

BRITISH SOMALI COMMUNITY

Financial statements & Trustee reports

For the year ending 31 March 2021

Charity Registration Number: 1099490

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Legal and Administrative Information

For the year ending 31 March 2021

Status: The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18 December 2002 and registered as a charity on 19 August 2004.

Company number: 04620527

Charity Number: 1099490

**Registered Office &
Business Address:** 7-9 Crowndale Road
London
NW1 1TU

Trustees:	Osob Mohamed	...	Chair
	Zeinab Abdi Muse	...	Vice Chair
	Rahma Mao	...	Treasurer
	Dr Sana Omar	...	Secretary
	Sucdi Hashi	...	Member
	Raaha Adan	...	Member

Bankers: Natwest Bank,
Camden Town Branch
166 Camden High Street
London NW1 0NW

Accountants: Issa Associates
Chartered Certified Accountants
40a Maygrove Road
London NW6 2EB

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Trustees' Report

For the year ending 31 March 2021

Objective

The objectives of British Somali Community are to support and develop educational achievements, cultural and recreational interests of Somali children and young people, to assist in health improvements, of Somali women, as well as to provide education and training facilities for Somali women to enable them to participate as active citizens.

Legal structure

BRITISH SOMALI COMMUNITY is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 18 December 2002.

Financial statements

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company, submit their trustees' report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021.

Policies:

Reserve policy:

The charity currently operates with general reserves account balances of £65,000. The trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having sufficient reserves.

Risk(s) review:

The trustees have recently reviewed the major risks faced by the charity. This has resulted in efforts to increase charity's donor base.

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees oversee preparation of financial statements, select suitable accounting policies and make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent to give the true state of affairs of the charity.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity. They are elected and replaced as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

For the year ending 31 March 2021

Activities and Achievements

The charity is managed by 7 woman elected women trustee members, and currently is staffed by 6 part-time employees as well as 35 regular volunteers. Due to the Council funding cuts from December the Charity's service provision has to face challenges and office opening hours have changed to Monday – Thursdays in Office (between 9am-5pm) plus Saturday and Week evenings for online supplementary school and parent sessions. The charity's weekend work on family and children has been restored thanks to John Lyons Charity and BBC children in Need and LB Camden.

The core of the charity's work continues to be in the field of providing educational and recreational activities for young people and parents as well as providing multi-agency support services to families, health awareness and seminars empowering women to build confidence and strong voice to speak out for issues including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM); Domestic Violence and Mental Health; as well as advice and advocacy in the areas of education, social service training, employment, police and criminal justice. A newly Youth Safety project funded by LB Camden Task Force was set up in mid this year to support families against the disproportionate youth knife crime in the Somali Community in Camden.

COVID-19 impact: Although COVID- 19 was challenging, BSC continued its service to the community virtually. For example, the supplementary School, Youth Safety project, Parents sessions and most of meetings and workshops were online. Administrative tasks and one to one advise services took place at the BSC office following NHS guidelines of social distancing and sanitation. BSC also intensively encouraged the community to take the COVID vaccination through working with the Public Health and Camden Council. As the COVID-19 impact disproportionately affected the BAME communities in Camden, we had losses of families and friends in the Somali community . But there was a sense of community connection and cooperation to overcome COVID-19 impact.

BSC volunteers have been distributing food and care to elderly and vulnerable people. We have received Camden Council and London Funding resources to continue the service provision and support the community during the lockdown in the year 2020 that enabled BSC to continue supporting the community to overcome the impact of COVID - 19

Supplementary School – Core project which growing and developing over 25 years and is shifting from the historical users from children from Somali Community only to be a multi-ethnic Communities school due to the growing number of its admission from children from diverse communities (Bengali, Arabic, East and Horn Africa). The school runs currently on Saturdays at BSC new Centre which is in the heart of Camden that attracted many families. The school activities expanded to work in partnership with local primary and secondary schools in areas of working with parents through un achievement, behaviour and learning difficulties, truancy and other support parents from the community may need. There is a plan to expand it due oversubscription and waiting list as well as the increasingly need of the disadvantaged young people's education attainment and engagement.

Family Support Project - a valuable service covering most activities as ESOL and Sewing classes; 1to1 advise; Parents seminars, workshops and multi agencies working to enable parents and families access statutory and voluntary service. It has made great impact on families support needs though cuts since 2016 by LB Camden has affected.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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Empowering women & girls Project Exciting program running for the 2nd year aimed to equip Women to have a voice, build confidence, knowledge and experience for leadership and discuss and support concerned women and girl's issues.

Youth Safety Partnership Parent Support Program funded by L B Camden covers range of activities addressing parent's needs for issues related to their children and young people in areas of youth disorder and drug alcohol and knife crime. Also supporting their education achievement and employment

Women Health – Drop in – Health activities designed to cater women's health needs through stress-free environment as physical exercise, health wellbeing, Partnership Mental Health peer support sessions and health eating, Henna and massage & beauty.

Funding

The trustees express their thanks to all funding agencies and individuals that have helped the charity to develop and provide its crucial services for the local community. Special thanks go to the following agencies that supported the charity during this financial year: London Borough of Camden, John Lyon's Charity; BBC Children In Need and those not listed here who have contributed and supported to the work of the charity in kind or by financial assistance. This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



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Osob Mohamed (Chair)
7-9 Crowndale Road, London, NW1 1TU

Date: 15 June 2021

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Independent examiner's report

For the year ending 31 March 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met;


Issa Associates
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Date: 15 June 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
From charitable activities	2	19,623	159,029	178,652	128,482
Investment income	2	-	-	-	-
				-	-
Total incoming resources		19,623	159,029	178,652	128,482
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Charitable activities	3	938	83,543	84,481	99,580
Governance costs	4	-	3,330	3,330	4,100
Total Resources Expended		938	86,873	87,811	103,681
Less Adjustment					
Net resources for the year	5	18,685	72,156	90,841	24,801
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		22,200	53,662	75,861	51,060
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		40,885	125,817	166,702	75,861

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Balance Sheet


For the year ending 31 March 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		172	269
Current Assets:				
Cash at bank and in hand		167,230	76,292	
		<u>167,230</u>	<u>76,292</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(700)	(700)	
Net Current Assets			<u>166,530</u>	<u>75,592</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities			<u>166,702</u>	<u>75,861</u>
Funds of the charity:				
Restricted funds			125,817	53,662
Unrestricted funds			<u>40,885</u>	<u>22,200</u>
			<u>166,702</u>	<u>75,861</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under s476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:

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Rahma M. Mao
Treasurer

Date: 15 June 2021

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* (Revised SORP 2015) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

1.2 Incoming Resources

Grants and donations are recognised on accruals basis.

Incoming resources are reported gross.

1.3 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of those resources.

1.4 Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Provision for depreciation of tangible fixed assets held by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on straight line basis.

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2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Trust for London (Empowering Women)	-	27,140	27,140	31,000
LB of Camden (Parents support)	-	54,500	54,500	12,925
John Lyons (Supplementary school)	-	34,300	34,300	32,000
LB of Camden (Youth Safety project)	-	20,000	20,000	24,954
Camden (COVID-19)	-	7,500	7,500	-
Rental income	17,503	-	17,503	17,477
LB of Camden CILF	-	15,589	15,589	-
Parents contribution	-	-	-	2,814
Camden Giving	-	-	-	3,000
Youth Camden Foundation	-	-	-	1,250
Other Donations	2,120	-	2,120	3,062
	<u>19,623</u>	<u>159,029</u>	<u>178,652</u>	<u>128,482</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>19,623</u>	<u>159,029</u>	<u>178,652</u>	<u>128,482</u>

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3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Rent and service charges	-	23,546	23,546	25,747
Wages and salaries	-	39,599	39,599	40,402
Volunteer expenses	-	1,170	1,170	1,550
Parents support costs	-	1,614	1,614	6,513
Supplementary school tutors	-	7,390	7,390	15,180
Youth project	-	1,480	1,480	-
Light & heat	-	2,932	2,932	5,016
Printing, Postage, Stationery	-	699	699	2,517
Camden COVID-19	-	3,421	3,421	-
Refreshments and activities	-	296	296	515
Telephone, fax, Internet	-	1,396	1,396	986
	-	83,543	83,543	98,427

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Insurance	601	-	601	426
Publicity & promotions	172	-	172	630
Sundry expenses	68	-	68	-
Depreciation	97	-	97	97
	938	-	938	1,153
Total Charitable Activities	938	83,543	84,481	99,580

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	-	1,700	1,700	2,490
Legal and Professional	-	1,630	1,630	1,610
	-	3,330	3,330	4,100
Total Resources Expended	938	86,873	87,811	103,681

5 Net resources balance

Please note that the net resources balance (£90,841) for this year is the result of still to be delivered projects due to the impact of Corona virus (COVID-19) lockdown.

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6	Paid employees		
6.1	<i>Staff costs</i>	2021 £	2020 £
	Gross wages salaries and benefits in kind	39,599	40,402
	Employers National Insurance costs	-	-
		<u>39,599</u>	<u>40,402</u>
6.2	<i>Number of employees</i>		
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	2021 Number	2020 Number
	Charitable activities	4	5
		<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
7	Tangible Fixed Assets		
		Office Equipment £	Total £
	Cost		
	At 1 April 2020	7,614	7,614
	Additions	-	-
	At 31 March 2021	<u>7,614</u>	<u>7,614</u>
	Depreci		
	At 1 April 2020	7,345	7,345
	Charged in the Year	97	97
	At 31 March 2021	<u>7,442</u>	<u>7,442</u>
	Net Book Value		
	At 31 March 2021	<u>172</u>	<u>172</u>
	31 March 2020	<u>269</u>	<u>269</u>
8	Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
	Other creditors	700	700
		<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>