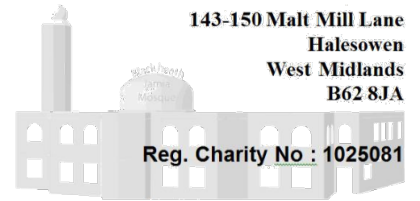




Annual Report

Oct-2022 to
Nov-2023

All that we have achieved and what we have tried to achieve was entirely and solely due to the Mercy and Favour of Almighty Allah (swt). We pray for His acceptance of where we get it right and seek His forgiveness where we are wrong.



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Introduction

Alhamdulillah, we would like to say a prayer for all those who are no longer with us; they remain in our hearts and thoughts forever.

We would like to thank all those who have been helping and supporting the Trust during this year. We would also like to thank the Commissioners for their perseverance during the course of the election process and all the time they have put into checking that we have a fair and transparent process.

During previous elections and to date the Officers have been diligently performing their duties to the best of their abilities. They have made many improvements to the running of the Trust; some of which are visible and others not. We would like to take this opportunity to describe some of the work that has been carried out since the last AGM.

Board of Trustees Report

During the time we have been elected we have seen the Management Committee perform their duties with the utmost professionalism under hard conditions, which is not an easy or quick task. We would like to express our happiness at their efforts and we are confident they will keep this up in the future.

The Trustees have helped to raise funds by approaching the general membership as well as sourcing funding from further abroad through their contacts with friends and relatives. We work tirelessly to ensure that the mosque has enough funds to ensure not only that there are enough funds to fund each stage of the new mosque building project but also to ensure there are regular Islamic functions at the mosque to engage all members, which they benefit from through a social aspect, gaining more knowledge and enlightenment.

Over the past year we have continued to deliver children's education classes at the mosque and would like to thank all parents for working with us to ensure their children maximise their learning experience. We encourage all parents to approach any member of the management committee or trustee with any ideas they may wish to discuss with us about the children's education

Chairman's Report

Dear Members of the Community – Asalaam alaikum wa rehmatullah hi wabarakatuh,

I would like to thank members of the management committee and trustees for all their efforts this year. The elected management committee and trustee were steadfast and continued to administer their responsibility for Blackheath Jamia Trust.

Last year saw us lose a beloved brother and former Chairman, Sheraz Khan, who was a dear friend and someone who has helped many many people within our community and beyond. Always willing to help, advise and to reconcile, he was a pillar of the community who did so much for this masjid, and many other masjids. We would not have progressed as much as we have, if it were not for him and indeed all our elders who have left this temporal world. May Allah(swt) forgive them all and raise their ranks. Ameen.

We would like to thank you for all the support you have given to the masjid and the committee over the years. Without your help the progress we have made to date would not have been possible.

In the last year we:

1. Completed the wall tiling for all the downstairs.
2. Completed floor tiling for entrances, wudu areas and community hall.
3. Completed carpeting of men's hall, women's hall & madressa room for overflow.
4. Installed a sound system for the downstairs with speakers in all areas.
5. Installed a server room, Internet and WIFI for use while in the masjid.
6. Installed CCTV in key areas for security – to be expanded.
7. Installed the Fire Alarm system down stairs.
8. Completed the outstanding electrical installation.
9. The suspended ceiling for all rooms was installed – just entrances remain.
10. All downstairs plumbing work was completed.
 - a. Brothers wudu stations and toilets installed.
 - b. Sisters wudu stations and toilets installed.
 - c. Disabled toilets fully functioning.
 - d. Toilet sinks installed & working.
 - e. Kitchen sink installed & working.
11. Toilet cubicle doors for brothers and sisters installed.
12. Completed the installation of essential kitchen items, cooker, extractor fan.
13. Purchased folding tables and chairs for daily use, and mosque functions.
14. Installed & varnished 19 commercial fire rated doors for the whole of the ground floor – including decorative architrave, and a large bi-fold door separating the men's & women's hall.
15. Installed a new safe for the men's entrance.
16. Started an Islamic Essentials class on Saturdays 2-3pm.
17. Projectors purchased for masjid, to facilitate education.
18. Implemented a Direct Debit system for the children's classes.

In this financial year, over £176,000 was used in the building project and as you can see, there was a lot that was done Alhamdulillah.

A breakdown of the accounts are attached to this report for everyone's information, and will be presented as part of the Treasurer's report.

The building of the masjid is just one part of the process. A much more important part is about the role of a masjid as a community hub. Yes, it should be the spiritual hub of the community, but it should also be a place where every Muslim feels comfortable, a place of tranquillity, a place of gathering. Insha'Allah we will strive to make it a welcoming place for everyone – especially the next generation.

General Secretary's Report

In Allah (swt) we put out trust and from Him we ask for help.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who have supported the Mosque both actively and financially. It is only through your continued support that we have been able to accomplish the building of the New Mosque to the level that you see it at today. May ALLAH SWT bless you all and give you immense rewards.

Moving on to the more technical achievements that we have achieved over the past year, I am pleased to say that the bespoke designed audio system for the mosque has been completed and installed for the entire ground floor providing a clear and pleasant listening experience.

In addition to this we have successfully commissioned the masjids' internet line; and are hoping to target the youngsters in the community, encouraging them to come into the masjid and use the free wifi service.

From a security point of view, we are also in the process of installing CCTV cameras in order to ensure the safety of the masjid and it's worshippers. At the same time, also acting as a deterrent to those who may wish to disrupt the peace in our masjid.

Finally, a note about the website. The Website has been setup with the prayer timetable and a donations page, which has allowed us to take credit and debit card donations as well as regular donations via direct debit. Alhumdulilah this has generated more than £24,000 (pounds) worth of donations since it's launch in Ramadan 2023. The website is still very much incomplete and in the works, and we hope to make this a place where the masjid can share both administrative and spiritual knowledge.

We have come very far with this project, and insha'Allah with you all behind us, we will continue working for you. We can't do this on our own and continue to ask you all to carry on contributing to complete this beautiful masjid, for the sake of the generations to come.

Treasury Report

The general funding for the running of the mosque comes from donations received from the congregation on Fridays, one-off donations from individuals as well as Standing Orders, and charity events.

We continue to use Standing Order Mandates, and now also have a Direct Debit facility which have automated income for the mosque to some extent. We also continue to receive money from Collection Boxes which are placed throughout the community and further afield. These have proved very beneficial for fundraising.

Additionally, the Trustees and Management Committee members have made pre-arranged collection visits, on Fridays and other important Islamic Calendar days, to many mosques.

We have initiated direct debit payments for the children's classes. We also have a fully functioning online payment system as well as contactless card payments. All money received is deposited directly to the bank and any payments where possible are made directly from the bank.

I remind myself first, and our members second that this project is not just for the benefit of those with us today, but for all the generations to come. We as a society are going through testing times, with Muslims being labelled for some of society's problems. Our children need a safe place where they can ask questions, and more importantly get answers to the issues that come up in their lives. This project should be a beacon to those who need help. May Allah(swt) make us successful in providing the community with a place to learn, and get closer to Rasulallah(s) and Allah(swt). Ameen.

I would like to thank all members of the community for their continued contribution to the Mosque. The benefits of your donations will insha'Allah continue to bear fruit in this world and the next, whilst helping us and our future generations.

Appendix

Financial Report Tables

The financial year runs from 1st November to 31st October. The following reports are made to those dates.

Year End 2023 - Income and Expenditure

Accounts for Year End 2023

(1 Nov 2022 to 31 Oct 2023)

Starting Balance (as at 1Nov2022): **(+)£22,662.48**

Income

Jumma	22,709.00
Gift Aid	38,004.23
Qard-e-Hassana	20,000.00
All Other Donations	136,601.85

Total **(+)£ 217,315.08**

Expenditure

Construction Cost	176,357.17
Salaries	35,514.00
Charity Donations (Palestine etc)	750.00
Liability Insurance / Legal	583.07
Water / Gas / Electric	3704.86
Commercial Waste Collection	733.93
Fitrana	523.00
Sundries (cleaning/ maintenance etc.)	3732.95

Total **(-)£221,898.98**

Final Balance (as at 31Oct23) **£ 18,078.58**

Balance Sheet (As at 31/10/2023)

Assets

	£	£
Barclays Account	17,734.07	
Cash Float	344.51	<u>18,078.58</u>