

BRITISH SOMALI COMMUNITY

Financial statements & Trustee reports

For the year ending 31 March 2022

Charity Registration Number: 1099490

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Legal and Administrative Information

For the year ending 31 March 2022

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 2022

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 2022.

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)

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Activities and Achievements

The charity is managed by 6 woman elected women trustee members, and currently is staffed by 6 part-time employees as well as 25 regular volunteers. Due to the impact of the pandemic The charity's weekend work on family and children has been restored thanks to John Lyons Charity .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 violence issues against women and girls 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. The vital Youth Safety BSCC project funded by LB Camden Task Force came to end mid-year 2021 though the project made difference on the support needed to families against the disproportionate youth knife crime in the Somali Community in Camden still continues and requires long term provision

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 -21 that enabled BSC to continue supporting the community to overcome the impact of COVID – 19 However the disproportionate Pandemic impact on BAME communities is for long term.

Supplementary School – Core project which growing and developing over 28 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. The school has shifted to online since Covid outbreak, but we are prepared to return on face-to-face learning on the new year 2023

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. Family support needed in post pandemic era because pushed families to the edge as they were unable to access necessary support service.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

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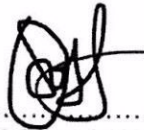
Mental Health: Due to the increased MH in adults and young people in the Somali Community during and post Pandemic, BSCC has made effort to establish a partnership work with MH statutory and voluntary services with the aim to address the growing MH issues through understanding root causes as well as removing barriers in accessing the service through holistic approach based on cultural sensitivity.

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 its services to the community and their financial support during the Pandemic outbreak, Special thanks go to the London Borough of Camden, John Lyon's Charity; City Bridge. Trust of London Camden Giving, the NHS and overall Public Response was amazing. BSC Community volunteers showed remarkable effort.

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: 13 July 2022

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Independent examiner's report

For the year ending 31 March 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, 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: 13 July 2022



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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
From charitable activities	2	16,054	9,925	25,979	178,652
Investment income	2	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		16,054	9,925	25,979	178,652
<i>Resources expended</i>					
Charitable activities	3	1014	75,842	76,856	84,481
Governance costs	4	-	3,370	3,370	3,330
Total Resources Expended		1,014	79,212	80,226	87,811
Less Adjustment					
Net resources for the year	5	15,040	(69,287)	(54,247)	90,841
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		40,885	125,817	166,702	75,861
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		55,925	56,530	112,455	166,702

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Balance Sheet

For the year ending 31 March 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	6		1,773	172
Current Assets:				
Cash at bank and in hand		111,381	167,230	
		<u>111,381</u>	<u>167,230</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(700)	(700)	
Net Current Assets			<u>110,681</u>	<u>166,530</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities			<u>112,455</u>	<u>166,702</u>
Funds of the charity:				
Restricted funds		56,530	125,817	
Unrestricted funds		55,925	40,885	
		<u>112,455</u>	<u>166,702</u>	

For the financial year ended 31 March 2022, 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: 13 July 2022

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Notes to the Accounts

For the year ending 31 March 2022

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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For the year ended 31 March 2022

2. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Trust for London (Empowering Women)	-	-	-	27,140
LB of Camden (Parents support)	-	-	-	18,750
City Bridge COVID-19	-	-	-	35,750
John Lyons (Supplementary school)	-	-	-	34,300
LB of Camden (Youth Safety project)	-	2,940	2,940	20,000
Camden (COVID-19)	-	-	-	7,500
Rental income	15,754	-	15,754	17,503
LB of Camden CILF	-	-	-	15,589
Mind Camden - Mental Health	-	6,985	6,985	-
Other Donations	300	-	300	2,120
	<u>16,054</u>	<u>9,925</u>	<u>25,979</u>	<u>178,652</u>

2. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Interest receivable	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	<u>16,054</u>	<u>9,925</u>	<u>25,979</u>	<u>178,652</u>

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3a. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Rent and service charges	-	22,884	22,884	24,147
Wages and salaries	-	27,411	27,411	39,599
Volunteer expenses	-	1,033	1,033	1,170
Parents support costs	-	2,496	2,496	1,614
Supplementary school tutors	-	14,195	14,195	7,390
Youth project	-	2,272	2,272	1,480
Light & heat	-	3,127	3,127	2,932
Printing, Postage, Stationery	-	294	294	699
Camden COVID-19	-	-	-	3,421
Refreshments and activities	-	1,129	1,129	296
Telephone, fax, Internet	-	1,001	1,001	1,396
	<u>-</u>	<u>75,842</u>	<u>75,842</u>	<u>84,144</u>

3b. Support Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Publicity & promotions	366	-	366	172
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	68
Depreciation	648	-	648	97
	<u>1,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,014</u>	<u>337</u>
Total Charitable Activities	<u>1,014</u>	<u>75,842</u>	<u>76,856</u>	<u>84,481</u>

4. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Audit and Accountancy	-	1,610	1,610	1,700
Legal and Professional	-	1,760	1,760	1,630
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,330</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>1,014</u>	<u>79,212</u>	<u>80,226</u>	<u>87,811</u>

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5 Paid employees

5.1	<i>Staff costs</i>	2022 £	2021 £
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Gross wages salaries and benefits in kind	27,411	39,599
Employers National Insurance costs	-	-
	<u>27,411</u>	<u>39,599</u>

5.2 Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	2022 Number	2021 Number
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Charitable activities	3	4
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment £	Total £
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Cost

At 1 April 2021	7,614	7,614
Additions	2,250	2,250
At 31 March 2022	<u>9,864</u>	<u>9,864</u>

Depreci

At 1 April 2021	7,442	7,442
Charged in the Year	648	648
At 31 March 2022	<u>8,090</u>	<u>8,090</u>

Net Book Value

At 31 March 2022	<u>1,773</u>	<u>1,773</u>
31 March 2021	<u>172</u>	<u>172</u>

7 Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	700	700
	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>