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**THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Principal address</b>	14 Brondesbury Road Kilburn London NW6 6AS
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# **THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2017. The legal and administrative information appearing on page 1 forms a part of this report.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

The charity's objects are

- A. To relieve poverty amongst the muslims and especially the needy orphans and widows.
- B. To provide and promote education of both a religious and secular nature amongst muslims.
- C. To provide and promote health and hygiene amongst the muslims.
- D. To promote the religion of Islam both amongst the muslims and non-muslims.
- E. To provide or assist in the provision of services to improve the welfare of the muslims, in particular the provision of counselling.
- F. In furtherance of the objects but not further or otherwise the Trustees may exercise the following powers:-
  - Raise funds by direct appeal to the public and invitation for private donation.
  - Establish information centre or centres for dissemination of information and knowledge and provide services for the educational and social needs.
  - To promote and support fellowships, scholarships, conference, seminars, study tours and similar activities in relation to the purposes of the charity.
  - To publish and promote or supply the publication and distribution of books, journals, periodicals, magazines, newspapers and other literature and including audio and video cassettes and other forms of media.
  - To provide, endow, furnish and fit out with all necessary furniture and other equipment and maintain and manage such buildings and other properties as may from time to time be required for the purpose of the Charity.
  - To purchase or otherwise acquire land of whatever tenure or such other property and to take or lease any land or other property as may be required for carrying out the purposes of the Charity.
  - To establish community centres for the social welfare of the members of the community.
  - To offer places of worship in which to carry out Islamic religious services.
  - To employ clergy to carry out Islamic services required by both the charity trust and the community.
  - To offer relief to Muslims who have suffered psychological and/or physical torture or general psychological and social distress, by supplying provisions, health care support and counselling services.
  - To launch appeals, offer relief and supply aid for Muslims where humanitarian aid is required during times of crisis caused by natural disaster, war or the threat of war causing displacement to people, activities and institutions.
  - To offer support to community based projects, which may be of benefit to Muslims.
  - Power to use as income applicable hereunder all or any of Trust Fund or accumulations of income thereof.
  - Power to decide in what manner and for what purpose the Trust Fund and the income thereof are to be applied under this Deed.
  - Power to accumulate income for as long as the law allows.
  - Power to co-operate with other persons and charitable institutions having objects of a like nature with that of the charity hereby founded.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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- Power to make grants of any funds to any charitable organisation or institution having similar objects and to accept as a good discharge in respect of any such funds the receipt of the treasurer or secretary for the time being of such organisation or institution.
- Power to do all such other acts and things as are necessary or expedient for the proper administration of or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Charity.

As a result of the general guidance on public benefit, the Trustees have assessed the activities as follows:

- Arranging lectures and training courses for all age groups.
- Facilitate induction programs for non-Muslim organisations to promote better understanding and community cohesion.
- Assisting the community members with their day to day problems in dealing with the local authorities.
- Counselling on various matters to community members.
- Hosting community celebrations, ceremonies and other related activities.

### **Achievements and performance**

In order to meet the objectives, the Trustees carried out several activities and are pleased to report the following:

- Provide a place for worship and a community centre for the community.
- In recent years there have been noticeable improvements in education, health provision, environment and community cohesion in the area where the charity operates.
- Holding regular seminars, inviting scholars from different communities promoting good relation and understanding.
- Monthly seminars on topical issues such as interfaith, religious and intellectual debates and current affairs.
- Commemoration of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein was held for 10 days in October 2016.
- To arrange and hold youth programs on a regular basis.

### **Financial review**

The charity's principal activity for generating funds continued to be through the collection of donations. Incoming resources from generated funds is in line with previous years. The trustees are pleased with the financial management and staff support during the year. The results of the charity's operations are on page 6 to the financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows how the charity's funds have been applied during the year. The gross receipts of the charity were £22,687 (2016: £16,227). The charity has achieved an overall deficit totalling £8,001 (2016: £3,192,933 Surplus), resulting in total reserves of £3,984,229 (2016: £3,992,230) which are carried forward to the following year.

The assets of the charity are held in the names of the holding trustees. The Trust Deed authorises the trustees to make capital investment in furtherance of the charities objectives.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees consider that the charity's reserves are adequate to meet its day to day expenditure and in the event of a shortfall they have access to sufficient resources to meet any deficit. For this reason the trustees do not require a minimum level of reserves to be maintained. All funds are unrestricted funds and there are no designated funds.

### **Investment policy**

Under the constitution document, the charity has power to invest funds which are not immediately required for its purpose and which the managing trustees see fit in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

# **THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017***

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### **Risk management**

The Trustees recognise that effective risk management is essential in achieving the Charity's objectives. Risk management is considered as an integral element of all decision making and identifying appropriate procedures to ensure that risk levels are acceptable in each case. The Trustees believe that it is important to develop and enhance the approach in risk management, to ensure it remains fit for purpose. The Charity will formalise the risk management and create a risk register which will be reviewed on regular basis.

### **Future plans**

In addition to the objectives outlined above, the charity has additional objectives over the forthcoming 12 months period:

- To renovate and expand the community centre so it can accommodate members of the growing community.
- To invest in training of all volunteers in the centre to improve efficiency in all services offered at the centre.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is an unincorporated charity formed under a constitution under a deed dated 20 April 2001 and as amended by supplemental deeds dates 9 April 2002 and 13 May 2002. It has been registered with the Charities Commission under reference 1092240.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr B Nahle  
Mr H Elota  
Mr O Nassrallah  
Mr A Kanso

### **Recruitment of new trustees**

The process or recruiting a trustee is as follows:

- The Trustees of the Trust shall number not more than five and not less than three and unless any trustee ceases to be a Trustee under the provisions following, he shall hold the office of Trustee for his lifetime.
- The power to appoint new Trustees who shall hold office for life as aforesaid shall be exercisable by the remaining Trustees.

# THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

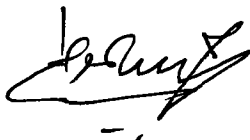
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



**Mr H Elota**

Trustee

Dated: 27 February 2018

# **THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST**

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Lebanese Welfare Shia Ithna Asheri Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 May 2017.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Mohamedkazim S Bhaloo, FCCA

2nd Floor, Congress House  
Lyon Road  
Harrow  
Middlesex  
HA1 2EN

Dated: 27 February 2018



# THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations	3	22,687	16,227
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Charitable activities	4	30,688	23,294
<b>Net outgoing resources</b>		(8,001)	(7,067)
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>			
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	3,200,000
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(8,001)	3,192,933
Fund balances at 1 June 2016		3,992,230	799,297
<b>Fund balances at 31 May 2017</b>		<u>3,984,229</u>	<u>3,992,230</u>

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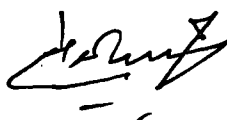
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2017

	Notes	2017 £	£	2016 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	8		3,984,000		3,992,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		2,126		2,008	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(1,897)		(1,778)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			229		230
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			3,984,229		3,992,230
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			3,984,229		3,992,230
			3,984,229		3,992,230

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27 February 2018

Mr H Elota  
Trustee



# THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

These accounts for the year ended 31 May 2017 are the first accounts of The Lebanese Welfare Shia Ithna Asheri Trust prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The date of transition to FRS 102 was 1 June 2015. The reported financial position and financial performance for the previous period are not affected by the transition to FRS 102.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

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

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

# THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	50 years straight line
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### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations

	2017	2016
	£	£
Donations	22,687	16,227
<b>Donations</b>		
General donations	2,174	3,387
Mosque donations	13,900	6,030
Ramadan donations	5,530	4,750
Muharram donations	1,083	2,060
	22,687	16,227

### 4 Charitable activities

	2017	2016
	£	£
Events and functions	2,691	200
Share of support costs (see note 5)	27,997	23,094
	30,688	23,294

# THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs	2017	2016	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	
Depreciation	8,000	8,000	8,000	Directly attributable
Telephone	1,198	1,198	904	Directly attributable
Travelling expenses	433	433	113	Directly attributable
Light and heat	7,619	7,619	6,464	Directly attributable
Independent examiner's fee	2,250	2,250	1,770	Directly attributable
Insurance	3,837	3,837	4,675	Directly attributable
Sundry	4,660	4,660	1,168	Directly attributable
	<u>27,997</u>	<u>27,997</u>	<u>23,094</u>	
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>27,997</u>	<u>27,997</u>	<u>23,094</u>	

### 6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 7 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

# THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

#### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 June 2016	4,000,000
At 31 May 2017	4,000,000
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 June 2016	8,000
Depreciation charged in the year	8,000
At 31 May 2017	16,000
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 May 2017	3,984,000
At 31 May 2016	3,992,000

Land and buildings with a carrying amount of £800,000 were revalued at 31 May 2016 to £4,000,000 by Number One Knightsbridge Properties Ltd, independent valuers not connected with the charity on the basis of market value. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arm's length terms for similar properties. The Trustees have confirmed the market value of the charity's freehold property as at the year end was not materially different from the revalued amount as shown in the financial statements.

#### 9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Other creditors	7	8
Accruals and deferred income	1,890	1,770
	<u>1,897</u>	<u>1,778</u>

# THE LEBANESE WELFARE SHIA ITHNA ASHERI TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

### 10 Unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 June 2016 £	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 May 2017 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	
General fund	792,230	22,687	(30,688)	784,229
Building revaluation reserve	3,200,000	-	-	3,200,000
	<u>3,992,230</u>	<u>22,687</u>	<u>(30,688)</u>	<u>3,984,229</u>

#### Purpose of unrestricted funds:

General funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees and management committee.

Building revaluation reserve is a fund from the revaluation of the freehold property.

### 11 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid £1,000 (2016: £nil) to Lebanese Welfare Community Limited an associated charity.