CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 **To** 31 December 2025

Charity name: ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKAN MUSLIMS – READING UK

Charity registration number: 1137229

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Our primary objectives are to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people of Sri Lankan origin, particularly Sri Lankan and other Tamil-speaking Muslims, living in and around Reading and Berkshire. We work to help our communities overcome discrimination based on ethnic origin, religion, belief or creed, relieve their needs and support their integration into mainstream society. We provide a local network through which members of the Sri Lankan community can participate more effectively in wider society. We encourage dialogue between different cultures and faiths, foster better community relations, promote positive interaction between Muslims and wider society, and support educational, religious, social, youth development and language activities. We also represent our community's interests and welfare and develop links with local and national organisations and service providers.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	During 2025, we advanced our charitable purposes through religious, educational, social and cultural activities in and around Reading. Our activities included weekly Jummah prayers at South Reading Community Centre from 7 February; Ramadan community iftars on 2, 9, 16 and 23 March; Eid-ul-Fitr prayers on 30 March at the Scouts Grounds, Kensington Park; Eid-ul-Adha prayers and a community lunch on 6 June; the Sri Lankan Summer Social at Woodford Park, Woodley, on 25 May; a family-focused Islamic talk on 28 September; two children's holiday programmes for ages 5–11 on 10 April and 29 May; and ladies' community activities in October and November. ASLAM also participated in humanitarian support following Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and activities and planning our work

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We may make charitable donations or grants where these further our charitable purposes. During 2025, we made a payment of £2,000 in connection with the Sri Lanka Ditwah flood relief appeal
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers helped us organise and deliver religious services, community iftars, Eid prayers and gatherings, the summer social, children's programmes and ladies' events. Their contribution was significant, although we did not quantify volunteer hours.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We maintained and developed accessible religious and community activities in Reading during 2025. We established weekly Friday Jummah prayers at South Reading Community Centre from 7 February, with steady attendance reported. Ramadan iftars brought families and individuals together on four Sundays. Eid prayers and gatherings provided opportunities for worship and community connection. The Summer Social brought together people of all ages through sport, children's activities and social interaction. Educational activities included a talk for parents on empowering children and families through the Qur'an and two school-holiday programmes for children aged 5–11. Ladies' events also raised funds for the charity. These activities supported religious participation, learning, social inclusion and community cohesion.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the year ended 31 December 2025, our summary accounts show total receipts of £35,745.48 and total payments of £25,221.15, giving net receipts over payments of £10,524.33. At 31 December 2025, the Community Account balance was £25,692.59 and the Building Fund balance was £52,141.04, giving total funds/assets of £77,833.63.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We did not have a formal written reserves policy in place during the year ended 31 December 2025. Accordingly, we had not formally documented a target level of reserves or the reasons for maintaining them. At the year end, we held funds in our Community Account and our Building Fund, which is designated towards the future purchase of a building. We recognise the importance of considering and adopting a written reserves policy for future financial periods.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Our summary accounts show total funds of £77,833.63 at 31 December 2025, comprising £25,692.59 in our Community Account and £52,141.04 in our Building Fund. The trustees confirm that the £20,000 transferred from the Community Account to the Building Fund on 2 January 2024 was a decision by the trustees to allocate unrestricted charity funds towards the Daarul ASLAM building project. On that basis, the £20,000 is a designated fund, not a donor-restricted fund. The Building Fund also includes donations made specifically towards the project.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No fund deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal sources of funds in 2025 included monthly standing orders (£4,494.00), annual donations (£2,565.97), Summer Social income (£12,696.18),
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The constitution was adopted on 9 January 2011.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Under Part 2, clause 9(a) of the constitution, the Executive Committee comprises six main office bearers who are, ipso facto, the Association's six trustees, unless the membership decides otherwise at the time of election. The six offices are President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Six ordinary Executive Committee members support the trustees and are not automatically trustees under this clause. A Patron may be appointed in an advisory capacity and has no voting rights. The trustees should confirm whether the membership made any different decision at the election.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We are managed by our trustees and supported by our committee and volunteers. During 2025, we delivered activities at community venues including South Reading Community Centre, Kensington Park Scouts Grounds and Woodford Park, Woodley. We also worked with COSMOS UK in relation to the wider Sri Lanka Cyclone Ditwah donation.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKAN MUSLIMS – READING UK
Other name the charity uses	ASLAM
Registered charity number	1137229
Charity's principal address	57 Wantage Road, Reading, RG30 2SN (Charity Commission register).

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Zathar Esmail	President		
2	Amanullah Mansoor	Vice President		
3	Mohamed Ismath Bawa Mohideen	Secretary		
4	Mehdi Harees	Assistant Secretary		
5	Mohamed Ibrahim Izzadeen	Treasurer		
6	Akram Mansoor	Assistant Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	We did not hold assets as custodian trustees on behalf of another organisation.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

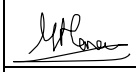
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ahamed Mehdi Harees	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	31/10/2026	

Association of Sri Lankan Muslims (ASLAM)

Receipts and Payments Accounts | 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Category	2025	2024	2023
A1 RECEIPTS			
Monthly Standing Orders	£4,494.00	£3,617.00	£5,720.74
Annual Donations	£2,565.97	£697.17	£3,041.44
Summer Social 2024	£12,696.18	£10,347.45	£7,296.15
Ramadhaan-2024	£2,616.55	£3,127.62	
Eid-1 (Fitr)-2024	£1,343.63	£881.64	
Eid-2 (Adha)-2024	£2,159.71	£2,845.92	
Children Day	£410.00	£132.71	
Annual Interest from Building Fund	£866.27	£723.14	£484.53
Interest transferred from Previous year to release	£2,098.23		
Fitrana Collection	£25.00	£543.56	
Jummah Collection	£2,139.94		
Coral Reef Water World (Ladies Only)	£3,630.00		
Flood Relief Appeal (Sri Lanka Ditwa)	£700.00		
Sub Total (Gross income for AR)	**£35,745.48**	**£22,916.21**	**£16,542.86**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**£35,745.48**	**£22,916.21**	**£16,542.86**

A2 PAYMENTS			
Regular Expenses	£1,794.90	£795.05	£1,996.98
Annual Expenses (AGM)	£204.45		£2,702.48
Summer Social 2024	£6,560.95	£4,907.47	£5,069.91
ASLAM Programs			£2,391.81

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Receipts and Payments Accounts | 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Category	2025	2024	2023
Ramadhaan-2024	£1,060.36	£2,577.31	
Eid-1 (Fitr)-2024	£159.79	£205.91	
Eid-2 (Adha)-2024	£1,496.50	£2,899.09	
Children Day	£192.92	£923.00	
Bank Charges	£59.36	£107.13	
Fitrana (Paid)	£185.00	£556.00	
Annual Insurance (PL)	£180.88	£142.40	
Jummah Expenses	£3,806.29		
Hall Charges RBC Regular Hire	£2,221.52		
Coral Reef Water World (Ladies Only – Expenses)	£3,200.00		
Flood Relief Appeal (Sri Lanka – Ditwa)	£2,000.00		
Interest Expenses (Released to an Orphanage Toilet Projects)	£2,098.23		
SumUp card Charges		£67.31	
Sub Total	**£25,221.15**	**£13,180.67**	**£12,161.18**
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**£25,221.15**	**£13,180.67**	**£12,161.18**
NET OF RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)	**£10,524.33**	**£9,735.54**	**£4,381.68**

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Section B | Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

Category	2025	2024	2023
B1 CASH MOVEMENT – COMMUNITY ACCOUNT			
Community Account Balance at 01/01	£16,034.53	£27,022.13	£23,124.98
Add: Income over expenditure (1 Jan to 31 Dec)	£10,524.33	£9,735.54	£4,381.68
Less: Fund transferred to Building Fund on 02/01/2024		£20,000.00	
Less: Interest generated by Building Fund	£866.27	£723.14	£484.53
Community Account Balance at 31 December	**£25,692.59**	**£16,034.53**	**£27,022.13**
TOTAL CASH MOVEMENT	**£25,692.59**	**£16,034.53**	**£27,022.13**
B2 OTHER MONETARY ASSETS – BUILDING FUND			
Building Account Balance at 01/01	£53,373.00	£31,449.86	£30,965.33
Add: Fund transferred to Building Fund on 02/01/2024		£20,000.00	
Add: New donation received from a member on 07/04/2024		£1,200.00	
Add: Interest accumulated by Building Fund	£866.27	£723.14	£484.53
Less: Interest released to the Washroom Project in Sri Lanka	£2,098.23		
Building Account Balance at 31/12	**£52,141.04**	**£53,373.00**	**£31,449.86**
TOTAL CASH MOVEMENT	**£52,141.04**	**£53,373.00**	**£31,449.86**
SUMMARY OF ASSETS			
Community Reserve Balance	£25,692.59	£16,034.53	£27,022.13
Building Account Reserve Balance	£52,141.04	£53,373.00	£31,449.86
TOTAL ASSETS / TOTAL FUNDS	**£77,833.63**	**£69,407.53**	**£58,471.99**

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKAN MUSLIMS – READING UK		
On accounts for the year ended	2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1137229
Set out on pages	(remember to include this page)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 31/10/2026

Name:	Bakir Arifdeen Mohamed
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Fellow membership at Institute of Accountants and Bookkeepers (FIAB)
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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.