

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

Faried Chedie

Dr Safwan Tayyab

Hassan Ali Shah

Imran Khan

Mujib Awan

Faizul Aqtab Siddiqi

Noorul Aqtab Siddiqi

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 2023


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

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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31 January 2024

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)

TRUST Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted 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 gains/(losses)		(21,716)		(21,716)	71,879
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		

JAMIA ISLAMIA (ISLAMIC STUDIES CENTRE)**TRUST Balance Sheet****at 31 March 2023**

Company No.	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	<u>3,115,000</u> 3,115,000	<u>3,115,000</u> 3,115,000
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>85,780</u> 85,780	<u>141,100</u> 141,100
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	<u>(750)</u>	<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	<u>(554,847)</u>	<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	15		
Restricted income funds		<u>30,000</u> 30,000	30,000 <u>30,000</u> -
Unrestricted funds	15		-
General funds		1,566,872	1,494,993
Designated funds		<u>(21,715)</u> 1,545,157	<u>71,879</u> 1,566,872
Reserves	15		
Revaluation reserve		<u>1,100,025</u> 1,100,025	<u>1,100,025</u> 1,100,025
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 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 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
435,872	435,872	411,161

4 Income from charitable activities

Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2023	2022
£	£	£
-	-	24,271
-	-	24,271

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>	

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>					

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 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 '**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-slatting 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.