

Finsbury Park Mosque

Annual Report & Accounts

for the year ended 31st July 2020

Company Registration Number: 07229018

Charity Registration Number: 1136945



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Trustees Report & Accounts for the year ended on 31st July 2020

The Board of Trustees of Finsbury Park Mosque presents their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st July 2020. These comply with the Companies Act 2006, Finsbury Park Mosque's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities, as revised in March 2005.

Reference and administrative details

Company Registration No.	07229018
Charity Registration No.	1136945
Principal address	7-11 St Thomas's Road London N4 2QH
Trustees	M Kozbar (Chairman) A Raje (Treasurer) K Oumar(Secretary) M Hassan H A Ahmad A Barud (Appointed on 10.08.2019)
Accountants	S M Q Accountancy and Management Consultancy Ltd Crown House, North Circular Road, London NW10 7PN
Principal bankers	Al Rayan Bank 77-79 Edgware Road London W2 2HZ

Reference and administrative information

The charity was initially established as an unincorporated charitable trust and registered with the Charity Commission on 16 August 1988 under number 299884. Following a review of the charity's structure, a charitable company was incorporated on 20th April 2010. The new incorporated charity was registered with the Charity Commission in 2010.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Finsbury Park Mosque for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the overall operations of the charity. New trustees are appointed by majority decision of the Board. Normally trustees are people who already have an existing involvement with the charity.

The Board of Trustees meets quarterly. Other ad hoc meetings and telephone conferences involving either the whole Board or selected members of the Board are also held as required.

Office bearers - Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer - are responsible for the day to day running of the charity and manage the staff and volunteers of the charity on behalf of the trustees.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk



matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of those risks happening, and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix from time to time.

The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. In particular, insurance cover is in place and the finances of the Mosque are kept under review. Appropriate Disclosures DBS checks, supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the Mosque or community centre.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity as set out in the charity's Memorandum of Association: "to advance and promote the knowledge of the religion of Islam for the public benefit."

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims. Our dual aims remain to provide a facility where Muslims can worship and to provide a community facility for all the inhabitants of Finsbury



Park and the surrounding areas. Our long-term ambition is to build the self-confidence of local Muslims in their faith, and through community facilities and activities help make a peaceful, vibrant and harmonious community.

Our values

Equality: We believe that all humans are equal, regardless of race or religion.

Respect: We affirm the dignity, potential and contribution of participants, donors, partners, staff and volunteers.

Integrity: We act consistently with our mission, being honest and transparent in what we do and say.

Partnerships: We always aim to work to serve the wider community.

Quality: We constantly challenge ourselves to the highest levels of learning and performance to achieve greater impact.

Strategies

We want to make our Mosque an accessible and welcoming venue where all Muslims, or those who wish to know more about our faith, can gather to learn about the religion and worship. An important part of our strategy is community welfare and education. All our community facilities and activities welcome the participation of all in our local community, Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Most of our activities are free and supported by donations or grant funding. Where a charge is made, concessions are made for students, people on means-tested benefits and pensioners.

We also endorse interfaith dialogue with other religious groups to clarify misconceptions, finding common ground, and enhancing civil society through promoting harmony and common values. We are members of the Islington Faiths Forum (IFF) which is a community partnership of faith-based organisations working together to assist local community development and delivery of individual and community support services.

Public benefit statement

The charitable objective of Finsbury Park Mosque set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association is to advance and promote the knowledge of the religion of Islam for the public benefit.

The Trustees have considered how our work may most effectively further our charitable objectives for the benefit of the public and have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the charity and planning future activities.

Grant-making policy

Finsbury Park Mosque is not mainly involved in collection and distribution of funds. But still a large number of our congregation donates regularly to some causes - like zakat, zakatul fitr, or certain causes like emergency relief - or we have charities

making collections at the mosque. In all cases, to ensure transparency and accountability, we have a due diligence check before we allow any charity to collect any donation.

Activities and achievements

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities provide benefit both to those who worship at our Mosque and the wider community of Islington and surrounding areas.

Religious activities

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

Prayers: The Mosque is open all day for daily and Friday prayers. During the week we have thousands of people who regularly attend daily prayers and around 2,000 who regularly attend Friday and Ramadan prayers. Due to Covid-19 in the beginning of year 2020 we had to adopt safety measures including social distancing and even close the Mosque during the lockdown.

Festivals: The Mosque prepares food during the month of Ramadan for those attending our Mosque who wishes to break their fast together. Eid was also celebrated at the Mosque with a family day. During this year because of the Pandemic, we did not open for Ramadan and no activities took place.

Civil marriages and Nikkah: The Mosque provide Muslim couples with an appropriate location for both their civil marriage and Nikkah (Islamic marriage). Subject to civil registration.

The reading of the Quran and Hifz and Arabic classes: Reading and memorisation of the Quran are considered an important element of religious education and training.

We continue to provide this facility for the young people in the Mosque through the weekdays and weekend school. During this year because of the Pandemic, we did not have this activity from the beginning of year 2020.

Lectures and Study circles: The Mosque organises weekly lectures and study circles for its community in a daily basis on issues related to the religion of Islam, also, from time to time we invite guests and Scholars to give lectures on different topics of Islam. During this year because of the Pandemic, we did not have this activity from the beginning of year 2020.

Community activities

Our centre is not just a Mosque, it is a community centre which serve Muslims and Non Muslims alike. A wide variety of community activities are organised and take place at the Mosque. We focused more during that period to support the local community from the devastated impact of Covid-19. We had to stop most of our activities and focus more on services to the local community, below are some of the services provided by the Mosque during the Pandemic. Distributed meals to NHS staff in local hospitals and provided thousands of pieces of PPE equipment to London hospitals. Provided food parcels to the most vulnerable in the local community and have set up a helpline for counselling and bereavement support; and initiated a campaign in the Finsbury Park area to educate the community about the importance of social distancing.

Feeding the Homeless: In partnership with organisations like Caris, The Passage, St. Johns Church, Caritas and others where we open the Mosque doors every week to the homeless people in the area regardless of their faith, background or gender where we provide them with hot meal, also we offer them advice and the chance to socialise with others.

Visible Quality Reward: Finsbury Park Mosque has been awarded in October 2014 the “Visible Quality Mark” by Community Matters. The Visible Standards are endorsed by the Charity Commission. Finsbury Park Mosque was the first mosque and the

third faith organisation in the country to receive the award.

Visit My Mosque days: This is an annual event which takes place either during June or February of each year where members of the local community and schools and colleges were invited to visit the Mosque and look to its exhibitions and watch the mosque presentation about its activities and have a tour around. During this year because of the Pandemic, we did not have this activity from the beginning of year 2020.

Interfaith dialogue: Our Mosque is an active member of the Islington Faith Forum (IFF). The Mosque hosted many committee meetings for the last few years and hosted the course of Mental Health & Poverty which been organised by IFF. We use the platform to promote interfaith dialogue and social cohesion.

Hate crime events: The Mosque is one of the leading organisations in the borough to tackle hate crimes, this year we organised few events to address this issue where a diverse audience from all faiths and communities came together to show unity against hate crime and Islamophobia.

Youth and Women Activities: A youth club for boys and girls has been established at the centre in a weekly basis where these young people can have a cohesive and healthy atmosphere away from gangs, drugs, crimes and extremism. Also, we have an active women section, they meet regularly to arrange for various activities including joint activities with local Churches.

Hall and rooms: Our hall and meeting rooms are available for use by local groups and organisations. This year alone the facilities have been used by groups at the local karate club, the local community group and youth club. Local charities are encouraged to make use of the conference hall, and we host surgeries with both local

Councillors and the MP for Islington. When facilities are not required for community use, these are available for hire for family events (courses, weddings, condolences...). During this year because of the Pandemic, we did not have this activity from the beginning of year 2020.

Health seminars and consultations: A Muslim GP provides a free health consultation at the Mosque occasionally and another advice session from a solicitor. In addition, we organise “Heart Diseases” seminar to raise awareness of how to avoid heart disease and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. We also organised a seminar with a focus on providing information to people who are at risk or suffer from diabetes and bowel cancer awareness workshop. We also arrange events to donate blood and to raise donation to people who suffer cancer. This year we were the first Mosque to organise an Autism hour for Autistic children in partnership with National Autistic Society (NAS). During this year because of the Pandemic, we did not have this activity from the beginning of year 2020.

Community English Language Teaching Project: The Census of 2011 shows that the Muslim population in Islington is increased to around 10%, Islington area has accommodated a large number of Muslims who have moved into the area in recent years, and many of whom worship at our Mosque. We have been running a project to provide English language classes ESOL for these new residents to enable them to settle and integrate more easily into the society.

Partnership working and performance review: In developing our community programmes we work in partnership with Islington Council and Islington Police. We look to all our partners to give feedback on the success of our initiatives, and the trustees review progress and outcomes of our work at each meeting.

The Mosque response to Finsbury Park terrorist attack

On 19 June 2017, there was a terrorist attack in Finsbury Park, near the Finsbury Park Mosque which resulted in the death of an elderly man and injuring many more. Just after midnight, a van deliberately mowed

down Muslims leaving late night prayers from the mosque. The attack coincided with the first anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox MP. Immediately after the attack, the mosque and along with others called for vigilance and calm. The response from the community has been overwhelming, all coming together in a show of solidarity and unity and organised a street Iftar outside of the Mosque and the service of hope where ministers, MPs and faith and community leaders attended. A donation page was immediately set-up by the mosque, to raise funds from the community to help and support the victims of the attack. Around £40,000 has been raised and distributed.

Financial review

During the year the charity received an income donation of £202,939. Expenditure of £249,959 was incurred during the year. Overall, there was a deficit of £47,020 during the year.

Reserve's policy

The Trustees recognise the need to have reserves in place to ensure the continuation of our work in the event of an unforeseen downturn. Our policy is to hold enough funds to meet six months operating costs of the Mosque, excluding the collection and distribution of Zakat, and of our community activities and programs. Our cash reserves are held in deposit accounts.

Principal funding sources

The charity's main sources of income are donations by the Muslim local community, some income comes from a sponsorship and the hire of the halls. Also, a small grant from the local council.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Finsbury Park Mosque for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company/group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Insofar as each of the Trustees of the charitable company at the date of approval of this report is aware there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charitable company's auditor in connection with preparing the audit report) of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that he/she should have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the trustees on 30 March 2021
and signed on their behalf:

M Kozbar - Chairman

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Aziz Raje - Treasure

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Aziz Raje', written in a cursive style.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Finsbury Park Mosque

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2020, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- a) Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- b) To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- c) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners Report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 140 of the 2011 Act; and b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S M Q Accountancy and Management Consultancy Ltd
Crown House, North Circular Road, London NW10 7PN
Date: 30th March 2021

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended on 31st July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds					
Voluntary income		92,966	82,754	175,720	286,943
Other income - JRS Furlough		22,094		22,094	-
Investment income		2,686		2,686	2,647
Gift Aid		2,439		2,439	5,144
Total incoming resources		120,185	82,754	202,939	294,734
Resources expended					
Charitable expenditure		124,244	73,335	197,579	227,913
Governance costs		13,877		13,877	7,504
Other resources		15,703	22,800	38,503	38,740
Total resources expended		153,824	76,607	249,959	269,773
Net incoming/ (outgoing) Resources for the year		(33,639)	(13,381)	(47,020)	24,961
Balance at 1 August 2019		29,324	4,158,883	4,188,207	4,163,246
Balance at 31 July 2020		(4,315)	4,145,502	4,141,187	4,188,207

Balance sheet as at 31st July 2020

	Notes	31.7.2020 £	31.7.2019 £
Fixed assets			
Buildings	6	3,815,480	3,838,280
Equipment		9,816	10,673
		<u>3,825,296</u>	<u>3,848,953</u>
Current assets			
Debtors		9,879	13,584
Cash in hand and Bank		309,856	329,137
Creditors	7	(3,844)	(3,467)
		<u>315,890</u>	<u>339,254</u>
Net assets		<u>4,141,187</u>	<u>4,188,207</u>
Funds			
Balance brought forward		4,188,207	4,158,883
Incoming/ (outgoing)		(47,020)	29,324
Total Funds		<u>4,141,187</u>	<u>4,188,207</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies' regime within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). For the year ending 31 July 2019 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees of the Charity acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and for accounts preparation.

The financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the trustees on 30th March 2021, and were signed below on its behalf by:

M Kozbar - Chairman



A Raje - Treasurer



The notes on pages 12-15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to financial statements for the year ended on 31st July 2020

1. Accounting policies

Accounting convention: These statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 1993 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources: All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended: Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Grants payable are charged in the year when conditions attaching to the grant are fulfilled and a properly completed claim has been received by the charity. Support costs relate to costs of processing grants and applications and general office expenses.

Tangible fixed assets: Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property 1% on cost

Plant and machinery 25% on reducing balance

Equipment 20% on cost

There are no depreciation charges on building as the cost of maintenance on kept it at good condition.

Taxation: The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020
Donations	89,776		89,776
Hire income	3,190		3,190
Evening / Weekend school		21,195	21,195
Youth Grant	-	36,184	36,184
L B Islington	-	25,000	25,000
JRS Furlough income	22,094		
Zakat		375	375
Gift Aid	2,439		2,439
Investment income	2,686		
	120,185	82,754	202,939

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3. Cost of charitable activities by fund type

Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
Wages and Salaries	78,529	26,176	104,705	104,447
Iftar Ramadhan	-	-	-	2,894
Events costs	2,654	-	2,654	8,102
Building repairs	23,683	-	23,683	25,775
Stationeries	849	-	849	1,038
Website	-	-	-	1,375
Grants / Victim Support	-	47,159	47,159	64,465
Utilities	12,299	-	12,299	12,040
Insurance	3,606	-	3,606	493
Accountancy	2,625	-	2,625	2,900
	124,244	73,335	197,579	223,529

4. Governance costs	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
Professional fees	12,510	12,510	7,250
Bank Charges	1,367	1,367	254
	13,877	13,877	7,504

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5. Other Resources	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020	Total funds 2019
Depreciation	22,800	26,072	26,358

6. Tangible Fixed Assets	Building	Equipments	Total
Cost at 1 August 2019	3,921,494	40,945	3,962,439
Additions	-	2,415	2,415
As at 31 July 2020	3,921,494	43,360	3,964,854
Depreciation			
Balance b/f	83,214	30,273	113,487
Charge for the year	22,800	3,272	26,072
As at 31 July 2020	106,014	33,545	139,559
Net Book Value			
As at 31 July 2020	3,815,480	9,815	3,825,295
As at 31 July 2019	3,838,280	10,673	3,848,953

7. Creditors - Amounts falling due with one year	31.07.2020	31.07.2019
Bank Loans and Overdraft	-	-
Creditors	3,844	3,467
Total	3,844	3,467

The notes on pages 12-15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

8. Staff Costs	31.07.2020	31.07.2019
Wages & Salaries	99,587	100,952
Paye	5,118	3,495
	104,705	104,447

9. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There was no trustee remuneration, expenses or other benefits neither for the year ended 31st July 2020 nor for the year ended 31st July 2019.

10. Other expenses

Rates	6,111.86
Phone and Internet	1,051.82
Sponsorship and Membership	3,350.00
Cleaning	1,603.25
Travelling	314.00
	12,430.93

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