BOLTON EDUCATIONAL CENTRE FOR TAUHEED AND SUNNAH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 November 2025

Registered Charity Number 1157371

Masjid Abu Bakr / BECTS
126 Dorset Street, Bolton, BL2 1HR

The trustees present their annual report for Bolton Educational Centre for Tauheed and Sunnah (BECTS) for the financial year ended 30 November 2025.

1. Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Bolton Educational Centre for Tauheed and Sunnah
Working name	BECTS / Masjid Abu Bakr
Registered charity number	1157371
Principal address	124 Dorset Street, Bolton, BL2 1HR
Governing document	Trust Deed, as amended on 30 May 2014

Trustees

- Asad Mian - Chair
- Syed Hiddayat Ali Shah - Trustee
- Rashid Syed - Trustee

2. Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a charitable trust and is governed by its Trust Deed, as amended on 30 May 2014. The trustees are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction and administration of the charity and for ensuring that its resources are applied in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document. The trustees oversee the charity's finances, premises, safeguarding arrangements and programme of religious, educational, welfare and recreational activities. The charity also benefits from the contribution of teachers, volunteers and members of the congregation who support its services and community activities.

The trustees recognise their responsibilities for sound financial controls, safeguarding, health and safety, conflicts of interest and the proper use of charitable funds. Policies and procedures are reviewed as appropriate to the scale and nature of the charity's work.

3. Objectives and charitable purposes

The charity's principal purposes are:

- to advance the Islamic faith and Islamic education through the provision of an education centre and place of worship;
- to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation, particularly for people whose youth, age, infirmity, disability, financial hardship or social circumstances create a need for such provision; and
- to promote racial and religious harmony for the public benefit through education, mutual understanding, good relations and the reduction of discrimination on grounds of race or religion.

4. Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the charity's activities and deciding how its resources should be used.

BECTS provides public benefit through worship and religious education, education for children and adults, positive recreational opportunities for young people, welfare and pastoral support, volunteering and activities intended to strengthen community relationships. These activities are intended to support the spiritual, educational, social and physical wellbeing of beneficiaries in Bolton and the surrounding area.

5. Activities, achievements and performance

Worship and religious services

The mosque continued to provide facilities for the five daily congregational prayers and Jumu'ah prayers each Friday. Additional worship and community activity took place throughout the Islamic calendar, including Taraweeh prayers and community iftar during Ramadan, together with regular religious gatherings and study opportunities.

Madrassa and children's education

Education remained a major part of the charity's work. During the year the madrassa provided regular Islamic education for approximately 120 students, including boys and girls. The programme supports Qur'an learning, Islamic studies and the development of knowledge, discipline and positive participation in community life.

Adult education and learning

The charity continued to provide adult Qur'an classes, Dars-e-Qur'an and Tafseer sessions, Islamic workshops and other opportunities for religious learning. These programmes enable adults to deepen their understanding of their faith and participate in structured lifelong learning.

Youth recreation and football

BECTS continued to provide weekly football lessons or sessions for children and young people. The activity promotes physical exercise, teamwork, confidence, discipline, friendship and constructive use of leisure time, while providing another positive route for young people to engage with the mosque and wider community.

Ramadan and community activities

Ramadan remained an important period of worship, charitable giving and community engagement. The charity facilitated Taraweeh prayers and iftar activities and provided opportunities for members of the congregation and wider community to worship, meet and support one another.

Food, poverty and homelessness support

The charity continued to provide practical community welfare support, including food-bank assistance and help for people affected by poverty or homelessness, within the resources available to the charity. This work supports the charity's social-welfare purposes and assists people facing financial or social hardship.

Counselling and pastoral support

Members of the community continued to approach the mosque for religious guidance, counselling and pastoral support in relation to personal, family and community matters. Where needs fall outside the charity's role or expertise, individuals may be signposted to appropriate specialist services.

Nikah and family services

The mosque continued to provide Islamic marriage (nikah) services and associated religious guidance as part of its wider religious and pastoral work.

Community cohesion, volunteering and environmental work

The charity encourages community cohesion and positive relations through worship, education, workshops, volunteering and practical community activity. Environmental cleaning and voluntary work provide opportunities for people to contribute positively to the local neighbourhood and strengthen a sense of shared responsibility.

6. Safeguarding and risk management

Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable beneficiaries is an important responsibility of the trustees, particularly because the charity operates a madrassa and youth activities. The trustees seek to maintain appropriate safeguarding arrangements and to ensure that those involved in relevant activities understand their responsibilities.

The trustees also keep under review the principal operational risks facing the charity, including financial management, health and safety, management of the premises, safeguarding and protection of charitable funds. Controls and procedures are maintained proportionately to the charity's activities and resources.

7. Financial review

The charity's financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2025 report the following results:

Financial summary	2025	2024
Total income	£59,724	£39,634
Total expenditure	£29,551	£34,463
Net income / surplus for the year	£30,173	£5,171
Cash in hand and at bank	£55,414	£24,573
Net assets / accumulated fund	£180,835	£150,662

Income comprised £44,474 from donations and subscriptions and £15,250 of rent receivable. Expenditure totalled £29,551. The year therefore generated net income of £30,173, increasing the accumulated fund from £150,662 to £180,835.

At 30 November 2025 the charity held tangible fixed assets with a net book value of £166,618, cash of £55,414, current liabilities of £997 and a creditor falling due after more than one year of £40,200.

8. Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to retain sufficient unrestricted reserves to support continuity of the charity's core activities, meet normal operating commitments and provide a measure of protection against unexpected expenditure or fluctuations in income, while continuing to apply charitable funds to the charity's purposes.

At 30 November 2025 the accumulated fund was £180,835. After excluding tangible fixed assets of £166,618 from the accumulated fund, the accounts indicate free reserves of approximately £14,217. The charity also held cash of £55,414, with £997 of current liabilities and £40,200 falling due after more than one year. The trustees will continue to review the appropriate level of reserves in light of the charity's commitments, property responsibilities and expected income and expenditure.

9. Plans for the future

The trustees intend to continue developing BECTS as a place of worship, education and community support. Priorities include:

- continuing daily prayers, Jumu'ah and religious services;
- maintaining and developing the madrassa and supporting approximately 120 students;
- continuing adult Qur'an, Tafseer and Islamic education;
- continuing weekly football and other positive activities for children and young people;
- maintaining Ramadan, welfare and community-support activities;
- supporting people affected by poverty and hardship within the charity's resources;
- encouraging volunteering, environmental responsibility and community participation;
- promoting positive community relations and racial and religious harmony;
- maintaining appropriate safeguarding and governance arrangements; and
- maintaining and improving the charity's premises and facilities as resources permit.

10. Funds held as custodian or holding trustee

The charity did not hold funds or assets as custodian or holding trustee on behalf of another charity during the year.

11. Approval

The trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have sought to ensure that the charity's activities during the year furthered its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

This Trustees' Annual Report was approved by the trustees of Bolton Educational Centre for Tauheed and Sunnah and signed on their behalf by an authorised trustee.

Signed: 

Name: Asad Mian

Position: Chair / Trustee

Date approved: 02/10/2026