sold on the open market, or may potentially be used for accommodation for potential assisting living or care facilities.
- The Trust hopes to expand the Medina Youth education programme for young children, and it making more of its activities available online for distant learning.

Signature: 

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 517456

Accounts

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Charity No. 517456

Company No.

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2021

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

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JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company No.

Charity No. 517456

Registered Office

Hijaz College
Watling Street
Nuneaton
CV11 6BE

Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

M. AWAN
A. Carrim
F. CHEDIE
F. HANNAN
T. ISHAQ
H. Kalla
I. KHAN
H.A. Shah
F.A. SIDDIQI
N.A. SIDDIQI
S. TAYYAB MBCHB

Accountants

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED
ACCOUNTANTS
Electric Wharf
1 Generator Hall
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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 Companies Act 2006. The Trustees 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 above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

Signed on behalf of the board



M. AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2021

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

As the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of .

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across 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.

F. Nagda

EDGE CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Electric Wharf

1 Generator Hall

CV1 4JL

31 March 2021

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	4	320,494	-	320,494	177,576
Charitable activities	5	22,029	-	22,029	32,817
Other trading activities	6	79,607	-	79,607	-
Investments	7	14,091	-	14,091	14,460
Total		436,221	-	436,221	224,853
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	1,878	-	1,878	-
Charitable activities	9	18,343	-	18,343	-
Other	10	323,419	-	323,419	191,908
Total		343,640	-	343,640	191,908
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income		92,581	-	92,581	32,945
Transfers between funds		62,580	30,000	92,580	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)		155,161	30,000	185,161	32,945
Other gains and losses					
Other (Losses)		(92,581)	-	(92,581)	(32,945)
Net movement in funds		62,580	30,000	92,580	-
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,502,438	-	2,502,438	2,469,493
Total funds carried forward		2,565,018	30,000	2,595,018	2,469,493

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income	422,130	224,853
Interest and investment income	14,091	-
Gross income for the year	<u>436,221</u>	<u>224,853</u>
Expenditure	320,551	191,908
Interest payable	23,089	-
Total expenditure for the year	<u>343,640</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Net income before tax for the year	92,581	32,945
Net income for the year	<u><u>92,581</u></u>	<u><u>32,945</u></u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST**Balance Sheet**

at 31 March 2021

Company No.	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	3,125,250	3,115,000
		<u>3,125,250</u>	<u>3,115,000</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		121,421	65,691
		<u>121,421</u>	<u>65,691</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(23,373)	(24,123)
Net current assets		<u>98,048</u>	<u>41,568</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,223,298</u>	<u>3,156,568</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(628,280)	(654,130)
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>2,595,018</u>	<u>2,502,438</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>2,595,018</u></u>	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	15	30,000	-
		<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	15	1,402,413	1,402,413
Designated funds		62,580	-
		<u>1,464,993</u>	<u>1,402,413</u>
Reserves			
Revaluation reserve	15	1,100,025	1,100,025
		<u>1,100,025</u>	<u>1,100,025</u>
Total funds		<u><u>2,595,018</u></u>	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST
Balance Sheet

Approved by the board on 31 March 2021

And signed on its behalf by:



M. AWAN

Trustee

31 March 2021

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST**Statement of Cash flows**

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	92,580	32,945
Adjustments for:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(14,091)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>78,489</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	14,091	-
Net cash from investing activities	<u>14,091</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings	(26,600)	(33,708)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(26,600)</u>	<u>(33,708)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	65,980	(763)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	65,691	66,454
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>131,671</u>	<u>65,691</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	121,421	65,691
	<u>121,421</u>	<u>65,691</u>

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Designated funds These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Revaluation funds These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.

Restricted funds These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

Income

Recognition of income Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Notes to the Accounts

Taxati

on

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the end of the reporting period.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of the charity are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date that the transaction occurred.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at net income/expenditure.

Notes to the Accounts

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	224,853	224,853
Total	<u>224,853</u>	<u>224,853</u>
Expenditure on:		
Other	191,908	191,908
Total	<u>191,908</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Net income	<u>32,945</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Transfers between funds	32,945	32,945
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>65,890</u>	<u>65,890</u>
Other gains and losses:		
Other Gains	(32,945)	(32,945)
Net movement in funds	<u>32,945</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	2,469,493	2,469,493
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>	<u><u>2,502,438</u></u>

4 Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
320,494	320,494	177,576
<u>320,494</u>	<u>320,494</u>	<u>177,576</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
22,029	22,029	32,817
<u>22,029</u>	<u>22,029</u>	<u>32,817</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
79,607	79,607	-
<u>79,607</u>	<u>79,607</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Income from investments

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
14,091	14,091	14,460
<u>14,091</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>14,460</u>

8 Expenditure on raising funds

*Investment
management costs*

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
1,878	1,878	-
<u>1,878</u>	<u>1,878</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Expenditure on charitable activities

*Expenditure on
charitable activities*

Governance costs

Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
£	£	£
18,220	18,220	-
123	123	-
<u>18,343</u>	<u>18,343</u>	<u>-</u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

10 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
		2021	2020
	£	£	£
	196,022	196,022	-
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	23,089	23,089	-
Employee costs	10,828	10,828	1,650
Motor and travel costs	576	576	600
Premises costs	67,604	67,604	153,748
General administrative costs	15,900	15,900	16,147
Legal and professional costs	9,400	9,400	19,763
	<u>323,419</u>	<u>323,419</u>	<u>191,908</u>

11 Staff costs

Salaries and wages	10,828	1,650
	<u>10,828</u>	<u>1,650</u>

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2020	3,115,000	10,250	3,125,250
At 31 March 2021	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2021	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>3,115,000</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>3,125,250</u>

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	23,373	24,123
	<u>23,373</u>	<u>24,123</u>

14 Creditors:

amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	257,413	223,013
Other loans	370,117	431,117
Other creditors	750	-
	<u>628,280</u>	<u>654,130</u>

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Notes to the Accounts

15 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2020	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	Gross transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
<i>Total</i>	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	1,402,413	343,640	(343,640)	-	1,402,413
Designated funds:					
	-	-	-	62,580	62,580
<i>Total</i>	-	-	-	62,580	62,580
Revaluation Reserves:					
Revaluation fund	1,100,025	-			1,100,025
<i>Total revaluation reserves</i>	1,100,025	-			1,100,025
Total funds	2,502,438	343,640	(343,640)	92,580	2,595,018

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Revaluation reserves Represent the amount by which investments exceed their historical cost.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	3,115,000	10,250	3,125,250
Net current assets	121,421	(23,373)	98,048
Creditors due in more than one year and provisions	(750)	(627,530)	(628,280)
	<u>3,235,671</u>	<u>(640,653)</u>	<u>2,595,018</u>

17 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2020	Cash flows	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	65,691	55,730	121,421
	<u>65,691</u>	<u>55,730</u>	<u>121,421</u>
Borrowings	(431,117)	61,000	(370,117)
Bank loans	(223,013)	(34,400)	(257,413)
	<u>(654,130)</u>	<u>26,600</u>	<u>(627,530)</u>
Net debt	<u>(588,439)</u>	<u>82,330</u>	<u>(506,109)</u>

18 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital; thus no single party controls the company.

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestrict ed funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	320,494	-	320,494	177,576
	<u>320,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>320,494</u>	<u>177,576</u>
Charitable activities	22,029	-	22,029	32,817
	<u>22,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,029</u>	<u>32,817</u>
Other trading activities	79,607	-	79,607	-
	<u>79,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,607</u>	<u>-</u>
Investments	14,091	-	14,091	14,460
	<u>14,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,091</u>	<u>14,460</u>
Total income and endowments	436,221	-	436,221	224,853
Expenditure on:				
Investment management costs	1,878	-	1,878	-
	<u>1,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,878</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	1,878	-	1,878	-
Charitable activities	18,220	-	18,220	-
	<u>18,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,220</u>	<u>-</u>
Governance costs	123	-	123	-
	<u>123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	18,343	-	18,343	-
Other expenditure	196,022	-	196,022	-
Bank loan and overdraft interest payable	23,089	-	23,089	-
	<u>219,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>219,111</u>	<u>-</u>
Employee costs				
Salaries/wages	10,828	-	10,828	1,650
	<u>10,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,828</u>	<u>1,650</u>
Motor and travel costs				
Travel and subsistence	576	-	576	600

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE) TRUST**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

	576	-	576	600
Premises costs				
Rates	8,210	-	8,210	34,344
Light, heat and power	58,526	-	58,526	54,111
Other premises costs	868	-	868	65,293
	<u>67,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,604</u>	<u>153,748</u>
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Bank charges	5,216	-	5,216	7,312
General insurances	752	-	752	1,179
Stationery and printing	278	-	278	654
Sundry expenses	8,425	-	8,425	6,077
Telephone, fax and broadband	1,229	-	1,229	925
	<u>15,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,900</u>	<u>16,147</u>
Legal and professional costs				
Audit/Independent examination fees	7,146	-	7,146	-
Accountancy and bookkeeping	1,280	-	1,280	750
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	1,290
Solicitor's fees	-	-	-	410
Other legal and professional costs	974	-	974	17,313
	<u>9,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,400</u>	<u>19,763</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	<u>323,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,419</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Total expenditure	<u>343,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>343,640</u>	<u>191,908</u>
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
	<u>92,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,581</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Net income	<u>92,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,581</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Transfers between funds	62,580	30,000	92,580	32,945
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>155,161</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>185,161</u>	<u>65,890</u>
Other (Losses)	(92,581)	-	(92,581)	(32,945)
	<u>62,580</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>92,580</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>62,580</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>92,580</u>	<u>32,945</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	2,502,438	-	2,502,438	2,469,493
Total funds carried forward	<u>2,565,018</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>2,595,018</u>	<u>2,502,438</u>

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31st March 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Hijaz is distinct as a public site in Europe offering not only a place of worship, education and reflection, but it also enriches visitors with the first-hand experience of being amongst Muslims who wish to better both themselves and society in their day to day lives. The introduction this year of the playing of the noble Quran 24 hours a day, 7 days a week has been a welcome transformation for the grounds, making it a true sanctuary.

Existing beneficiaries enjoy the benefits of visiting the grounds for many personal and educational reasons. Visitors from out-reach projects and mentees have been inspired and educated by the platform to witness and engage with a living, breathing Islamic lifestyle that exists in Hijaz. Both children and adults alike have enjoyed being able to witness the daily practices of Muslim life, not in a virtual or artificial manner, but in a truly first-hand, experiential way. Attendees of the annual Blessed Summit, away days, monthly spiritual gatherings have all given resounding feedback of the enrichment and inspiration the unique site offers. Visitors of the Garden of Blessings graveyard and Jummah attendees have also shared similar positive experiences. Many have shown enthusiasm about the prospect of returning with friends, colleagues and peers to allow people to experience true Islam. The Trust has is pleased by the direction its New Business Plan is taking and looks forward to implementing away days for people of all ages and backgrounds to have an inspiring and educational experience in Hijaz.

The Trust looks forward to maximising on the attractive, unique qualities offered in the grounds at Hijaz: Europe's first Mausoleum; a modernised, multi-use Mosque; a private Muslim graveyard; and reflection. In keeping with its evolving New Business Plan, the Trust is looking forward to welcoming a wider demographic than it has done in the past and provide taster days to all who wish to learn about Islam. The charity is excited about the opportunity that widening our demographic will offer: to educate people about the fundamentals of an Islamic spiritual way of life and the chance to dispel myths and miseducation about the religion.

Hijaz has continued to hold regular spiritual gatherings which have often taken an online forum during the national lockdown, and been enriching for both local and national volunteers of the Trust and the wider public. Bespoke guidance and counsel and advice continue to be held through spiritual surgeries and the forums of arbitration. Mentoring has expanded to the youth programme of the older children of many volunteers, as well as continued with people of a various backgrounds from the wider public.

The Trust is heartened by the resounding success of our annual Blessed Summit, which focussed on Mental Health and Islamic Solutions. The event explored important areas of mental health for all members of society and addressed the current crisis, whilst attempting to dispel the myths around mental health. The feedback from our diverse audience was extraordinary, as beneficiaries commented on the social and personal relevance of some of the themes explored, and how informative the presentations were. Practical tips and advice reinforced by Islamic literature and teachings were at the forefront of the expositions, as well as important organisations and helplines beneficiaries could use if they encounter mental health issues and needed to reach out.

The Trust continues to respond with solidarity to the unprecedented crisis of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Trust continues to put the interest and safety of the public first and has acted with great caution to ensure this. Throughout the months, during the national lockdown, activities were suspended or altered accordingly. Restricting access to the sanctuary of Hijaz during the peak of the spread of the Coronavirus sent an important message to beneficiaries and visitors alike to take serious measures for the protection of themselves, their families and the whole of society. The Trust is revisiting and adapting to the needs of social distancing requirements, and looks forward to preparing the grounds and re-welcoming people from all walks of life into Hijaz's spiritual sanctuary for much needed enrichment when it will be safe to do so.

The Trust welcomes opportunities to support local partners, including our cherished NHS hospitals and GPs during this crisis. The Charity looks forward to deepening ties with Leicestershire County Council and other national services to improve not only the health and safety of our fellow human beings but also their overall wellbeing. We continue to have similar positive communications with religious and community leaders in the local community and surrounding areas.

We are pleased to have continued our outreach within the local community of Leicestershire and Warwickshire. Our young volunteers received a welcoming response from our local Leicestershire community who received our gifts of food packages after spiritual gatherings.

On behalf of the Trust, I would like to express gratitude and appreciation to our donors, volunteers and beneficiaries who continue to support our projects and the development of our service to all of society.

Secretary's Report



Mujib Awan
Secretary

Our purposes and activities

Jamia Islamia (Islamic Studies Centre) Trust, known as “Hijaz College”, has been serving the community for over three decades and has built unique partnerships within the British Muslim community. Its core values have always been centred on Education, Society and Spirituality.

Mission Statement

Offering Islamic spiritual and academic education and mentoring for Muslims in the U.K., and strengthening their ethical religious and social values and citizenship.

The key purposes of the Trust are:

- to promote advancement of the religion of Islam
- the advancement of education of the Muslim children and adults
- the teaching of Arabic and other languages
- such other charitable means as the Trustees shall see fit.

The trustees have developed a Business Plan to implement its objectives by:

- Providing Islamic Education to meet the modern needs of Muslims
- Enriching society through community service and grassroots initiatives
- Empowering individuals and groups to serve the needs of their own communities
- Providing Islamic services to the British Muslims that enhance their lives as British Citizens.
- Promoting Islamic Spirituality, Dynamic Thinking and Personal Development through all projects and initiatives
- Contributing to social harmony in the United Kingdom through implementation of the universal principles of Islam

The following projects are being utilized to achieve the Trust's aims and objectives:

Hijaz College

Medina Youth Programme

This year Hijaz has introduced a key arm to its education, and saw the inauguration of a formalised tutelage programme for young Muslim children. The Medina Youth Programme is a comprehensive introduction to essential Islamic subjects.

Background

The character building and learning from the Hijazi STARs and Fun Factory has proven to be popular, and it brought the community together for key events. In recent years, however, with the development and growth of young families amongst our patrons, there became a growing need arose to educate their children in the essentials of Islamic understanding. Since the winter of 2019, a qualified Alim and respected Islamic teacher within the community, and a former graduate of Hijaz College, began training the children of local volunteers and beneficiaries in reading Quranic Arabic. This evolved into lessons on broader and more academic subjects, which are taught comprehensively at a simplified and digestible elementary level.

Medina Youth

In the summer of 2020, the initial pilot group of 11 local children, or Class 1 of Medina Youth Group, began receiving lessons on Hadith. Due to the pandemic, the lessons were taught online, and this broadened the scope to be able to offer the tutelage to benefactors nationwide. The possibility of the wider reach and popularity that the course gleaned from children and parents meant that a second class of 17 slightly older, primary-aged children was formed in June 2020. A third class of approximately 20 children aged as young as 5 years old are looking to be introduced in the summer of 2021.

The subjects covered so far have been Hadith (Prophetic examples and sayings), and the summer of 2021 will include the study of Fiqh (Islamic Law) and Seerah (history of the last and final Prophet Muhammad ﷺ). The classes are held 4 times a week on zoom, and accumulate in regular quizzes to assess their progress. The Trust saw the benefit of consolidating the resources for the studies and employing the volunteer who provides regular sessions to classes of almost 60 children, which continues to gain in popularity and expand the knowledge of its attendees.

It is the hope of the Trust that these young children will be empowered by a firm understanding of the cornerstones of Islam and widen their perception of the relevance of Islam in their daily lives.

Hijazi STARS

The '*Hijazi STARS*' is a youth club for over 12s to young adults with the additional opportunity for more bespoke education and training in various community projects. The Hijazi STARS often volunteer with events, helping them run smoothly and are usually involved with the planning and implementation of children's activities.

The older members of Hijazi STARS faced unprecedented challenges to their education at key moments, which affected their GCSE and A Level grades. The group had weekly online mentoring sessions served as a way in which to motivate and check in on our benefactors during the difficult time. The platform was used to address the challenges head on and to explore the science, as well as the social, physical and mental effects of the Coronavirus and looked at pandemics throughout history. Most importantly, they developed an understanding of the Islamic approach to dealing with pandemics and illnesses.

At times when social distancing rules and lockdown had eased, the youth group planned and organised some educational role play and activities aimed at the younger children in 'Fun Factory' teaching them about forming healthy relationships with family and friends.

The Hijazi STARS also continued with their exploration of Tarbiyya (character building) topics and social contemporary issues, and talked about ways in which to come together during times of crises and their appreciation of front-line workers. Other topics included the environment, climate change, gender, identity and the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

The children who attended the Fun Factory transitioned into the attendees of Medina Youth Programme. It is the hope that we can resume providing fun, Islamic based activities for younger children from the ages of three and above in the future.

Educational events

Education continues to be delivered through monthly gatherings to allow more people to benefit from a deeper understanding of Islam and its teachings. Due to the pandemic, many Friday Jummah sermons and monthly gatherings were hosted online via zoom. The following educational programmes were organised by Hijaz College organised:

1. Teaching of Islamic texts were moved onto an online teaching platform due to social distancing. In the last year, the subjects involved the following courses:

- i. ***Ash Shifa of Qadi 'Iyad (RA)***

(Healing by the Recognition of the Rights of the Chosen One) Guided reading of a famous, comprehensive overview of the life, characteristics and miracles of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. This was a weekly class, which commenced at the end of 2019 and finished in November 2020, taught via Zoom and had an average of 70 participants. The recordings were made available for anyone who missed a session and the number of listens was over 600.

- ii. **Surah Yasin**

(Translation and Tafseer) A short course going through the translation and wider meanings of the chapter known as the 'heart of the noble Quran', which began during Ramadan (May 2020) and concluded shortly after. This proved to be a very popular online course, also taught over Zoom, with almost 100 regular attendees. The recordings were made available for anyone who missed a session and these recorded audio lessons reached an audience of over 2,200. At a time when mosque attendance and Tarawih prayers were not permissible, during the national lockdown, a way to come together as a Muslim community and feed the mind and soul was provided through this avenue.

- iii. ***Muhammad ﷺ the Perfect Man*** by Sayyid Muhammad Ibn Alawi Al-Maliki Al-Hasani

In January 2021, the guided reading and study of the Perfect Man was began via Zoom on a weekly basis. This was envisaged to continue until the winter of December 2021 and the recordings have had almost 400 listens to date.

2. Weekly Dhikr (Remembrance of God) with short Dars e Quran

Weekly spiritual gatherings of congregational dhikr used to be held every Friday in Hijaz and mosques at other localities, including Birmingham, Watford, Huddersfield, Northampton and Bradford. Since the need for social distanced online spiritual gatherings, the opportunity was taken to replace the separate dhikr gatherings to a unified online space to participate in spiritual worship together. This gathering of Dhikr became an opportunity to for intellectual stimulation and education as well as nourishment for the soul, and the traditional Dars e Quran with a qualified alim was introduced. During this short programme, the scholar goes through key verses and chapters in the noble Quran and gives short translations and explanations.

3. Community gatherings

The national lockdown and need for social distancing meant that the local community was not able to gather on a monthly basis for an evening of education, worship and dinner. Instead, key events were delivered online and livestreamed to all, including: the Mawlid-un-Nabi (Celebration of the birth of holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ)

The two Eids, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha, were celebrated in spirit and limited to only the household of residents on site during the first and second occasion. The same small gatherings of one household marked other solemn and auspicious dates in the Islamic calendar, including the Night of Ascension and the Night of Forgiveness. As both Eids took place during the summer of 2020, both Eid prayers took place outside in accordance with social distancing rules at the time.

On occasions, food was distributed to the local congregation during some evenings in Ramadan and on Eid in order to boost morale and share in the spirit of these religious occasions.

4. Friday Jummah Sermons

- i. At the start of the financial year, the nation was in full lockdown, and in order to maintain some social and religious normality, the Trust introduced livestreamed Zoom Jummah Sermons from April to June 2021. These online Jummah sermons were 30 minute to rejuvenate and bring hope to the local congregation, to understand the magnitude of the pandemic and provide piece of mind, reassurance and encouragement. Whilst online participants were not able to pray jummah prayer together, each sermon concluded with collective dua (spoken prayer).

- ii. After lockdown lifted, the Hijaz Mosque re-opened and weekly 30 minute speeches resumed and included short lessons on a range of topics, including:
 1. Importance of and Etiquette of the Mosque
 2. Society and relationships in Islam, including: Family, friendships, neighbours and the community
 3. Importance of Friends of God
 4. Significant dates of the Islamic calendar and their relevance, including:
 - significant events in the noble Prophet's lifetime including trials, joyous occasions and social change;
 - the stories of important Islamic personalities and saints;
 - the teachings of key Islamic figures;
 - Islamic philosophy and ethics
 - key events in Islamic history and their relevance today

Spiritual Surgery and Mentoring

Surgery time with Shaykh Faiz Siddiqi continues to be offered to members of Hijaz Community and the wider public on a regular basis. This allows the public to ask questions about the Islamic faith, spirituality, and their personal affairs. Where necessary, bespoke guidance has been provided to assist with marital or family disputes, business disagreements to offer advice and resolutions. It is a true asset to the trust that the Shaykh is a qualified Islamic scholar and commercial barrister, and therefore able to offer a holistic and informed perspective on matters pertaining to both Islamic law and also the English legal system.

In keeping with centralising our inimitable services to our main site, spiritual surgeries have been held in Hijaz. We continue to hold surgery prior to the national events usually held in the evening. This way we have still been able to offer the general and bespoke mentoring by members of Hijaz Community.

Occasionally, when government regulations and weather permitted, outdoor surgery sessions were held during the summer by Shaykh Siddiqi. Bespoke guidance was otherwise offered mainly via telephone and email since the beginning of the national lockdown.

Visitors benefitted from both the Shaykh's and Hijaz Community mentors' methodical guidance as well as the spiritual benefits of spending time on-site for reflection, worship and spiritual blessings.

Blessed Summit

The Blessed Summit is an annual national weekend programme that takes place in Hijaz in Nuneaton every summer. It is a free event, which several hundreds of people attend including local volunteers, friends, family and people who have experienced or engaged with the Trust's projects. The Blessed Summit continues to be a popular event which allows volunteers from around the country and locally to gather and attend collective worship as well as reflect on relevant issues, usually relating to the theme of the event.

For the first time in its 25 year history, the Blessed Summit was held as an entirely online event. The decision to live-stream the annual event over the course of the intended weekend was made by the Trust to ensure social distancing and government guidelines could be properly implemented in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Trust ensured the safety of our patrons whom would usually come together from across the United Kingdom and designed the online programme so that they could enjoy participating in all aspects of the event from the safety of their homes – with the exception of enjoying the blessed food!

The theme of this year's Blessed Summit was Mental Health, and the online event included 21 speeches over the course of the 3 days, which required more minute planning of both the content, delivery and technical aspects of the pre-recorded videos. Muslim communities suffer from a taboo of not confronting psychological struggles in a practical and constructive way. Too often, families (especially those from a Muslim background) trivialise serious mental health illnesses, or make up their own false diagnosis of the person who is suffering from a serious illness as being possessed by spirits or jinns. This can lead to extremely dangerous consequences for those suffering from specific conditions and prevents them from accessing the help they really need. The Trust felt it was important to tackle these issues and dismantle misconceptions within the community. Therefore, many topics were presented by Muslim volunteers from the community, whom are health professionals, including GPs, a dentist, a dietitian and nurse whom all have worked within the NHS and encountered many of these issues first-hand.

Some of the key topics addressed Men's Mental Health, Women's Mental Health, Addictions, Stress Anxiety and Depression, Relationship with food and eating disorders; other presentations looked at how Muslims can regulate their mental health through Islamic practices and spirituality. We also invited guest speakers to give insight into the issue of mental health nationally; these included:

- **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan MP**, Shadow Minister for Mental Health who is an A&E Doctor, she gave an interview on Mental Health in Communities and Building Bridges
- **Neil Carr OBE**, the Chief Executive of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, who gave an informative presentation on the Challenges in Providing Mental Health Care
- **Dr Rene Keet**, EUCOMS & Director Community, Chair of the European Community Mental Health Service Providers, who spoke on the wider frame of Mental Health in Europe

Hijaz emphasised the need to incorporate practices already existing within the Islamic tradition which bring stability and equilibrium to a person's mind and soul. The imperative to treat mental illness seriously, to remove the stigma attached to anyone who suffers bouts of mental illness, and to become more aware of the impact of mental illness within our communities was imparted.

The stimulation of the mind and the spirit was provided in the online event, and all the collective worship, including the ceremonial inauguration of the weekend and cumulative Dhikr and final prayer at the end were livestreamed as they occurred, allowing people to participate and reap the spiritual benefits from the safety of their homes. In total, the number of people who participated, including the limited numbers on the grounds and those watching from home was approximately 1,200.

Due to social distancing and to err on the side of caution with the global pandemic, some of the usual activities, including preparation of flower garlands and children's activities, were cancelled. However, families of all ages participated, and children participated in a Kahoot quiz, with its theme on mental health. This quiz was designed and hosted by members of the Hijaz STARs, and was a resounding success.

Participants commented on how the whole programme offered a fantastic opportunity for families to be involved at a variety of ages, and created a sense of togetherness and comradeship during these unusual and challenging times. The Trust has taken on board the learning and feedback from this year's programme and will endeavour to deliver improved community programmes through livestreaming.

Muslim Arbitration Tribunal (MAT)

- The Muslim Arbitration Tribunal is a legal service providing a viable alternative to the Muslim Community for dispute resolution based on Islamic Sacred Law. The service mostly deals with family disputes and has a specialist service for forced marriages.
- MAT is able to offer a panel including both qualified lawyers and judges, and respected Islamic Scholars. The Trust's unique access to both the legal professional community and Islamic scholars and women solicitors allows this unique combination on our panels.

MAT has served to resolve disputes in various settings over the last year, including legal, commercial, and inter-personal.

MAT is pleased to be one of the few forums available to women, assisting them to dissolve their marriages where husbands have withheld divorce from them for a prolonged period. Hijaz has recognised for many years the cultural problem of forced marriages, and women in vulnerable and oppressive circumstances. MAT provides resolutions for such difficult disputes in an open, non-judgmental and safe environment.

The Trust is pleased to report that we have been able to directly assist 13 couples in finding resolutions to their disputes through our arbitration service, mainly marital resolutions. We have had numerous enquiries to MAT for assistance with marriage disputes, which indicates the need to support Muslims at a greater scale.

Garden of Blessings

The Garden of Blessings is an exclusive Muslim burial ground located in Hijaz Manor. It provides a private burial site for Muslims who wish to visit their relatives in a place connected and devoted to promoting the core values of Islam. The Garden of Blessings also provides income for the Trust.

- In May, an outdoor PA system was installed within the Mausoleum with speakers in the graveyards, playing the Holy Quran 24 hours a day. There are six speakers in total placed around different parts of the Garden of Blessings area and Mausoleum. This has transformed the atmosphere within not only the graveyard area, but the wider Hijaz grounds, bringing serenity and spirituality to anyone who visits. The introduction of the outdoor PA system also allows for appropriate social distancing during collective prayers which are made at the Mausoleum, with only one or two members performing the prayers inside into the microphone, whilst the congregation has ample space outside to listen in and join at a safe distance.
- There has been a surge in the demand for graves amongst our Muslim communities in the Birmingham and Coventry area and this has led to a large increase in the number of burials and graves reserved this year. Over 50 burials and reservations for graves took place in 2019-2020, taking the total occupancy to almost 100.
- The graveyard continued to serve as a central focal point for visitation during the auspicious occasions of Eid ul Fitr, Eid ul Adha, Eid ul Jummah and the Night of Meraaj worship and remembrance programme.

Garden of Blessings offered funeral services at a time of great need at the beginning of the pandemic, and since then it has partnered with other Muslim places of worships and funeral services to facilitate Muslim families in burying their loved ones quickly and with dignity. The Trust undertook the service of professional funeral directors in Birmingham and individuals who could offer bespoke pastoral care and assist in the running of burials, particularly when they were close together. The professional fees were almost £12,000, and were a worthwhile investment to deliver a much needed support system to bereaved families and their loved ones. The Trust also benefited from the support of volunteers who offered practical and emotional support to bereaved families.

An increased number of burials per day and week (during particularly busy periods) also required an investment into upgraded equipment used by the Garden of Blessings. The Trust took the decision to purchase a metal hydraulic frame to assist with the lowering of coffins into their graves and a new digger to facilitate more expedient burials robust against all weather conditions. In total this year investment into the Garden of Blessings was a little over £33,000, which included external

services, new equipment and supplies: a small cost for the honour of serving the Muslim community throughout an unprecedented time.

Jamia Islamia Property Estate & Renovation

As planned, extensive renovation and improvements of the Hijaz grounds have begun. A full breakdown of expenditure on renovation, maintenance and repairs is shown below.

COST CENTRE	01.04.20 - 31.03.21
1. WUDHU KHANA	£ 23,427.49
2. MAIN BUILDING OFFICES	£ 34,721.29
3. RESIDENCE BLOCK NEW B	£ 740.00
4. RESIDENCE BLOCK C	£ 28,251.91
5. RESIDENCE MB	£ 13,523.23
6. RESIDENCE HOUSES	£ 240.00
7. SEWERAGE/SEPTIC TANK	£ 62,832.02
8. SITE ROADS/LANDSCAPING	£ 20,647.01
9. GOB	£ 8,169.27
10. JI STONEY STANTON RD	£ 3,064.29
	£195,616.51

There has been renovation of the main building to convert the former classrooms into offices. The roof of the 18th century building has required thorough repairs after several years of patchwork repairs from leaks of previous years. Much effort has gone into restoring the architrave panelling in the main hall and reception area, which we hope will both preserve the character of the building and provide a beautiful setting when we host visitors from all backgrounds to explore and learn about Islam.

The Trust ensured a much needed upgrade to the sewerage system in Hijaz, which had a cost of over £60,000, with the lion's share of this investment going towards a new septic tank. Great savings were made in the installation of this new system, as a team of volunteers that are members of the Charity offered their professional services as architects and engineers at no cost.

A full-time groundsman was employed in the winter of 2020 in order to undertake the landscaping and maintenance of the gardens, including the tidying of the graveyard and other public areas. This has done much to improve the aesthetic appeal of the green space outside. Many visitors have commented on the streamlined appearance of the gardens outside the Mausoleum; the cleared pathways and the well maintained grass area in the Garden of Blessings graveyard. Investment has been made on both the purchase and maintenance of machinery and equipment to assist in tidying the public areas. The plan is to improve the orchard area next year to make it more accessible and family-friendly, as brambles and uneven grounds make it difficult to reach at present.

An investment of almost £6,000 has gone into obtaining the planning permission to further the Trust's aspirations for making Hijaz a comfortable retreat for spiritual and religious contemplation. Further spending is forecasted in the next financial years when aspects of these plans are implemented and built.

A new flat was built in the second floor of the block of flats assigned to accommodation for families of volunteers and staff dedicated to the Trust's objectives. This was necessary to house the growing families of members whose families were making sacrifices by living in small quarters; the Trust recognised that the expansion of their families necessarily meant providing expanded living quarters. The rental income and utility payments continue to bring a healthy income for the Charity and continue to help cover the costs of public and communal amenities on the grounds.

The flats in the old Jamia Islamia building in Coventry continue to bring revenue through rental income. They remain under regular review and were placed on the market, but investors and potential buyers have indicated preferences for flats of a different layout. The Board remains open to selling some of this property to reduce the repayments on the bank loan, and in the meantime is looking to maximise the occupancy of current flats to generate further instalments on the bank loan and further income for the charity. In this regard, the Trust has continued to make repairs, maintenance and updating of fixtures after wear and tear on the flats. The Trust continues to receive a healthy rental income from residents living on the grounds, and therefore has continued to invest in maintenance and improvements of the flats and houses.

As with many of the works, the Trust is very grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers whom have provided professional services of architectural planning, supervision and works that allowed for these developments free of charge, thus saving the charity a significant sum.

Mosque

Whilst the Trust envisaged the completion of the final phases of the new modernised Mosque this year, shortages in the building industry and a reduced number of visits meant that the Charity's efforts and investment went into other structural and

We are excited that the mosque will serve as a central hub for key projects and charitable activity on site, including spiritual gatherings, a place for lectures, mentoring and reflection in an uplifting environment. The Trust is heartened by the willingness of key volunteers to help to raise funds to assist with the development of the Hijaz, so that it may be a centre of contemplation, comfort and education.

A second phase introducing a professional PA system and increased capacity of 500 worshippers by the Trust has been deferred with priority given to the development of the large modern ablution facility, which will take a more central location. Some funds have been spent on the preliminary works of the new toilet and ablution area. It is envisaged that both the Wudhu and Mosque area should be developed extensively and completed by next year.

The Trust is looking to improve the walkways between the Mausoleum, Mosque and Wudhu area for easy access for visitors. As we anticipate an increased volume of visitors nationwide, when we open up to the general public, these pathways should make clear the public spaces for visitors at the front of the grounds, leaving the behind area for residential access, which may eventually be cordoned off with security gates.

Security

The Trust is pleased to have purchased 16 HD cameras, which will be strategically installed to give good coverage of high traffic areas of the Hijaz grounds. The cameras will include video and audio recording, which will provide much-needed security and peace of mind to visitors, volunteers and residents. These will be installed once a fully powered internet line is in operation. The Trust welcomes the beneficence of volunteers who are professionals in telecommunications, and have advised in the planning and have offered to heavily subsidise for the charity the cost of its physical installation.

The Trust has reviewed the security measures in place and has been exploring ways in which to ensure the safety of both volunteers and visitors at all times.

Provision of Accommodation facilities for Trainers of Volunteers

The Hijaz grounds continues to attract more volunteers and devotees, whom wish to raise their families around an Islamic environment. The resident voluntary trainers

and Mentors continue to play a key role in ensuring the quality and full coordination of the execution of these projects. Resident volunteers have been providing regular training – e.g. zikr, bespoke mentoring, assistance with the youth programmes and academic on the Islamic Law and Spirituality. The Trust is looking at existing spaces where further accommodation can be developed for volunteers to reside on site.

The contributions being made by the resident volunteers have now reached almost £80,000.00 and this aspect of the Trust has become a key Asset. The Trust will continue to develop and expand this to facilitate more volunteers to come and also to provide even better facilities.

Our Volunteers

All the projects of the Trust rely heavily on the goodwill of volunteers.

A vast proportion of the operational costs of our projects are met by volunteer contributions from those living on site, not only financially but through donating their time and, when required, their expertise.

Whilst the Trust has not formally accounted individually, the following examples give volunteer's Equivalent Monetary Voluntary Contribution, a brief insight into the sheer quality and value of the contributions made by the on-site volunteers.

- The Site Manager continues to contribute his time and skills to the value of £60-80k in architect consultancy fees during the upgrades that took place to improve the renovations and building developments to the site. Further to this, the Site Manager provides endless assistance with maintenance and the oversight of renovations in the whole Site. Essentially devoting all his spare time towards the Trust's site management. This separate role and tradesman level expertise would have cost the Trust a further £25-30k in total per annum.
- The Trust continues to benefit from the voluntary expertise of a professional accountant and bookkeeper who have established a well-functioning system for financial reporting, providing the Trust with absolute and up-to-date oversight. The financial and accounting services in kind have the equivalent monetary value of more than £15,000 per year.
- Various volunteers work tirelessly providing co-ordination, administration and physical labour in the varying projects, which the Trust is keen to quantify, in order to encourage a recognition of their contributions towards the Charity and its activities.

Coronavirus Pandemic

As with last year, the Trust has been quick to respond to the needs of the public and congregation with the outbreak of Covid 19, and regularly reviews the policies in place with medically qualified members of the Trust (doctors in health care) to ensure appropriate measures are being implemented swiftly. The Trust has taken a conservative approach by keeping a close eye on local and national infection rates and has not always waited for government guidance to implement restrictions for the safety of the community. At times of emergency, the Trust provided urgent pastoral

and practical care, including food packages being safely dropped off local congregation members who were isolating or affected by the virus.

While the world grapples with the challenges presented by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Trust has adapted to online platforms for physically distanced outreach and educational projects. The Trust is enthused by volunteers' creativity and efforts to continue bringing people together digitally, at a time where spiritual and mental wellbeing are more pertinent than ever.

Financial review

The charity's incoming resources for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 totalled £436,221 (£224,853 for YE 2020). This consisted of donations, the charity's investment income, contribution from volunteers, utilities and biomass subsidiary income. It is important to acknowledge the huge contribution of time and commitment from our volunteers who have helped to manage the trust at a minimal cost.

The charity expenditure for the same period was £343,641 leaving a profit and loss balance surplus for YE 31 March 2020 as £92,581. The charity's bank balance position at the end of this period shows £121,421.

Reserve policy and going concern

Reserves are required to ensure the stable operations of The Trust. The Operating Reserve is intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as sudden increase in expenses, on-time unplanned expenses, or unanticipated loss in funding. The Reserve may also be used for one-time, nonrecurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as research and development or investment in infrastructure.

Operating reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of Jamia Islamia for Operating Reserves to be used and replenished within a short period of time.

The trustees decided there was no need to increase the level of reserves and, as at 31 March 2020, kept it at £9,000.

Our balance sheet remains strong due to the ownership of the site. The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Jamia Islamia and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the Trust for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that the Trust is a going concern.

Plans for future periods

- The Trust wishes to further develop its new direction towards making Hijaz a centre for newcomers to experience and learn about Islam by hosting 'Away Days' to a wide demographic, primarily: school children, professionals and the elderly.
- The Trust is hoping to coordinate with the local authority in Leicestershire and Warwickshire and outreach to vulnerable groups, for example the elderly and lonely people in the area, to host activities, with the intention of dispelling stereotypes about Islam, educating newcomers and bridge-building within the wider community.
- Installing improved security measures, including CCTV and an upgraded gate where ANPR cameras recognise known vehicles entering the site.
- Fibre optic internet to support security measures on site, for office and residents' use, and future use by an increased volume of visitors in future. This will require digging and cabling which has been quoted to cost tens of thousands of pounds, which we hope can be undertaken by volunteers with a telecommunications background.
- The Trust is pledging to gift food packages to front-line workers as a gesture of appreciation and solidarity, including doctors, nurses, refuse workers, emergency services and teaching staff who continue to work tirelessly throughout the pandemic.
- The Trust has embarked upon building three to four new homes at the bottom of the Hijaz driveway to sell and aim to generate a profit of £1.4 million for the Charity. There is scope for building further houses along the driveway, which may also be sold on the open market, or may potentially be used for accommodation for potential assisting living or care facilities.
- The Trust hopes to expand the Medina Youth education programme for young children, and it making more of its activities available online for distant learning.